



Winter Newsletter

Brodetsky Primary School



Wow!

What an incredibly busy term it has been.

Notwithstanding the challenges that COVID has brought us, as it has pretty much everyone, I am delighted to say that due to the dedicated nature of our staff we have managed to remain open while still offering engaging, challenging and educational experiences for each and every single one of the children at Brodetsky. I would

like to start this newsletter by thanking all of the staff in the different departments who have made sure to go the extra mile during these difficult times.



- The office staff** who always answer the phones and emails with a warm and friendly manner while ensuring that the everything behind the scene runs smoothly.
- The cleaning staff** who have continued to work tirelessly making sure that every inch of the school is clean and as free as it can be from germs.
- The catering staff** who have given the menu a shake up this year and are once again starting to offer a variety of choices each day for lunch even if deliveries are not arriving on time or at all.
- The security and site team** who are alert and ready whatever the weather, from the early hours of the morning until the last person has left the campus keeping our children and site safe.
- The teaching staff** who ensure that no two lessons or activities are the same and all the time are thinking of ways of stretching and challenging the children in a whole host of ways so that they reach their maximum potential.
- They may not be paid staff, but working just as hard, I would like to extend my thanks to the members of **the Link PTA** too who have continued to think of imaginative ways of bringing us together creating social events and raising much needed funds for the school.

Each and everyday I think how lucky I am to be part of this incredible team of people all united in their hopes of ensuring that Brodetsky continues to provide only the highest quality of education for all its young people. Continue reading to find out what we are doing to make this happen.

Warmest wishes,

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Mr. Y
Acting Deputy Headteacher



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It has been so nice to finally get back to having sports clubs and events. This term has been extremely busy and great fun with a whole multitude of events both in school and out of school.

In School

We have run 2 Key Stage 1 lunchtime clubs, Hockey and Multi-skills with Mr Ramsden. These have been held on a Monday and Tuesday and have been well attended with the children slowly progressing in their skills and resilience. For Key Stage 2 we have run a Cross Country and Netball Club on a Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Benton.

Children in Year 4 have started their weekly swimming lessons at Holt Park. Having been split into beginners, intermediates and advanced groups, the children are starting to make rapid progress as we fulfil our school aim of ensuring every child becomes a competent swimmer by the end of Year 4. Due to our Year 4 swimming lessons being disrupted last year due to COVID, we offered children in Year 5 free swimming lessons over the October half term. Year 3 have been using their skills of balance and ball control and have enjoyed learning how to play tennis during a weekly session with an outside Tennis coach. While all children across the Primary ages took part in a session of 'Futsal' with a coach from the British Futsal Partnership.



Out of School

We have taken part in Leeds Schools' 'Come and Try' netball events against other schools at Roundhay Primary and Coop Academy. Our teams participating did very well showing great sportsmanship and team work. Year 3 and Year 4 children had the opportunity to take part in a Cross-country competition against children in other schools. We are extremely proud that 2 of our children have qualified and are now set for the Leeds City Finals in March. Unfortunately, the Year 5 and Year 6 Cross-country event had to be cancelled due to bad weather, but is rescheduled for the new year.

Some of our children were invited to take part in competitive bowling and sports hall athletics where they proudly represented Brodetsky.

We would love to see all of the sporting activities that you and your families will be doing over the Winter Holidays. Please send your pictures to rskolnick@brodetsky.org so that they can be posted on our school Facebook page. Whether you will be walking, horse riding, rock climbing, playing competitive sports, swimming or ice skating we want to see what you have been up to!



MATHS

All classes have continued with the 'mastery approach' to maths following the White Rose Maths Scheme, which consists of the children tackling new maths concepts in small steps by working through fluency questions and on to problem solving and reasoning. All the children are being set MyMaths homework, which is based around the learning they are doing in class and are encouraged to improve their rapid recall of multiplication and division facts through regular use of Times Tables Rockstars.

GEOGRAPHY

Year 1's topic in Autumn 1 was Local Area and children used simple maps to locate Leeds as well as looking at and categorising places of interest in their local community. In Autumn 2 they continued to build on their geographical skills by identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns through their topic Wonderful Weather. Year 2 have also continued to build on their geography knowledge and skills in their topic Treasure Island. They have used compass directions, locational and directional language to describe the features of the maps they made, as well as identifying and comparing the human and physical features of islands around the UK and the Caribbean.



IVRIT (MODERN HEBREW)

This term in Ivrit we have seen the children making great progress in their reading skills and enjoying the rewards for moving through the various levels of Aleph Champ. All classes have practised the questions from our 'Question and Answers List' that we introduced this year, and we can see a general enjoyment from speaking Ivrit. Additionally, the new 'conversation in small groups' sessions happening in Y6 have brought the speaking skills to a new level. The children really enjoy talking about their birthdays, the content of their pencil cases or the food they have at breakfast!

SCIENCE

This term Mr. Gordon attended his first science leaders network meeting since becoming Science lead in September 2021. It was a very informative event that enabled him to hear from other Science leaders who explained the different ways Science is taught in other schools. Mr. Gordon was also pointed towards some excellent (and free!) science resources that he will be sharing with the Brodetsky teaching staff. He and his Year 4 class tried out these resources in order to support their learning of the topic of Electricity. We look forward to another busy term where children across Brodetsky will continue to enjoy their science lessons through researching, finding patterns, hypothesising, conducting fair tests and evaluating. Watch this space to find out what will be happening for Science week coming up in March 2022.



HISTORY

In History lessons across the years we have been comparing past and present, looking at evidence, and learning about the chronology of major civilisations. Children across the school have journeyed through time from the Stone Age, through Ancient Greece and Anglo-Saxon England, to The Great Fire of London.

COMPUTING

This term children from Year 1 to Year 6 have been exploring and increasing their research, presentation and coding skills using our bank of laptops in our Learning Resource Room. Every child in the school has been given their own unique username and password which they must keep safe and remember in order to be able to log on to the computers. Before computing lessons, classes speak about the importance of and what we can do to ensure online safety. Thank you very much to those who have donated towards the Link PTA's fund for new laptops. We currently have a bank of 20 laptops, our aim is that by the end the academic year to have a bank of 35 so that every child in the class can use one simultaneously, although it has been heart-warming to see how nicely our children share the devices.



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS)

It has been lovely to welcome back our children to Early Years this term. The children have all settled in incredibly well and have brought so much joy to our staff over the term. The children showed amazing resilience during our time within the main school building, with many staff members commenting positively about all of the children's behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. The highlight of our term has been inviting our families into school for our Sukkot and Chanukah celebrations. After being restricted over the past few years in these types of events, it was truly wonderful to have our supportive parents joining us for such special events.



MUSIC

Brodetsky comes alive with the sound of music. As you walk through the corridors one can hear a whole variety of music being taught, played and explored. To give you a taste of what's been happening this term, children in Year 4 have learnt to read musical notes from a scoresheet and to play the recorder. While small groups of 15 children from Year 5 have been learning to play the ukulele which has culminated in performances of 'Dreidel Dreidel Dreidel' and 'Jingle Bells'. A highlight has been our wonderful House Music competition which created the biggest musical buzz around the school. Children were challenged to perform as part of a Solo, Ensemble, Whole House or Solo Instrumental but keeping in the Disney theme. The competition was tight, but well done to this year's winners, Morris Silman. We look forward to hopefully reintroducing the offering of private specialist music lessons soon.

PSHCE & PARASHAH

This Term the children have fully embraced themselves through the PSHCE and Parashah curriculum each week on a Friday taking the lessons of the weekly Parashah and discussing them in greater depth as a class. At the end of each lesson a summary of the discussion is written on a cut-out heart that is added to a display in the Brodetsky Hall. We are currently preparing for Inside Out day during Children's Mental Health Week which will be happening next term. Always remember, 'It's Okay not to be Okay'. If you ever have any concerns about your child, please do reach out to one of the teachers who will do what they can to help you.

ENGLISH

This term, every year group has enjoyed diving into their class text, exploring characters, settings and as such have written some wonderful descriptive narratives including letters, a range of poetry, diaries, and stories. We are really excited to share with you our plans to be showcasing work that has really impressed our teachers by placing it in a special 'Check me Out' noticeboard. This will be a great way to celebrate the wonderful writing that is done at Brodetsky. More details will be coming out soon!

WINTER WRITING CHALLENGE



We are challenging all our children to write a letter to their favourite author explaining to them why they love their book and maybe even being cheeky enough to ask for a reply. We would love to see whether they get any responses. Please remember to keep a copy of the letter sent so that you can show your class teachers and class mates on your return to school in January 2022

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club for children from Nursery up to Year 6 from 4th January 2022:

Monday - Friday: 7.30am - 8.30am

Introductory Offer! (Ending Soon!)

Breakfast club 1 hour sessions cost **£5** (this will include toast, fresh fruit and a drink).

If your child is booked in for the full week, the cost is £20.

Siblings attending the full week will get a 10% discount.

We are not offering a reduced price to those who wish to attend for a shorter session e.g arriving at 8am for half an hour.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club for children from Nursery up to Year 4 from 4th January 2022:

Monday - Thursday: 3.30pm - 6pm

Introductory Offer! (Ending Soon)

After School Club 2.5 hour sessions cost **£10** (this will include a light snack).

If your child is booked in for the full week, the cost is £35.

Siblings attending the full week will get a 10% discount.

We are not offering a reduced price to those who wish to attend for a shorter session e.g leaving at 5pm.

Bookings are now live on the Scopay app

Please note that unlike previously with camps and trips, in order to book sessions, your account must already be in credit (with enough funds to pay for the required days).

COVID UPDATE

We really hope to be returning in January 2022 and functioning as we have been this term. We are not expecting anything to change. However, should anything to the contrary be announced by the government, we will inform families of any changes as soon as we are able to and will communicate via ParentMail if any new regulations are put in place.

