

# Broadhempston Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final few weeks; they're looking busy so do keep an eye out for email/App reminders or entries on the website calendar.

### BROADHEMPSTON LEARNERS

The Reception children have started their literacy topic of The Very Hungry Caterpillar with role play and construction. How lovely it is to see the children using the story language in their play.

Years one and two are growing cress in English and writing cress diaries. Everyone was surprised at the size of the seeds and how quickly they germinated. Mrs. Potter has been impressed with their diary writing.

**Sycamore Class** have started a science experiment, they planted beetroot seeds and put them either in sunlight or darkness, I wonder which one will grow best!





In our financial literacy lesson last week, **Oak Class** were putting together a monthly budget and deciding which items were a priority - some were quite disappointed that they couldn't afford all the nice treats after paying the bills!



**PE UPDATE** – It's been a busy two weeks of activity and fun

### HAVEN BANKS

**Sycamore Class** had a fantastic day at Haven Banks Outdoor Education Centre last week, trying their hand at paddleboarding and climbing. Well done to all the pupils for demonstrating brilliant teamwork and courage throughout the activities.



### COMMUNITY SPORTSDAY

Well done everyone who braved the sunshine and humid weather! It was great to have so many different events arranged by Mr Tanner. Despite the early finish the children had a fabulous time. Here are a few photos for you to enjoy.





Please see our Facebook page for more class photos

### WILD CHALLENGERS

Last week, during our wild challenge activity, we discussed and wrote small meaningful things we can each do to make the world a better place. As Vincent Van Gogh once said, "Great things are done by a series of small things bought together."

### STAFFING NEWS

I would like to let you all know that we have some staffing changes for this coming September.

Mrs Jenny Potter has requested a reduction in hours to pursue her passion for supporting children and families beyond our school. A worthy and much needed role in our world today. This means we're having a change around and welcoming a new face!

Mrs Potter & Mrs Talbot will now be job sharing and teaching Birch Class.





Mrs Cleverley and Miss Heike will be teaching Sycamore and Miss Barlow remains in Oak class.

We are thrilled to welcome Sophie Heike who comes to us with excellent references and a wide range of experiences – I am sure she will bring a new dimension to school. Please see a message from her below.

**Dear pupils and parents of Broadhempston Primary School**  
I am very much looking forward to joining you in September. Since qualifying in 2011, I have taught in Dorset, Devon, and Singapore. I try to make my lessons as fun and engaging as possible but always keep expectations high. When I'm not teaching, there's nothing I love more than spending time at the coast with my Golden Retrievers. I'm looking forward to best supporting you with your education and hope for a happy and enriching academic year.

Best wishes  
Miss Heike



Sophie will be joining us on 13<sup>th</sup> July for our transition afternoon, so everyone will get to meet her then!

### MESSAGE FROM ECO COMMITTEE

We have found that lots of children are bringing their sandwiches / sausage rolls for their lunch in single use plastics (or silver foil). This is really bad for the environment, especially for sea creatures as much plastic ends up in the sea. Please can everyone try to bring their sandwiches in reusable wraps or you can put them straight into a reusable plastic box. We are also making sure we recycle all our crisp packets as this was another area in school in which we were creating a lot of plastic waste. We can do it if we work together!

Upcoming events - Eco committee will be taking part in a beach clean with Plastic Free Exmouth and the whole school will be taking part in an art installation with the theme of reducing plastics and saving the sea!



### SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school Year to date	96.5%
Birch Class 25/4/-15/6	98.4%%
Sycamore Class 25/4/-15/6	97.1%%
Oak Class 25/4/-15/6	96%

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.

I'm sure you will have heard of ChatGPT - the capabilities are extraordinary but some parents may not be aware of it so Childnet have put together an informative blog for parents/carers to explain AI and ChatGPT, what it can/can't do and importantly, the safety considerations. You can find the blog here:

[What do I need to know about ChatGPT? A guide for parents and carers | Childnet](#)

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## WORD OF THE FORTNIGHT

Our word this fortnight is: **Jejune** ~ a jejune is someone or something that is boring and not very important

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>22-23.6.23</b>	Sycamore Class wild wise camping trip
<b>24.6.23</b>	Village Summer Fete
<b>28-30.6.23</b>	Oak Class Mount Batten residential
<b>4.7.23</b>	Birch class - Quay Climbing Centre.
<b>5.7.23</b>	Previous Y6s in for chat with Oak class re transition to secondary school
<b>5.7.23</b>	Mini First Aid – Sessions for KS1 and KS2
<b>14.7.23</b>	Exmouth whole school beach trip
<b>11.7.23</b>	SPORTS DAY – 18.7.23 bad weather back up
<b>13.7.23</b>	Transition afternoon – meet your new class for next year...
<b>19.7.23</b>	KS2 production in village hall
<b>20.7.23</b>	Leavers assembly 1pm in church

That's all the news for now. have a lovely weekend.

*Jill Ryder.*