



Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We are halfway through our science fortnight and this got off to a whizz, bang and a whoosh on Monday with our whole school rocket launch and subsequent workshops across the day. The children learned about effective aerodynamics and structures to make the highest firing rocket they were capable of. Certain groups discovered the importance of securely attaching their nose cones!!! We wish to thank Nick Corston at STEAM Co for the inspiring day he provided.

Quantum Theatre visited us on Wednesday to maintain the scientific momentum and Sarah and Rob entertained and educated us in equal measure in their performance of 'The Big Drip.' The children were highly engaged throughout and learned the properties of different types of material, solids, liquids and gasses, solutions and separation techniques. Best of all it was great fun. Quantum Theatre return to us next Monday afternoon and the cast may look strangely familiar... 'The Journey to the Bottom of the Garden' will however very much focus upon living things.

Fruit workshops took place today and our EY2, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 classes learned the beneficial properties of fruit and made exercise-bike-powered smoothies.

Our EY1 and youngest children showed all they had learned this morning during their class assembly. They entertained us and made links to their Gruffalo trip, singing along and also showing their understanding about shapes. Very well done to all of our children and their staff for piecing this together and they deservedly won this week's 'Superstar' trophy for their effort. We were delighted to welcome our parents in to share this occasion.

Finally, next week we also have 'Crash, Bang, Wallop' science kindly provided to our children by The Broxbourne School, as mentioned above, Quantum Theatre part two, an author visit by Ellen Caldecott, the Year 6 K'Nex Challenge, Year 5 Faith Tour and it is also our third ever 'Spirited Arts Week.' As such, in readiness...

We hope your weekends prove drier than this week and relaxing.

Best wishes Paul Miller

YEAR 5

Faith Tour trip

next

Wednesday, 24th May

MEET YOUR GOVERNORS



JEN QUARSHIE

My tenure as a Foundation Governor began last year in September and so far it's been a good and busy experience. My main role is Finance Governor and the link governor for Computing. This involves monitoring the finances of the school and reporting back to the Governing Board for any discussion and decisions.

With regards to being a link governor, I also monitor the use and value of computing to the whole school via Governor Visits. Very importantly, I am honoured that I am able to contribute towards our school, bearing in mind at all times the best interests of the children and upholding our Christian values and ethos. I am new to governance and I feel tremendously privileged to be involved with such a fantastic team of governors and staff.

Broxbourne has been my home for a few years now and it's been wonderful enjoying the sense of community here. I grew up in the UK and later on continued my schooling in Ghana during my younger years, came back to complete my degree at the University of Westminster and worked in Barclays Corporate for over 10 years, finally taking a career break to raise my boys.

About my Pride and Joys, one is in EY1 and the other in Year 1 and they do keep me very occupied! I enjoy reading, watching movies and like to travel when I get the opportunity. I volunteer at St Augustine's church where my family are members and where we enjoy our worship!

CHARLES HUDSON

I have been the parish priest in Broxbourne and Wormley and an ex officio Foundation Governor at Broxbourne Primary since September 2011. One of the most enjoyable parts of my role has been getting to know parents and children both before and after they join the school and being closely involved in the life of this special school community. I am the link governor with responsibility for RE and Collective Worship and also act as the Parent Liaison Governor, assisting with the welcome and introduction of new EY1 and EY2 parents.



In recent months, either side of the very encouraging SIAMS church school inspection, I have been involved alongside Mr Miller and the staff in the process of exploring the new RE resource, Understanding Christianity, which culminated in a wonderful presentation which many of you will have seen at the end of term service last term and a more permanent display in school, which you can see on the school's website. The resource is designed to shift the teaching of RE towards providing a more coherent understanding of the key ideas of the Christian faith and, by doing so, to help our children be more religiously literate as they face life in a modern Britain and the wider world.

I was born in Cambridge, but grew up in Belgium. Before I was ordained, I lived in London and worked for eight years as a solicitor in the City. I am married, with two girls, who are ten and nine. We are hoping shortly to become the owners of one or possibly even two cats...