

Summer Newsletter

Brodetsky Primary School

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter!

Many more memorable moments.

Once again, we have been extremely busy at Brodetsky with so much going on making many more memorable moments. The children have been extending their vocabulary, building friendships, exploring mathematical concepts, acting out extracts from favourite books, experimenting in order to prove hypotheses and completing many other exciting challenges.



As the Summer holiday sets in we sadly have to say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 class of 2022. Their Leavers' Assembly on the last day of term, was an emotional rollercoaster as we were taken back to their earliest and most recent memories of their time at Brodetsky. In the 7, or even 9 years that lots of the pupils have been with us, so much has changed. But one thing has definitely remained. Our sheer love and admiration for every single one of them.

We are really proud of their individual and collective achievements throughout their time with us and are thrilled to announce that despite the challenges and setbacks of 2 national lock downs and countless days away from school due to self-isolation, have done extremely well in their end of year SATs. Due to conscientious learning in school and at home with the completion of homework set, of those who sat the SATs papers we have exceeded the national figures in all areas.

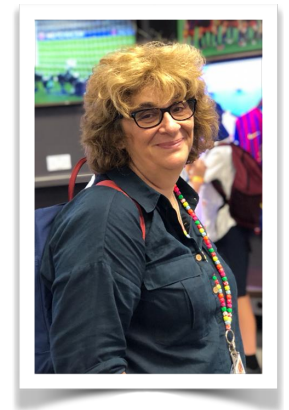


| Achieved Expected or Greater Depth | Brodetsky Figures | National Figures | Difference |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Reading | 91% | 74% | +17% |
| Writing | 73% | 69% | +4% |
| Maths | 88% | 71% | +17% |
| GPS | 94% | 72% | +22% |
| Reading, Writing & Maths Combined | 70% | 59% | +11% |

Well done Year 6 and best of luck for your new adventures at high school. We will miss you massively, but know that you will continue to succeed at anything you set your minds to if you use creativity, resilience and independence.

I would like to take this opportunity to send our very best wishes to Mrs. McIntosh and Miss. Shakil who, at the start of the new term, will be taking maternity leave. We cannot wait for you to bring your little bundles of joy for us all to see.

Unfortunately, the goodbyes do not end there as we bid a farewell to Mr. Guest, Mrs. Daly-Smith, Ms. Baram and Mrs. Seaton. Mr. Guest and Mrs. Daly-Smith have each supported our children unwaveringly for the past year, each showing the children the perfect amount of kindness and care whilst helping to support their continued learning either in or out of the classroom. We will miss them both and wish them all the luck as they move on to pastures new. Our wonderful Ms. Baram who has been baking deserts for our children over the last 8 years will be sorely missed by all who tasted her baking. Her flair in the kitchen has meant that we now have very high expectations for whoever takes on her role. We wish her a fond farewell as she moves on to baking for a new school.



What can be said about Mrs. Seaton after 32 years working at Brodetsky. She has seen a whole generation of children go through the Nursery and then bring their own children back to the Nursery. Although her knees are not as good as they used to be, her interaction and affection for the children has never faltered. Over time, Mrs. Seaton became the beating heart of Brodetsky and as she moves on to spend more time with her family, will be leaving a huge void for all of us who have worked with her.

I am very excited to meet you all back in our new looking and feeling school in September, but for now make the most of the Summer holidays and make sure to practise at least reading, writing or maths each day.

Warmest wishes,

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Mr. Y
Deputy Headteacher

SPORTS DAY SCORES

At the end of a very successful Sports Day, we are proud to announce the overall scores for the day were as follows:



| Place | Points | House |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|
| 1 st | 296 | Lloyd Rakusen |
| 2 nd | 284 | Arnold Ziff |
| 3 rd | 252 | Deborah Taylor |
| 4 th | 223 | Morris Silman |

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast Club

for children from Nursery up to Year 6

Monday - Friday: 7.30am - 8.30am

Sessions cost £5 (including toast, cereal, fresh fruit and a drink)

After School Club

for children from Nursery to Year 4

Monday - Thursday: 3.30 - 6.00pm

Session costs £10 (including milky dinner, varied each day)



Both Breakfast Club and After School Club take place in the Deborah Taylor Building and must be pre-booked and prepaid for via the ScoPay app.

WRITING AND READING CHALLENGE

We would love the children to write a diary entry of one of their favourite days during the Summer holidays. Children can choose how to set this out. Either as a postcard, a page that would be in a traditional diary, as a comic strip or in another imaginative way.



Children who complete this challenge will be first to receive an individual Homework Coin, gaining themselves and their houses points, as part of our new and very exciting rewards system. All diary entries that are completed will be proudly displayed in our Writing Board for all our families to see and read. Pass your diary entry to your new teacher when starting back in September.



Head to our suggested books lists to see which books we suggest children of different ages should be accessing over the Summer. This list is perfect if your child doesn't quite know what they want to read or if you would like to suggest an age appropriate book when visiting the library or bookstore. These can be read by your child or shared with an adult. Write or record a book review and hand it to your new class teacher in September to receive an individual homework coin.

NEW INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM POINT SYSTEM

From September we will be launching our new Individual Point system that will enable live calculations as to how many points have been accumulated by all members of the same house. It will also allow families at home to see when children are awarded 'coins' (each worth a different value of points) and for what reason. Children will have the opportunity to spend these points, whenever they have enough, on experiences, special stationery and other exciting prizes. More details will come out about this during the Curriculum Evenings taking place in September.



OPENING DATE IN SEPTEMBER (REMINDER OF PARENTMAIL 27TH APRIL)

As the roof works on the George Lyttleton Building are not due to be completed until Friday 2nd September 2022, the classrooms will not be fit for learning in time for our scheduled 2nd September reopening.

We are therefore reopening on:

Friday 2nd September 2022 for Nursery and Reception

Wednesday 7th September 2022 for Years 1 - 6

All our school staff will still return to work on Thursday 1st September as planned for training days.



ECO-SCHOOLS

With the fantastic help of Mrs. Walper-Roberts and our Eco-Committee, we have been awarded the Green Flag! We wanted to share with you an extract of the message that we got in response to our application.



“It's wonderful that you have appointed such an enthusiastic Eco-Committee, this shows your schools excellent commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause. It was really great to read how your Environmental Review provided the basis for the projects in your Action Plan. It demonstrates a reflective and considered approach to your Eco-Schools work, this is a great skill that many adults can learn from! It was wonderful to see how completing your Environmental Review helped your Eco-Committee to spot gaps in your school's existing environmental activity. But equally important is that it helped you to recognise the great work that you were already doing. This helps to keep up the good activity whilst making you feel empowered to do different things. We love this! We love that your pupils have taken their great work beyond the school gates and into their homes and local community. This is a very challenging aspect of the Eco-Schools programme, so your Eco-Committee should be very proud of their successes in this area! Congratulations to everyone for the great work you have managed to do, earning your Green Flag with Merit. You should all be very proud of your work and the application you have submitted!”

We will be looking out for new Eco-Committee members to help us continue this journey in the new academic year.

BUILDING WORKS

Over the Summer holidays we will be completing two very large and exciting renovation projects at Brodetsky. We are replacing our old leaky roof on the George Lyttleton Building and are giving our Nursery a fresh new look.

LEAKY ROOF

The replacement of our old leaky roof is well underway with the building works, so far, remaining on track. The old tired green cladding around the outside of the building has been removed, the corrugated roofing strips have been dismantled and replaced with new weather proof ones. New insulation has been installed above the roof tiles ready to keep us cool in the warm Summer months and warm during the chilly Winter ones. There is still lots to happen with the instillation of the new ceilings, lighting, cladding and roof lights. Once the building is handed back to us we will then be able to get on with the redecoration of the classrooms and Brodetsky Hall.

NEW LOOK NURSERY

After serving the Leeds Jewish Community for over 40 years in its current location it was time for our Brodetsky Nursery to have a new look. When members of our community return in September to visit the Deborah Taylor Building they will be welcomed by a fresh Entrance and a brand-new foyer. The same exciting look is being carried on throughout the Nursery classrooms in addition to new interactive screens, equipment and the renovation of the outdoor play areas. Our first-class education, love and care, coupled with extended hours and our up-to-date building make Brodetsky Nursery the obvious choice for any 2 to 4-year-old.

CHARITY COMMITTEE

A huge well done to our Charity Committee who worked tirelessly since their first meeting on 3rd December 2021 encouraging children to bring in small change on a Friday for weekly *tzedakah*. Members of the Charity Committee discussed and choose with the help of the whole school the charities that they wanted to support each half term.



We are delighted to announce that:

- Team Seas will receive £182.45 from Brodetsky
- Homeless Street Angels will receive £182.45 from Brodetsky
- Leeds Jewish Welfare Board (LJWB) will receive £104.85 from Brodetsky
- Ukraine Humanitarian Fund will receive £421.52 from Brodetsky

Not including the one-off collection days for charities such as Comic Relief and British Legion we have managed to raise a whopping £891.29 in the last 7 months.

Thank you to all those who have sent their children to school with some change to give to charity.



BOOK BAGS (REMINDER OF PARENTMAIL 22ND JULY)

From September, we are requesting that all children have handheld book bags only and bring no other bag/rucksack to school each day.

We have made this decision because these are the only bags that fit inside the children's trays, thereby keeping classrooms tidy and minimising space taken up by unnecessarily large bags. We will therefore be able to create more space in the classrooms to allow for designated classroom libraries and additional workspaces, enhancing the children's educational experience.

In order to be inclusive, smart and presentable, we would like all children in Reception to Year 4 to use the Brodetsky book bags which are available to purchase via Scopay under the 'products' tab for £5.50 or from Rawcliffes for £6.99. If you choose to purchase your child's bookbag via Scopay before 19th August 2022, your child will receive it on their first day back, Wednesday 7th September 2022, along with their new school planners.

If you need financial assistance in purchasing the book bag, please contact syechezkel@brodetsky.org in the strictest of confidence.

In order to encourage more independence, pupils in Years 5 and 6 have the option to use either a Brodetsky book bag or a book bag of their choice. If your Year 5 or 6 child would prefer to buy their own book bag, please note that it should be no larger than 29.69cm x 20.6cm x 2.59cm in order to fit inside the school trays.

CURRICULUM EVENINGS

In September, each year group will be having their own Curriculum Evening whereby parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet their child's new teachers and to hear about what exciting topics and skills will be taught throughout the year. Teachers will provide top tips to help your children with their learning at home and will give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. Check out the Upcoming Events Schedules for further information on dates and times.



SEND CAKE & CATCH UP

Having received feedback from families of SEND children indicating that it can feel isolating at times due to the additional demands and pressures we are initiating a new group in conjunction with Leeds Jewish Free School (LJFS) in order to help combat it.

Each half term families of children with SEND will have the opportunity to get together in a safe space to share challenges that they might be facing or triumphant moments on their child's journey.

In addition to the coffee, tea and cakes that will obviously be on offer, Mrs. Simons, our Brodetsky SENCo will be on hand to lead discussions and sign post for further advice or services. We are hoping to secure some key note speakers about various topics but will advertise these as and when they have been confirmed.

Sessions will be taking place at school and are open to all members of the community. If from outside our school community please email lsimons@brodetsky.org to arrange access (if without a Campus ID Card). Session dates can be found on the Upcoming Events Schedules.

