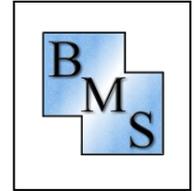




# BROADSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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This year Chartwells are providing a Christmas hot school meal for the children on Wednesday 14th December. If you would like your child to enjoy a Christmas lunch with their friends please log onto [www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk) to place your order by Midnight on Sunday 4th December. Information can also be found on how to order meals on our school website.

## ROAD SAFETY

We have received a report from a concerned member of the public that cars are parking on the double yellow lines at the junction of Upper Golf Links Road and Dunyeats Road. The caller stated that she has had two very near misses recently where children have walked out between the parked cars without stopping to look. This is of great concern to us and we ask that you always park considerately, away from people's driveways and not on double yellow lines. We also ask that you remind your child about road safety rules—stop-look-listen.



Thank you.

## HOOKE COURT

A wonderful time was had by all the year 5s who attended Hooke Court! The fun started with lots of team building activities followed by a delicious dinner. We were lucky enough to have had a clear night for the night walk taking in beautiful sights of the moon and stars. Lunch the following day was cooked and prepared by the children. From gutting a fish to making bread, a real lesson in where food comes from. Shelter building and bridging the moat topped off the activities for the 2 days. The last night saw a feat of entertainment at the camp fire with comments like "That was awesome!" and "Simon and Richard were really good together." Thank you to all our parent helpers, Mr Scott, Mr Durrant, Mr Cooke and Mrs McCulloch. The pupils were very well behaved and a credit to the school. Thank you for a very enjoyable, although tiring, week.

*Mrs Williamson*



## YEAR 5 ANCIENT GREEK DAY

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 were treated to a visit by Stelios, an Ancient Greek soldier!

We learned about the Greek empire, democracy and other types of government and battle formations, all with plenty of pupil participation. Other ideas covered included life in Athens and Sparta, school in Ancient Greece and Stelios even taught us a couple of Ancient Greek games that children would have played.



We had a great day and it led brilliantly into our Ancient Greeks topic.

Many of the pupils chose to dress up for the event – thank you to you and your families for your efforts!

*Miss Faber*

## BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Schools have a duty to publish their behaviour policy to parents on a yearly basis. Please find a QR code link below. Alternatively you can access the policy through the school website.

## UNIFORM & LOGO REVIEW

Thank you for all of your feedback and suggestions. The overwhelming majority were in favour of a more formal and smarter arrangement with ties and blazers frequently mentioned. We will also take on board comments around price and availability. There will be a Survey Monkey survey coming out soon so that we are really clear about what matters most to you as parents. We are meeting with suppliers very soon and will keep you updated.

With regards to a logo, we have the basis of a design and will have this made into a fabulous logo very soon.

## CHARITY

We supported a number of charities last year and raised a lot of money as a school. Going forward however, we are keen for our pupils to understand the role and work of charities in a more in depth and meaningful way. We have decided to have two charity ‘weeks’ within the year. As a school the pupils have voted for a local charity (Monkey World) and a national charity (Cancer Research UK). During these weeks children will get to find out much more about the role of the charities and will fund raise throughout the week. We have taken on board your comments from last year and recognise that there were a number of events that as parents we asked you to support. We will also be ensuring that people will be asked to give only what they want to contribute rather than a specified amount.

## HOMEWORK

We have taken on board your feedback on homework and are now signed up to a great site called SHOW MY HOMEWORK. We will trialling this for the school from December until the end of the school year. For those of you who have children at Corfe Hills School it will be familiar and speaking to parents who know the system, feedback is very positive. It is a web based system which can be accessed through the school website as well as individual devices. All homework will be set on there with clear information regarding due dates, where to get additional support and how long it should take. The great thing about this system is that you as a parent, as well as your child, can receive push notifications on your phone to remind you of upcoming due dates. Whilst it is very user friendly we will be offering a training session for parents on how to use it.

*Dawn Wilks*



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2016 (14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November)

This year's Anti-bullying week had a focus of 'Power for good' and our learners spent the week looking at different aspects of bullying, considering how they might use popularity and influence for good. Daily form time was spent discussing key issues around bullying, including cyber bullying on social media, in order to understand both the true meaning of the term 'bullying' and exactly how to get help and support when it is needed. Classes also discussed key terms such as diversity, racism and individuality. We are beyond proud of how sensitively our children discussed and shared their thoughts and experiences with others and are confident that if a child at BMS is being bullied, that they know the many avenues they can take in order to seek help and support.

At the end of the week, each class had a challenge to create a catchy motto which could be BMS's official motto for anti-bullying. These included:-

*"Block out the Haters!"* by 8Z

*"BMS stands for Bullying Must Stop"* by 7Y

*'Be a buddy not a bully'* by 6W

*Stop bullying! Believe in freedom, individuality and equality!* By 5Z

Mrs Milton

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Designated Safeguard Lead – Miss S Hitchings

Deputy Safeguarding Lead - Mrs J Tomlinson

E Safety lead – Mr J Rose

Anti-Bullying Lead – Mrs J Tomlinson

Welfare Lead – Mrs J Tomlinson

### MERLEY BUS 462

As from Monday 28th November Gravel Hill will reopen to traffic. Bus 462 will therefore leave BMS at 3.20pm and will arrive at destinations approximately 9 minutes earlier than at present.

**BROADSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
2016  
Raffle - 1st Prize £100  
Prosecco Bar - Beer & Wine  
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Present Grotto	Festive Treats
Festive Fodder	Hot Chocolate
Jewellery	Hog Roast
Tombola	Sweets
Cards	Games

Entry by donation  
Thursday 15th December 5-7pm  
Dunyeats Rd, Broadstone, BH18 8AE



### YEAR 6's VISIT TO MONKEY WORLD

On Monday all of Year 6 went the wonderful Monkey World, as an introduction to our new Born Free topic. Apart avoiding all the constant showers everyone had an excellent time, and all learnt so much about the conservation mission of the centre. We saw a variety of monkeys behaving in all sorts of ways, and enjoying their now happy lives. Our children were personally praised by the Centre Manager because of their excellent behavior and respect for all the monkeys there. It was an excellent day out and one which our children, and staff, will never forget.



# THE BROADSTONE OBSERVER

THE PEOPLE'S FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER

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## A violent visit from the past!



On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.30am, the pupils of Broadstone Middle School had an unexpected guest who was a vicious Viking!

After maths, which is the first lesson of the morning, everyone from the second year in the school was ushered into room five. Miss Swann, who is Head of year 6, was announcing the winners of the shield competition which was judged by Miss De Looze. When a Viking rudely stormed into the atrium, kicking a table (which made a loud noise) as he passed. This caused many people to scream. Yet again, he interrupted poor Miss Swann by marching into room 5.

Seconds later, the unusual man was showing the perplexed pupils his treasure: paper clips, gold tinsel, foil and a bizarre weapon.

The familiar object (which was actually a blunt pair of scissors) resulted in a number of children bursting into fits of laughter.

Soon after that, the vague Viking was enquiring about where he could find his long boat (which is a Viking ship) and a boy from 6Z stood up.

The young man, named as Riley, told him to head towards Poole Harbour. It is reported that the Viking's long, black, tangled hair fell round his shoulders as he nodded to show his understanding.

Looking quite flustered, Miss Hitchings, who is the Assistant Head at the school, strode into the atrium and spluttered, "Excuse me, but your longboat is parked in Mrs Wilks' parking space! Kindly remove it or she will have your head!"

(Mrs Wilks, the Head Teacher, cannot have been too pleased!)

Fortunately, the Viking was soon escorted out of the school- permanently!

Mrs Wilks, whose parking space is very important to her, exclaimed, "I have no idea where he came from but I am glad I was not there to see him!"

When asked about the event, Miss Hitchings quoted, "That was unexpected and unpredictable!"

Mr Rosa, who was making a phone call in the office at the time, said, "I am so unlucky to have missed all the action!"

"He (the Viking) was bewildered, befuddled and bonkers!" laughed Eleanor B, a pupil from 6X.

Hopefully, there will be no further visits from this unwanted guest.

*Eleanor Barnett—6X*

As Year 7 and Year 8 pupils reach the end of the first 12 week rotation in Art, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the fantastic pieces of artwork they have been working on.

The Year 7 Art curriculum focuses on portraits - pupils have been learning how to draw portraits in proportion, using a wide range of media to add shade, tone and texture. Pupils have also been studying amazing artists such as Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol. Here is a selection of their work:

Self-portraits using charcoal and chalk:



Jess N—7X



Jasmine S—7Z

Clay Sculptures:



Noah H—7Z



Lucie H—7Z



Evan S—7X

Mixed Media Picasso Collages:



Sydney F - 7Z



Will E - 7Z

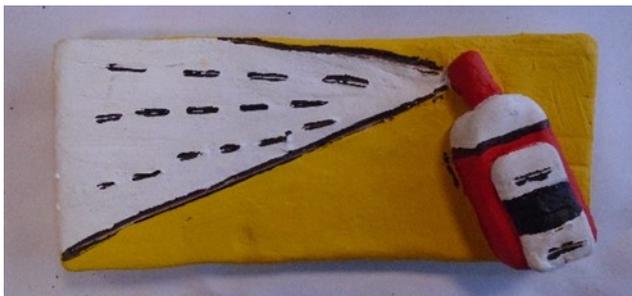


Libby T - 8X



Charlie S - 8X

Pop Art Inspired Clay Sculptures:



Lauren V - 8X



Tim K - 8X

Well done to all those pupils who have really pushed the boundaries in their creative expression – keep up the good work!

Miss de Looze  
Art Teacher