

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026



RECEPTION

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter break last week hearing all about what they had been up to during their holidays. Thank you to those who sent in photos on EvidenceME – the children always enjoy sharing what they do. It was great to see so many of the children with their peas! We hope they have continued growing – keep us updated! We have planted some of our bean plants in pots in the playground – we are keeping our fingers crossed we might even harvest some beans later on!

We have got off to a flying start this half term with our new learning all about 'Creatures Great and Small'. This week we have thought some of the tiniest creatures...minibeasts! The children always love to go hunting for bugs at Forest School, so we didn't need much persuading to go out looking again as scientist for our Science learning. We found so many...ladybirds, slugs, millipedes, snails, ants, worms and woodlice. The children used bug pots to collect them in to take a closer look and then remembered to put them carefully back at the end of the session.

In RE we have been thinking about special places and the children came up with some lovely things to say about where their special places were. Next week we will be thinking about special places that some people might use to pray or worship.

Our PSHE is all about looking after our bodies and minds. Last week we thought about how exercise is good for our body and our mind, how it makes our heart beat faster. This week we have thought about how yoga can help our minds. The children regularly join in with a yoga session after lunch so it was good for them to know how it is helping look after their minds! Our PE session this week was full of lots of exercises as we went to the field to join in with some team games and races! We completed an egg and spoon race, balancing challenge and even the hurdles! It was lots of fun.

FOREST SCHOOL

THURSDAY 30th APRIL WILL BE A FOREST SCHOOL DAY – the children can wear clothes appropriate for Forest School – this **must** include long trousers/ leggings/ joggers and a long-sleeved top. They also need their waterproof coat in school. If they have a puddle suit, please make sure this is in school too.

LENDING LIBRARY

Library will be open again next week. Please return this week's books (and any others you might find at home!) ready for a new book.

READING BOOKS

Phonics reading books have been swapped today if your child returned the book issued last week, and they will have received their certificate! We have also made many of the titles on Collins Hub available so that there is a bank of books to read at home. Spending just a few minutes a day reading or practising segmenting and blending words makes a huge difference to the children's confidence during phonics and reading.

HOME CHALLENGE

Why not carry on our bug hunting in your garden or even if you go to the park! You could write a list of what you find, draw a picture or send us some photos!

REMINDERS

THURSDAY 7th MAY – SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO POLLING FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY 20th MAY – visit to Wild Zoological Park

FRIDAY 22nd May – Praise Assembly @ 2.45pm...all welcome!

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

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Pre-School

I hope you all received the Summer Newsletter last week. This is very important to read as there is a lot of information and important dates you will need to know going forward. Any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you to those who sent in pictures using EvidenceMe - We really enjoyed looking at your photos of what you had been up too over the Easter break. We hope you all had a lovely break - can't quite believe how lovely the weather has been this week! But we have tried to make the most of it and going outside. We have started a new topic last week of 'Healthy Me' which we have continued this week too. We have been thinking about how we keep ourselves healthy! We have had the teeth brushing station out and talked about the importance of brushing our teeth and keeping them and our mouth clean! We also spoke what food is healthy and good for us and maybe some foods that are a little unhealthy! We played 'I spy' with some healthy and unhealthy foods and spoke about how we can have a little bit of unhealthy food sometimes! The children have been asking their friends their favourite fruit they like to eat! In the water tray, we added all the babies with some soap/conditioner and some sponges. Again, to talk about the importance of washing our bodies and why. This promotes independence and encouraging children to do more on their own. On the creative table children again used their scissor skills to make their own fruit basket. They also have been using fruit to print with using paint. Finally, they have used plastic knives and forks to cut some playdough! This again is promoting independence of children using a knife and fork.

Maths - In Maths last week we looked at sequencing. This matched lovely with our topic as we spoke about the order we do things. For example, when getting up in the morning - what do we do first? Get out of bed, then brush teeth or have breakfast. This is explaining to the children about putting things in the correct order when we complete tasks.

Phonics - In Phonics we have started something new. We have been introduced to Segmenting Seb and Blending Ben! They have important jobs to do as Segmenting Seb chops up words and speaks like a robot and Blending Ben puts the words back together! This is something we are going to look at a lot over the Summer Term. This helps the children to hear all the sounds in simple words for example - c-a-t or d-o-g or t-a-p.

Forest School - What a beautiful sunny Forest School today. We had a fire and did some cooking! Miss Hawthorne and I had to children next to us by the fire. We toasted some yummy crumpets and then the children spread their own butter on top! They all listened and behaved extremely well! We were very proud of them, so well done to them all 😊

EvidenceMe Challenge - Easy one this weekend. As we have been talking about healthy foods - can your child find something that's healthy to eat? This could be when they are eating their dinner and tea or having a snack or having a look in the cupboards/fridge!

With regards to observations, they will automatically become less over the Summer Term. We have a lovely but extremely busy Summer Term with all the exciting things we have to do for example Share A Story, Sports Days, report meetings, transition days and much more!! Please keep sending in your lovely pictures because we love to see these on a Monday morning.

Just to update you - Unfortunately I won't be available for the next few weeks so if there are any questions/queries please speak to the Pre-School staff or email info@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. If it is not urgent, then I can sort any queries when I return. Thank you for understanding.

REMINDERS -

- Please check previous Forest School letter/email regarding dates
- Share A Story
- Voting day - Thursday 7th May - School is closed for Voting.
- Please make sure you read the school newsletter from Mr Stevens as there is important information on there too.
- 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

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Important Information

- **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.

From Lead For Childcare - It is always important for parents and carers to make sure that children stay up to date with all their routine vaccinations, as these offer important protection against infectious disease outbreaks. Parents and carers should also be aware and alert to the signs and symptoms of invasive meningococcal disease. For more information, visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/> or see the information available from two charities who offer free support via their websites and helplines [Meningitis B outbreak: what you need to know](#) – UK Health Security Agency

The Meningitis Research Foundation www.meningitis.org

Helpline UK 080 8800 3344

Meningitis Now www.meningitisnow.org

Helpline 0808 80 10 388 or helpline@meningitisnow.org

UKHSA blog post



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

Priorix Tetra

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101321/pil

More information on vaccines and porcine gelatine is available on GOV.UK.

