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NEWSLETTER Thursday 28th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

The weeks are rolling by faster than I would like, already a month in and the days are getting cooler and shorter! Read on for some updates about what's been happening so far this term – it's been busy and fun packed.

BROADHEMPSTON LEARNERS

What a busy start we have had in **Birch Class**. Reception have been getting used to the routine of school and have been making new friends, they have all settled brilliantly into school, well done Reception.



In English, year 1 and 2 have been learning the story 'The Train Ride' they have made story maps and put actions to the story to help them learn it, why don't you ask them to tell you the story? This week we are changing the story as a class, instead of a train it will be a different vehicle, I wonder what they will come up with! All of Birch class are enjoying the new history unit, which is all about toys of the past, we started the unit off with the children bringing in their favourite toys and sharing them with the class. Year 1 and 2 were amazed at how things have changed since the 1960s!



Sycamore class have been having fun building circuits in science, experimenting with insulators and conductors and making predictions about the outcome of their findings. They have been using batteries, lightbulbs, and wires to build the original circuits and swapping in a range of materials such as paper clips and pencils. Great teamwork and problem-solving Sycamore!

Oak Class

Oak Class had a great day out in Lyme Regis linked to their evolution and inheritance science topic. They were met by an expert scientist and fossil hunter who took them on a tour of the museum which was built on the site of Mary Anning's former home. He spoke about the geology of the Jurassic Coast and the significance of Mary Anning, and her discoveries and they then followed in her footsteps and took to the beach for their own fossil hunt.



SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	98.6%
Birch Class	99.4%
Sycamore Class	98.1%
Oak Class	98.1%

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Barlow & Mrs Carwithen.

WELLBEING

Supporting Young Girls' Wellbeing: From managing screen time, the fear of missing out and body image, all these and more can affect the wellbeing of children. Internet Matters have put together a great series of articles for parents and although aimed at 9–10-year-old girls, it is a worthwhile read for older and younger children, boys and girls.

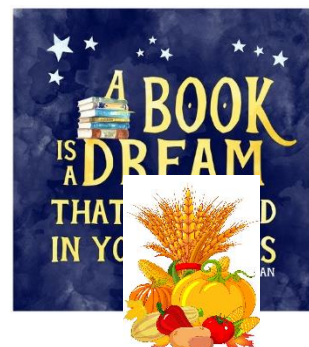
[Support 9-10-year-old girls' wellbeing | Internet Matters](#)



BROADHEMPSTON CHILDREN'S

LIBRARY has an amazing collection for younger readers, but they are a bit short on chapter books from some of the brilliant new contemporary authors that the children in our school really enjoy. We have created an Amazon Wishlist of books we would love to add so if you can help us on our way to inspiring the next generation of Broadhempston readers by buying a book from the list, it would be very much

appreciated. We would love to be able to give every child in the village the opportunity to develop a lifelong love of reading. If you do place an order, please select the gift registry address for delivery at the end. Thank you for your support.
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/regist.../gl/guest-view/7QJU4R4JFXRX>



HARVEST COLLECTION.

As in previous years we will be gathering a 'Harvest collection' to support our local food bank. Please send in non-perishable goods in the week beginning 2nd October.

ECO COMMITTEE

We are extremely proud to say that we achieved the green flag award for the second year in a row! Last year's Eco Committee pictured in the photo, the support committee and the wild challenge club all worked extremely hard to make our school more Eco Friendly. Some of our achievements involved growing vegetables, litter picks, planting bee friendly flowers, reducing single use plastics, making bird feeders and so much more. Well done everyone.

This year's new Eco Committee have already completed the Environmental Survey for our school and next week will be deciding on which 3 areas we will focus on. We will then be able to put our ideas into an action plan. They were full of enthusiasm and great ideas in the meeting, so I look forward to working with the group to choose some of these to work on next week.



SPORTS UPDATE

A huge well done to the Oak Class pupils who chose to represent Broadhempston at the cross-country event today. It was a little soggy underfoot, but you did us (and yourselves) proud and were so supportive of each other - a great community spirit.

COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 th & 12 th Oct	Parent consultations - details will be sent by Mrs Carwithen nearer the time
16 th Oct	Y5/6 Basket Ball tournament – details TBC
16 th -20 th Oct	Musical Arts Week with Kip Pratt Friday 20th October 2.30 Concert to celebrate arts week in village hall
20 th Oct	Break up for half term
30 th Oct	School photographer
14 th Nov	Cultural Champion, Souad Fadel visiting KS2 to find out about life as

27th Nov	Years 1&2 Gymnastics festival
4th Dec	Birch Class Christmas Performance 2.30pm in church
13th Dec	TBC Village carol service with Choir and musicians performing
15th Dec	End of term 2pm

I think that's it!

Have a super weekend.

Jill Ryder.