

## Broadstones School Presentation Evening

**HAPPY  
EASTER**



We are delighted to announce details of our Broadstones School Presentational Evening 2026, which will take place on June 18th at 6pm until 10pm.

This year's event - The Greatest Show, is a themed event based on the movie: The Greatest Showman, which celebrates individuality and uniqueness. We are very excited to celebrate both the achievements of all our pupils and also bid farewell to our Year 11 leavers.

The evening will include the presentation of awards to our outstanding pupils, reflections on our journey as a school, and a look ahead to future significant events.

We will, as usual, invite all pupils to bring two guests, and kindly ask that once you receive your invitation, you then RSVP: [daniellstradomsky@broadstoneschool.co.uk](mailto:daniellstradomsky@broadstoneschool.co.uk)

Welcome to Broadstones spring 2 newsletter (Easter edition).

*Easter falls early this year - (due to the arrival of the first Sunday that followed the full moon linked to the spring equinox) and, therefore, is more favourable to teachers preparing pupils for public examinations, allowing for uninterrupted revision lessons leading up to GCSE exams.*

*This Easter edition includes details of: the fantastic Broadstones School upcoming Presentation Evening; Sue and Dave's fruitful visit to the Coop Arena for the Greater Manchester Green Summit; a significant donation of items made to school from Monica's Wedding Flowers; as well as the usual curriculum area catch-up information.*

by May 1st to confirm your attendance and to help us plan accordingly. Also, please let us know if you have specific dietary requirements or need further details regarding the event.

We look forward to this special occasion, which we know will be jubilant, ceremonial and enjoyable in equal measures.

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## Greater Manchester Green Summit



On March 3rd, Dave and Sue attended the Greater Manchester Green Summit, at the Co-op Arena, where they heard from many speakers including Andy Burnham - see above.

There were many interesting stall holders, in particular one from Sheffield who compresses bricks for building when their shelf life is over, so they can be broken down and used as compost.

As recycling and promoting sustainability is a priority at Broadstones, we are looking into having some of these bricks delivered for our new school grounds.

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## Science with Claire

In Science several pupils have been finishing their Gateway Level 1 Award in Applied Science and Technology.

Charlie was finding out how heat is transferred in liquids: by tracking the pink substances as it heats up, then cooled down across the beaker, and finally sinks to take the place of the warm liquid.

Meanwhile, Isabelle has dissected a heart, showing that the left ventricle wall is thicker than the right: the left side has to pump blood all around the body, whereas the right side only needs to pump blood to the lungs.

Kayden is working on iGCSE Chemistry, and is the first pupil in this school to perform a 'titration'.

This entails adding an unknown concentration of acid from a burette to a known concentration of an alkali into a conical flask. This has to be carried out very carefully while swirling the conical flask to mix the solution and to stop exactly when they are neutral.

This is a very skilful technique and one that Kayden managed brilliantly.



Charlie carrying out convection in liquids



Isabelle's heart dissection

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## Visit to John Rylands Library

Claire and Davina took Kayden to the John Rylands Library in Manchester.

John Rylands is no ordinary library - it's part of the John Rylands Research Institute, and is a world-renowned Victorian neo-gothic masterpiece located in Deansgate, Manchester.

Architecturally speaking, it is often compared to a cathedral, the building featuring stunning stone vaulting, intricate carvings and stained glass - often being linked to a setting in Harry Potter!

It was a lovely day out and we all had a lovely time. It was great to see so many rare books, hundreds of years old, many of them.

Whilst there we were shown a rare copy of the Guttenberg Bible and given a demonstration of printing from the 1423 St. Christopher woodblock print. All three of us received a print of St. Christopher printed from the press as a souvenir.

This building is impressive to say the least both inside and out and is well worth a visit and free to enter - just check the website for updated opening times.



Kayden examining one of the first printers ever designed



One of the old texts Kayden saw from the vast range at the library

## Reddish Vale High School Farm Visit

Nicola and Jamie have been taking Mohin and James down to the farm at Reddish Vale High School over the last few weeks.

They have begun work preparing the polytunnel, weeding, and ensuring the plot is suitable to plant their own fruit, vegetables and herbs.

Both boys have worked really hard and with great enthusiasm, and have achieved fertile ground in a short space of time.

We look forward to the harvesting process in a few months time!



Mohin and James preparing the ground for their crops

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## Year 11 College Applications

Just a reminder to all parents and carers: if your child is yet to apply for colleges, then they really need to be doing so before time runs out.

Several of our pupils have already applied for and been accepted onto courses already.

The Growth Company is holding an open day at their construction skills centre in Trafford Park on March 26th - where prospective pupils and their parents/carers are invited to get more information.

Feel free to go along and see what they have to offer

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### Kind Donation from Monica's Wedding Flowers

We wish to thank Monica from Monica's Wedding Flowers - a lovely bridal shop that was based in one of the units in Broadstone Mill for many years.

Monica, a lovely lady who regularly waved to us and interacted kindly with our pupils over the years as she parked her car in the bungalow carpark, contacted us when she made her decision to close her lovely wedding accessory business, due to retirement.

She kindly donated: lamps, mirrors, shelves, curtain rail end stops, cottons and ribbons, and other really useful accessories - even some beautiful wedding dresses!

We are very grateful to Monica for these fantastic items and lovely gestures; they are a great asset to our growing and expanding school as we go forward.

We wish Monica a very happy retirement from everyone at Broadstones School.

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### St. Patrick's Day



We have continued celebrating food and traditions from different cultures this half term.

In March pupils and staff were offered a variety of different Irish food options to help celebrate the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

This motivated our school ambassador, Millie, along with her peer, Lacey, to research the background of Irish cuisine, and the origins of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

They both produced information leaflets giving details of the history, influences and general backstory behind the St Patrick's celebrations, celebrated by millions of Irish, Irish descendents and even non-Irish the world over.

As Millie pointed out: "Meat, especially beef, potatoes, and root vegetables are usually in plentiful supply and became the staple diet for hardworking farmhands, needing a hearty meal to keep them fit and strong when carrying out agricultural work." She also found out that "traditional St. Patrick's Day food is heavily influenced by Irish-American traditions, and centres around comfort dishes like: corned beef, cabbage, sodabread, shepherds pies, colcannon, mashed potatoes and kale". Millie also looked at how religion underpins the onset of Irish Fayre.

This was picked up by Lacey who discovered that: "St. Patrick's Day originally honoured the 5th Century Patron Saint of Ireland. And encompasses other traditions and symbols still seen today such as: the wearing of green, attending parades and of the shamrock becoming a symbol of Irish culture." And who can forget Guinness, leprechauns, Celtic Knots, crosses and The Tree of Life!

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### Art with Rebecca

Rebecca has been working with some of our budding artists to create and craft a series of wonderful 'fragmented portraits' of our staff.

Fragmented portraits deconstruct facial imagery to explore themes of identity, memories, emotions and tensions, by breaking down a subject into distinct reassembled parts.

The motivation behind this artform is to not only challenge traditional realistic representations but to try to capture and depict a deeper, psychological impression of the subject.

Here is John, proprietor, in the form of a fragmented portrait:



*From everyone at Broadstones, we wish you all a very happy and restful Easter break.*

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