

Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It was wonderful to have most of the school back in St Augustine's Church on Friday at our Harvest Festival Service and for our singing and worship to once more fill the church. Due to the pandemic, for our youngest children, this was their first school church service and it was a joy to hear our children reading, presenting, leading prayer and singing throughout. Our soloists, Chloe, Callum and Lia were amazing and particularly well done to them and to all who were involved. Thank you also to Reverend Hudson and Reverend Quant for joining us and contributing to our service. Finally, thank you also for all donations of food and money to support the Broxbourne Foodbank, Young Minds and the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal, Water is Life. We hope to be able to invite parents to attend our services later in the year and share these special occasions together.

Thank you to all PTA members who attended Friday's Zoom AGM and to all parents who have supported the school and its PTA events across the last twelve months. The creativity and innovation our PTA have shown across the pandemic has been amazing and I wish to thank Mrs Griffiths and all other PTA members for their ongoing commitment and support of our school. As school budgets are evermore squeezed, our PTA provide a vital funding stream to make our school better for our children. More importantly than this however, is the sense of community our PTA events help to create and of how these events have kept us all going across the last 18 months. If you wish to find out more about our PTA and how to become involved, our next meeting is via Zoom at 7:30pm on Tuesday 19th October.

Miss Clifford and I were delighted and privileged to meet and hear Professor Paul Miller speak about Racism, Anti-Racism and Educational Leadership last week as Hertfordshire's learning project and forum, 'The Great Representation,' was launched. Professor Miller shared his expertise and research, speaking passionately about overcoming barriers and effective practice in this area. Professor Miller facilitated much self-analysis and exploration, developing the understanding of the group. The day was thoroughly absorbing and helped contextualise our actions to date and shape the future direction of this vitally important aspect of our educational provision.



To quote from Professor Miller, an aspect which personally resonated: “If education is the seed and flower, then leadership is the fertiliser.” We must all as a school community and as the school’s leadership, do all we can to ensure all members of our school flourish. We are proud of the work we have undertaken to date in reviewing and developing our curricular offer to ensure our curriculum is both socially and culturally diverse. We will continue to do all we can to ensure all members of our school community have a voice; are listened to and are represented.

We have had to rearrange our Year 5 and 6 House Football and lunchtime matches will now be played in the final week of the half-term on Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October.

To support the Kingfisher Council’s focus charity for the year, ‘Young Minds,’ it will be a ‘Mellow Yellow’ non-uniform day on Friday and children should try to wear something yellow and bring a pound.

We hope the week is a successful one for you all.

Best wishes

Paul Miller



Miss Clifford, Professor Miller and Mr Miller!



FLU IMMUNISATION

The School Nurses will be coming in on Thursday, 14th October and Monday, 22nd November to carry out vaccinations for all those in EY2-Year 6 who returned the flu immunisation paperwork.

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and Family Photographs will now take place on Wednesday, 20th October.

Thank you.

BIRTHDAY BOOK THANK YOU

Alice—EY2—The Whale Who Wanted More

Chloe—Year 6—Skysteppers

Miss Laws-Randall—Parent of the School—Little People, Big Dreams—Maria Montessori

Mr Mountford—Parent of the School—Little People, Big Dreams—Ayrton Senna

We hope you all had a lovely day!

If you wish to donate a birthday book, please send in via your child and we will put in the library for everyone to enjoy. Thank you.

