



Welcome to Broadstones first newsletter of this academic year.

Pupils and staff are now back in the full swing of learning and already a range of functional skills qualifications have been achieved.

Our new pupils are settling in wonderfully, working hard and establishing new friendships with each other as well as with our more seasoned pupils.

Our newsletter gives you the opportunity to keep up with the latest information on things like: welcoming new staff; a reminder of how our reward system works; our new post-16 provision, the fire service visit; salon trip to London; as well as subject areas update.

Read on to find out more about life at Broadstones during half term 1.

Welcome to New Staff

We begin, as always, with introducing and welcoming new staff. Jamie and Rebecca have joined us and are settling in, learning the ropes and beginning to make their marks.

Rebecca is now our school art teacher and Jamie is working within the Outreach programme.

We wish both ladies well and are glad to have them on board.

Rates Rewards



Just a reminder to all about the school rates-linked reward system.

After every lesson, every pupil

can potentially earn up to 20 points for their work, effort and achievement during the lesson.

The awards are categorised into bronze, silver and gold averages, and pupils, at the end of each half term receive the reward appropriate to their attainment.

They are then able to choose one vocational prize, for example in Art lessons they might earn: paints, colouring pens and other art related equipment; in Construction they might receive: safety glasses, boots, tool belts, etc; in Music: drum sticks, guitar strings, tuners, straps, and so on; Sports rewards include: footballs, caps, kits; and the Salon Academy present gifts such as: hairdressing tools, e.g. comb sets, Denman brushes, hairdryers, straighteners, scissors, training heads, products, shampoo & conditioner and facial products.

And in English, Maths and Science, there are monetary awards given.

Post 16 (Year 12)

Our post-16 provision is now officially underway with a small group of four pupils benefiting from this brand new programme run by Jackie (Pastoral Leader).

Our post-16 programme supports young people who require additional help to develop essential skills for adulthood, and helps to build confidence, independence and self sufficiency.

Learning takes place within a small nurturing environment or where appropriate through home-based study.

Educational trips, college visits and practical learning experiences also help to prepare them for further education, employment and independent living.

This is a new and exciting development, offering a tailored curriculum with a high staff-to-student ratio, allowing for maximum support for our learners.

Fire Service Visit



On 15th October, well in time for Bonfire Night, all of our PSHE

groups received a visit from the fire service who gave a presentation and reminded us all how to keep safe around fire and fireworks.

Most staff and pupils were shocked to hear that a sparkler can reach temperatures of up to 2000 degrees in Fahrenheit. When compared to the average cooking heat of 180 degree celsius (350 degrees Fahrenheit) the dangers of this commonly used relatively 'low hazard' firework really hits home.

They also learned about the consequences of mishandling fireworks and fire, as well as the inevitable penalties incurred for prank calls and involvement in serious injuries.

New School Site

Our new school site is being prepared for construction with the commencement of hedge cutting and trimming.

We would like to thank Ollie Myers and his team, from Hartford Tree Care Ltd.

They spent two days cutting back 120 metres of hedges, cutting down three dead trees and tidying up the rest of the trees on the new school site.

This land has not been touched for at least seven years so was

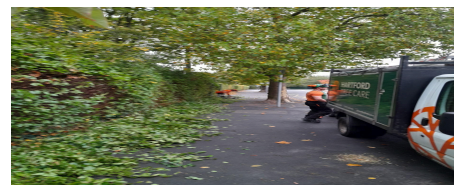
very overgrown and in need of some tender loving care.

It is anticipated that within a few years time, the new building will be up and running or almost there.

Watch this space for regular updates as they occur on the development of this new, exciting school site!



One of the tree surgeons preparing for work



Work commenced on the exterior of the site



One of the trees felled to make space



Sawdust ready for recycling

Theme Day Fridays

Broadstones is adding a new dimension to school lunches with the launch from October 2025 of: Theme Fridays.

These theme days will give pupils and staff an opportunity to taste various foods from around the world, as well as learning a bit about their culture and history, adding to the great work they already do when learning about British Values.

The first Theme Day was on the third Friday of October, when for lunch everyone was offered Aloo Gobi, which is a dish made up of mainly potatoes, cauliflower and spices (with rice). Or, the more familiar Indian dish, Chicken Balti with rice and naan, to help celebrate Diwali (Festival of Lights), celebrated by millions of Hindus, Janins and Sikhs worldwide.

Did you know that Indian food is now the UK's most popular international cuisine and an integral part of its food culture?

Salon Trip to London

Salon Academy pupils recently enjoyed an unforgettable experience visiting Pro Beauty North at Manchester Central and Salon International at Excel

London.

The visits offered our aspiring pupils the chance to explore the latest trends, techniques and innovations in the industry - right at the heart of two major UK hair and beauty events.

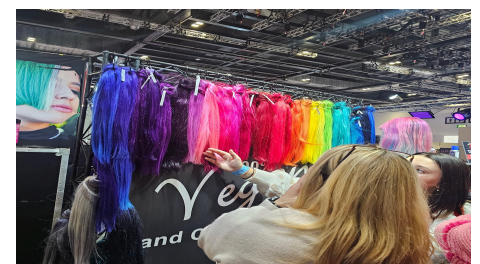
Our pupils got the opportunity to meet other professionals, watch live demonstrations and be inspired by the creativity and passions that drive the world of hair and beauty.

It was an especially exciting milestone for our school, marking our first ever trip outside Manchester. And what a success it was! Our pupils represented the school with pride, enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour throughout the journey and time at the venue.

The trip was not only educational but also a wonderful chance for pupils to travel, experience the capital city and build confidence beyond the classroom.

We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part - and this is just the beginning. With such a positive experience, we are already looking forward to planning more inspiring trips in the future for our talented Salon Academy learners.

Look right to see a selection of images from the day.



English with Davina



Two new kindles have been purchased for use in English lessons.

This supports literacy in the classroom by providing an instantaneous supply of fiction and non-fiction texts, articles, revision essays and much more.

The beauty of the Kindle is that there are literally thousands of resources available at the tip of your fingertip, which can be downloaded in seconds.

And for a very reasonable monthly subscription, endless resources ensue.

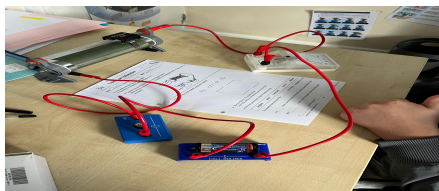
We look forward to benefiting from these wonderful devices and additional kindles will be added to our bank in due course.

Also, our regular features of weekly word-of-the-week and debate topics continues to help enhance vocabulary, general knowledge and communication skills.

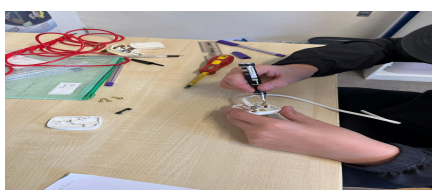
Science with Claire

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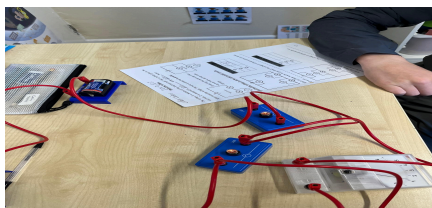
Electronics in Action unit and have constructed circuits safely from diagrams recently in their science lessons.



Charlie learning how a variable resistor works



Ollie safely wiring a plug



Calvin measuring voltage accurately

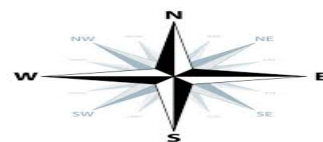
Meanwhile, Lilly-Mai has extracted DNA from a kiwi! This is helping them to understand that DNA is real and all of our characteristics are controlled by it.

Lacey and Millie have been working on making food chains and they could not stop!



Lacey and Millie making food chains

PSHE



Our school PSHE provision continues to flourish with many exciting activities always underway.

For example, the Vale Group very much enjoyed their first forest-fun session where they learned to tie different knots, such as half-hitch and tension knots that were used to hang a teepee tent.

They then used the different points of the compass to help illustrate their feelings: north - to reveal feelings of maturity, achievement and productivity; east reflecting wisdom and spirituality; south suggesting energy and childlike playfulness; and finally, west to indicate a sense of anxiety or worry.

These types of outdoor activities, taken directly from aspects of our Forest School provision are invaluable in improving: confidence and self esteem; physical and motor skills; social and communication skills; as well as problem solving and resilience.

The new carousel system in place - basically a system whereby all pupils rotate over the year onto a pursuit such as this, means that everyone gets to experience the same sorts of activities and gain a whole range of additional qualifications that they might not have considered before.

Combining PSHE with Literacy Across the Curriculum

20 minute reading and discussion slots have been integrated into PSHE sessions, designed to provide knowledge of critical topics directly linked to the National PSHE curriculum and to recently updated government guidelines.

So far we have covered the important subject of misogyny, particularly in relation to adverse misinformation widespread online generated by individuals such as the self-confessed misogynist, Andrew Tate.

Pupils are being taught to disregard this appalling rhetoric and understand healthy attitudes towards relationships.

Next half term, we tackle the scourge on society which is homophobia.

Walk on the Vale (Bungalow group)

The Bungalow Group went for a winter walk on the vale, feeding birds, stroking horses and generally being at one with nature.

The local pigeons are so used to being fed, they happily landed on us whilst we fed them - no regard for the natural pecking order and obviously particularly peckish on the day.

It's quite a challenge feeding multiple birds as they perch simultaneously on your person. However we managed to wing it, saliently spreading the seed fairly.

A great opportunity for a change of scene, to spend quality time appreciating nature and just to relax.



Mohin and Brooke feeding the pigeons - the poor ducks not getting a look-in.



Nicola taking a closer look at the ponies



James, Nicola, Brooke and Mohin feeding the horses

People's Museum

The Vale Group went on a trip to the People's Museum in Manchester.

Pupils were able to learn about prominent historical figures as well as accessing some significant representations and artifacts of

important historic periods in politics relating to issues such as gay rights, the women's vote, miners' strikes and the Cold War. They also got to dress up in period clothing. See below for some of the general images taken on the day and Kayden dressing up in a top hat.



Kayden taking a closer look at one of the exhibits

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