



Dear Parents

Debating skills are a wonderful way of developing children's ability to use the English language with confidence, skill and purpose. As part of our aim to nurture this valuable skill at Broomfield, the school will send a team later this month to participate in an eight-school debating competition at Ibstock Place School, Roehampton. Ahead of that event, this week saw both Years 4 and 5 participating in intensive learning sessions run by the Noisy Classroom company, on the skills and protocols of organised debating. Mr Kennedy who runs our debating activities says that the children revealed massively impressive and, in some cases, unexpected and combative debating skills, with the ability to switch instantly between both sides of a subject. The sessions were tremendous fun and totally engaging, suggesting that Broomfield has a hugely talented crop of expert debaters.

Pre-Kindergarten enjoyed a romp around school in their wellies as they went on a Bear Hunt! Having been enjoying the wonderful story by Michael Rosen, Mrs Marshall and the team set up the various swishing, squelching and snowy environments for the children to explore before coming across a big brown bear.



Thank you to all the Early Years' parents who explored the classrooms with their children and joined us for coffee and chat afterwards. It was a lovely start to a Friday.

Our Artist of the Week is Dhruv for his dramatic mixed media Viking ships collage. Year 4 learned about polystyrene printing and applied a variety of techniques. Also featured in this week's newsletter are Pre-Kindergarten's toy collages, where they experimented with colour mixing, texture and stamping.



Dyslexia Screener

Each year in the spring term Mrs Pache screens children in Year 2 for dyslexia. The screeners are done online in the IT Lab and the results are shared with parents. The process does not offer a diagnosis but can suggest if further investigation may be helpful. We plan to complete the screener with the children in Year 2 next week. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Pache on jpache@broomfieldhouse.com.

Keeping the Atrium Clear

I appreciate that the weather has not always been kind to us this week, but please can we ask parents not to seek shelter in the atrium at drop off and collection times. The area is needed by the teaching teams and club leaders to welcome or dismiss the children. This is much more difficult when the atrium is crowded. Thank you for your support.

Collection of Children

When collecting your children from their teachers or club leaders please can you make absolutely sure the member of staff has seen you and ticked your child off on the dismissal register. At the end of the day the teachers have a lot of children to keep an eye on as they release them to parents and, not surprisingly, your child is eager to run to you. Please help us make sure the children are clearly handed over to you, so we can avoid involving the Lost Child Procedure.

Musical Showcase Concerts: 3.45pm and 6pm, 18th January

We are delighted to have welcomed Miss Fourie into school as she prepares to take over Music when Mrs Mohammed begins her maternity leave after February half term. They are enjoying preparing for

our musical showcase next week, when we hope to see parents in school to see their children perform. Chamber Choir will also sing in the evening.

The children in Years 1-3 will play at 3.45pm and those in Years 4, 5 and 6 will play at 6pm. Mrs Mohammed asks if parents might be able to drop their Year 4, 5 and 6 children back at school at 5pm so they can prepare and practise. Chef Tom will provide a drink and a snack for the children prior to their performances.

The doors will open at 5.50pm for parents to take their seats in the Hall.

Musical Instrument Lessons

This week we have welcomed our new Drum Teacher, Mr James Hayes, into Broomfield. He has some drum lesson slots available so if your child may enjoy learning drumming techniques as well as improvisation and enjoy jamming to music please get in touch with Mrs Mohammed on rmohammed@broomfieldhouse.com. Hannah Grayson has also joined our team of music peris and is looking forward to working with her new pupils.

Chinese New Year

Chef Tom will serve a Chinese lunch on Friday to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. We are grateful to the parents in Early Years who are preparing stories and crafts to teach the children about the culture and customs around Chinese New Year. Some older children will share their knowledge and excitement in assembly also. Children are welcome to wear traditional dress if they chose to.



Sports News

Tag Rugby at Games: These lessons will start on Wednesday 1st February for Years 4, 5 and 6 and on Thursday 2nd February for Years 2 & 3. All the children will participate in Tag Rugby at Old Deer Park so both girls and boys will need studded football boots. If you are providing your child with lace up boots, please make sure they are able to tie their own laces. Alternatively, Velcro fastened boots can be purchased from some retailers. Please ensure that your children have the correct uniform for Games (see below). Without the studded football boots they will not be able to participate. This is purely for safety reasons as the games field can be slippery in the winter conditions.

Girls: Red games top, skort/shorts, striped socks, studded football boots, hoodie, waterproof or sports coat, school tracksuit bottoms or black skin/base layer and long-sleeved white skin/base layer.

Boys: Striped games top, red shorts, striped socks, studded football boots, hoodie, waterproof or sports coat, school tracksuit bottoms or black skin/base layer and long-sleeved white skin/base layer.

Year 3 Netball Match v Kew College: This will take place at Westerly Ware during Year 3's Games lesson on Thursday 19th January. Parents are welcome to cheer the teams on at 2pm.

Year 5 Girls Netball Match v Radnor: This will take place at Westerly Ware during Year 3's Games lesson on Thursday 19th January. Parents are welcome to cheer the teams on at 2pm.

ISA Netball Competition: The Broomfield Red team will join Mr Pache and Mrs Hughes for this tournament on Friday 20th January. Parents in Years 5 and 6 will be informed if their child has been selected to play. The children will travel by coach, leaving school at 8.30am and we anticipate they will return to school for the normal pick up at 3.30pm. They will need to be in their Games kit with the red sports coat and a water bottle. Chef Tom will provide them with a packed lunch.



Year Group News

Pre-Kindergarten: Visit to Kew Gardens The class is heading out for a seasonal walk on Tuesday 17th January between 9.45 and 11.45am. Please can they wear their wellies into school, with their shoes in a bag to change into if they remain in school for the afternoon.

Years 1 and 2: Class Visit and Coffee Morning The children are looking forward to welcoming their parents into their classrooms at 8.30am on 20th January to show them around and introduce them to the things they love at school. There will be tea and coffee in the Dining Hall afterwards and the opportunity to chat informally and ask questions of the class teachers and other key members of staff. We will wrap things up around 9.15am or so. If you are available to join us please do come along.



Polite Person

Here are the children recognised in our assembly today as the Polite People of the Week. Congratulations on your lovely manners, you are reflecting the school's values so beautifully.

Class	Polite Person	Class	Polite Person
Pre-Kindergarten	Merlin	Year 3	Nisan
Kindergarten	Aazil	Year 4	Dhruv
Year 1	Joy	Year 5	Lara
Year 2	Gigi	Year 6	Iona

The Week Ahead 9th - 13th January

Day	Activity	Notes
Monday		
Tuesday	Pre-Kindergarten to Kew Gardens	During the morning
Wednesday	Musical Showcase	3.45pm Years 1-3 6pm Years 4, 5 & 6 (drop at 5pm)
Thursday	Year 3 Netball v Kew College	Parents welcome at 2pm Westerly Ware
Friday	ISA Netball Competition 8.30am Years 1 and 2: Class visit Chinese New Year assembly	Broomfield Red Team (Year 6) Parents welcome, followed by coffee in Dining Hall Crafts and stories in Early Years

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Susie Byers
Headteacher