

# Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## RECEPTION

It has been so lovely being able to enjoy our outdoor time in the sunshine this week – what a difference it makes! The children have had fun creating balancing obstacle courses using the foam bricks and crates, and lots of water play – we even created a waterfall under the tree, down the mud and all over the playground! Our Drawing Club story this week has been The Three Billy Goat's Gruff. The children have enjoyed building bridges, acting out the story using puppets and small world and wondering who might cross the bridge after the goats – maybe a spider, a badger or even an alien! In Maths we have been learning about number 8, noticing that it can be made of 5 and 3 and showing this on our fingers. In Music the children enjoyed listening to lots of different pieces of music, listening out for and clapping along to the beat, noticing that beat can be faster or slower. In PSHE we thought about people who are special to us, but who are not in our family, this might be a grown up at school, a teacher at a club or a godparent.

Thank you to all of you who talked to the children about what's around them in their local environment, they had lots to say about the buildings and features.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

We had lots of book day fun, listening to stories, acting out stories and even sharing books with some of the Year 6 children – everyone enjoyed this! The children looked brilliant in their comfy clothes and costumes – well done everyone for joining in!

## FOREST SCHOOL

**NEXT THURSDAY WILL BE FOREST SCHOOL DAY.** The children can come into school in clothes suitable for Forest School – this must include long trousers/ leggings and a long sleeved top. Lots of children have their own puddle suits in school, please send one in if they have one at home.

## VISIT TO WILD

Thank you to all of you who have made payments towards this visit already. We have been made aware that for some of you, the payment is showing as 'CASH'. We are a cashless school and cannot accept any cash payments. If you have any difficulty make an online payment, please go to the main office and Mrs Patel or Mrs Warden will be able to help.

## LENDING LIBRARY

Library will be open again next Friday. We love to see how many of you come in and get involved!

## READING BOOKS

We have sent home phonics reading books which should be returned on a Friday. If last week's book has been returned today, your child will be bringing home a different book, along with a certificate to say Well Done for practising reading at home! Spending just a few minutes a day practising segmenting and blending makes a huge difference to the children's confidence in our phonics sessions – keep up the great work you're doing at home!

## EVIDENCE ME/ HOMEWORK CHALLENGE –

**FAVOUR TO ASK – Has anyone got a water butt with a tap they no longer need or use? We desperately need one for Forest School so the children can access their own water. If you have, please let a member of staff know. Thanks so much in advance.**

## REMINDERS

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Parents meetings

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parent meetings

**Contact us** If you have any questions, please ask or you can email us: [kburns@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:kburns@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk) [rlewis@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:rlewis@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk) [elloyd@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:elloyd@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk) (Mrs Smallman's email) **Please see the last page for important information**

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## Pre-School

I can't quite believe we are into March already. This year is flying by. **World Book Day - Brilliant costumes for those who dressed up yesterday! We were very lucky to have some year 6 children come down and read to our Pre-School children. They listened and behaved amazingly so well done to all classes!** This week we have been looking at Minibeasts which has fitted in brilliantly with World Book Day, Dudley Performing Arts and Forest School. There are so many stories featuring minibeasts and we have read quite a few this week – for example Lazy Ladybird, Crunching Munching Caterpillar, Superworm and many more. Catherine from DPA taught us some lovely new songs all about different minibeasts too. Using the interactive whiteboard, we looked at lots of different pictures of minibeasts. We looked at familiar bugs such as bumblebees, spiders, slugs and also looked at millipedes, daddy long legs and wasps! We talked about features each of them has. We knew some minibeasts could sting and some minibeasts have lots of legs and some with no legs! This week all children made a scary spider! Using black paint, they painted down the middle of their paper. Once folded children had to push the paint around to create the spider's body! We learnt that spiders have 8 legs which we counted and then found out that most spiders also have 8 eyes and more!! The spiders looked amazing on our Art Gallery. Children also enjoyed playing in our tuff tray with the bugs and making houses for them. We learnt different minibeasts have different types of homes. For example, worms underground and where it is wet and spiders make their own homes creating a web.

**Maths** – We have looked at height and length this week. We have been looking at things that are tall or short. We have even been comparing ourselves to our friends! We used the correct language using tall, tallest, taller or short, shorter or shortest. For example, Mrs Randle is taller than Sarah. Poppy is shorter than Mrs Randle. We have also been looking at long and short too.

**Phonics** – In Phonics, we have continued looking at rhyming which we will keep repeating - Words that sound the same. We sang lots of Nursery rhymes emphasising on those rhyming words such as star and car or wool and full. We have played some Orchard Games which encourages hearing rhyming words too such as bee, tree and key – and hat, cat and bat!

**Forest School** – We did very well to avoid the wet weather in Forest School! We played with lots of mud and water. We mixed them together to create our own mud paint! We painted with paintbrushes onto paper and we also experimented with chalk. We used chalk onto trees, logs to see what types of patterns we could make with the chalk. Please encourage the children at home to get dressed themselves/shoes on and off etc- this gets them more independent and gets them ready for Forest School and P.E in Reception!

**EvidenceMe Challenge** – As we have been measuring lots this week. Can your child find something (or someone) who is shorter than them? And something (or someone) or might be taller than them? This could be a doll, dinosaur, family member or just a signpost! Have fun.

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**After World Book Day** – we have a missing book. It is called Sunshine Bear – can you please check at home to make sure your child hasn't taken the wrong book home or accidentally taken an extra one! Thank you

## REMINDERS –

- Please make sure you read the school newsletter from Mr Stevens as there is important information on there too.
- **WRAP AROUND PAYMENTS** – This is to inform parents who pay for wrap around that charges will now be added on a Monday for that week. Payments will need to be made that same week using the new app. Thank you.
- There are spaces available for Pre-School starting September 2026! If you have any family members or friends who's child is 3 years old and would like to start Preschool in September please let them know to click on the link to [Bromley Hills Primary School - Pre-School - Register Your Interest](#)
- Please see the last few pages for important information. Any questions or if you need support please just ask or email me on [epowis@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:epowis@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk)

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### Important Information

- Please read the attached information about the consumption of slush ice drinks and the effect that they can have on younger children under 7 years and the limit for children under 10 years <https://www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/glycerol>
- **From Public Health** – Please click on the link for nutrition guidance for healthy lunchboxes <https://www.dudleyhealthylunchbox.org.uk/>
- **From Public Health** – MMR / MMRV vaccination is vital because measles is highly infectious and can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia, meningitis and, in rare cases, long-term disability. Both vaccines are safe and the MMR provides effective protection against measles, mumps and rubella, and the MMRV vaccine also includes protection against chickenpox (varicella), helping to keep children, staff and the wider community safe.

**Don't forget your child's next appointments to help give them the best protection as they begin to explore the world and mix with more children and people.**

#### Schedule from one year of age to 5 years of age

Age of child	Vaccine given	Diseases the vaccines protect against
One year	PCV MMRV MenB	Pneumococcal Measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox MenB
18 months	MMRV (dose 2)	Measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox
	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB (6 in 1 vaccine)	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib and hepatitis
3 years and 4 months	dTaP/IPV (pre-school booster)	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio
	MMRV if a dose was missed	Measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox



#### Types of MMRV vaccine

The MMRV vaccine contains weakened versions of living measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox viruses. Because these viruses are weakened, they do not spread easily to other people.

There are 2 MMRV vaccines which work equally well: **ProQuad** and **Priorix Tetra**. ProQuad contains porcine gelatine (gelatine from pigs) and Priorix Tetra does not. If you want your child to have the vaccine without gelatine, talk to your practice nurse or GP.

Further information is available in the patient information leaflets.

#### ProQuad

[www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101444/pil](http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101444/pil)

#### Priorix Tetra

[www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101321/pil](http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101321/pil)

More information on vaccines and porcine gelatine is available on [GOV.UK](http://GOV.UK).



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