



BROADLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy but enjoyable end to the term with three fabulous Christmas Productions over the last two weeks beginning with Reception's Nativity, then a Key Stage 1 performance of 'Ralph the Reindeer', and finishing with an emotional musical by Key Stage 2 of 'The Little Match Girl'.

The story of a poor, young girl trying to sell matches in the street, barefoot and cold really touched the hearts of the children and staff as we prepared for the KS2 performance. This led us to talk about homelessness and to think of how this affects not only those sleeping rough but families living in bed and breakfast or 'sofa surfing', including some families in the Sandown and Lake areas.

Parents, carers and wider family members – you are amazing! We encouraged you to show your appreciation of the children's fabulous acting and singing skills by making a donation to two Isle of Wight charities - Aspire, Ryde and The Pop-up Soup Kitchen. We are delighted to tell you that we raised £440 - £220 to Aspire, Ryde and £220 to The Pop-up Soup Kitchen. Thank you!

Last Friday, we all enjoyed our Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for sending your children to school all looking so jolly and warm – it raised £240 for Spinal Muscular Atrophy Support UK. Finally, the biscuit sale for Children in Need was also a huge success, raising another £313!

Thank you once again – your support has been fabulous!

At the end of a very busy and productive term, I also want to tell you how amazing our staff have been. We recently had our annual visit from Hampshire Inspection & Advisory Service. This is an annual Leadership & Learning visit all schools have each year. The two Primary Phase Inspectors found evidence to demonstrate the impact of the school's drive to improve writing through the development of expectations and consistency. It was their finding that if similar improvements are made in other subjects then the school will ensure its trajectory to achieve a good outcome at the next Ofsted inspection. We are delighted with this outcome and feel it reflects the hard work of staff in ensuring we have the best possible outcomes for all our children.



Our children have also been amazing! Alongside all their hard work, they have represented the school in a range of sporting activities, performed at the Children's Literary Festival, showcased their work during open afternoons for parents, visited the Tower of London and the Classic Boat Museum, sold their creations at the Christmas fair, made 'daffydowndillys' for the 'Dark Nights' event at The Garlic farm, taken part in World War 1 commemorative events and worked alongside visiting authors to develop their Literacy skills. On every occasion, they have behaved beautifully and been a credit to us as a school and to you.

As you already know, Miss Gough is leaving us to teach English in South Korea. We wish her well as she embarks on this new adventure and thank her for all she has done for the children during her time at Broadlea. Mrs Williams has visited and begun to get to know the class. She has been working with Mr Speer and Mrs Chambers and is excited to be working with Mercury class from January.

We also wish Mrs Digby well as she prepares for the birth of her first baby, and Miss Hendy who is expecting her third baby. We hope to see them for a few days in the New Year but babies don't always do as they are told and we know that they may not make it back after a well-deserved rest and a few extra mince pies this Christmas! We look forward to them visiting us with their new babies in the Spring term. Mrs Hamilton has spent the last two weeks with us and has already met many of the parents of Octopus class - I know that she is already really enjoying working with our children.

Please could I remind you to check our Facebook page and download OurSchoolsApp as we will continue to reduce the amount of paper we use and rely on these forms of communication to share important information. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our page – just click on the link on our website and ignore the pop up box asking you to sign up to Facebook. We love sharing our learning with you and your family and friends as it happens and would like to say thank you for all the positive comments we have received regarding communication.

I wish you all a very Merry and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,



Sharon Freeley
Head Teacher

