



Broomley First School

22 September 2023



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Our overall attendance this week was

98.6%

Well done everyone! Keep up the good work everyone!



SCHOOL UPDATES

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29 September from 8.15am to 9.00am

Next Friday, Broomley First are holding a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer support. The coffee morning will run first thing from 8.15am to 9.00am - we are aware that Ovingham Middle School are also holding a coffee morning from 9.15am so parents and carers will be able to attend both if they would like.

Children will be able to come in with their parents until the start of the school day when they will head off to class. Parents are then welcome to stay in the hall for a little while longer to finish their teas and coffees and have a chat with other parents. In order to be more eco- friendly, we are asking if adults can bring their own cup with them.



We would also like to ask for donations of cakes, biscuits and pastries for the event- please could you drop off any donations on Thursday at the school office. If any parents would like to volunteer to help with the teas and coffees, please let the school office know. Any cakes left over, will be sold at the end of the day, with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support.



In addition to the coffee morning, our PTA will run a book swap where we ask children to bring 1 or 2 books in and they can swap for another to take home. Additional child and adults books can also be bought for a small donation. We request that donated books (children and adult) are sent into school on Wednesday/Thursday ahead of the book swap on Friday.

There will also be preloved uniform for Broomley and Ovingham Middle School available, with proceeds towards our PTA (items on a pay as you feel basis).

It will be lovely to welcome parents into school and we hope many of you can join us!

Opal - Braving the Shave for Macmillan Cancer Support

We would like to say a massive well done to Opal who braved the shave last Monday to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. She has currently raised around £600 which is an outstanding achievement. Her Just Giving page will remain open until Monday so if anyone would still like to donate, please follow the link below:



<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/f2589524-aa57-40a7-9438-788a4f247430>



Small Group Music Lessons - Date Change again next week

As Y3 will be on their Forest School day on Thursday 28th September, Mr Ioannides has again swapped the small group music lessons to Friday 29 September so that no-one misses their lesson. Please can you remind your child to bring their instruments and music into school on Friday instead of Thursday next week. Thank you for help with this.



Harvest Festival Celebrations - Wednesday 25 October

We are just finalising details of our Harvest Festival celebrations and would like to invite parents to come along to join us. We are splitting the Harvest Festival into two this year: KS1 children (Y1 and Y2) will have a harvest celebration assembly in school in the morning at 10am (this will enable parents who are attending the Reception class stay and play session in the morning to come along). Our KS2 (Y3 and 4) Harvest Festival will take place at 2.30pm in the afternoon - the venue for this celebration will be confirmed as soon as we can. We appreciate that parents with children across both key stages may not be able to attend both celebrations but want to make them as accessible to as many parents and carers as possible and we have to consider space limitations in the school hall and other venues. Reception class will have their stay and play session rather than a harvest celebration.

If any families would like to bring in donations for the Harvest Festival, we will again be collecting for the Miners' Lamp local food bank in Prudhoe.



MEDICAL INFORMATION - GOOGLE FORM

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a response to our medical information questionnaire. Most parents have now completed this form but if you haven't already done so, please could you follow the link below and complete the questions, even if your child does not have any medical needs. This will enable us to have a clear and complete picture of all the medical needs within school.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DnTX09gJ6LbYc6ZMY8B72ThQni4tfE6bxqoNDGUsG24/edit>

If anything changes with your child's medical needs, we would be grateful if you could inform school.

We also wanted to share the link below with you which has lots of useful information from the NHS about childhood illnesses, what to look out for and when its ok to send your child to school and when you should keep them home. It's not always easy to know and the information contained below may help:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Birthday Cakes in School

We have had a query about whether children can bring birthday cakes into school to share with their classmates when it is their birthday. Unfortunately, as we have a number of children in school with allergies, we ask that parents do not send in cakes. It can also cause upset for some of the children whose parents are not able to send cakes in on their birthdays. We do always have a class celebration with the children who have their birthday in school time and sing happy birthday to them.



Milk Payments

If your child has chosen to have milk at breaktimes this term, and is over 5 for the whole of the term, the payment of £18.25 is now due. You can pay online using MCAS - select PRODUCTS from the menu and then Milk - hover over the picture and it will let you add the payment to your basket. Alternatively, you can send payment into school in a named envelope, clearly marked Milk - please send the correct change if possible. Also please ask your child to hand the envelope in to their class teacher or the school office as staff do not check the book bags.



Issues with MCAS

Some parents have mentioned that they are having difficulty accessing their MCAS accounts this week. We have received a message to say that MCAS have been having some technical

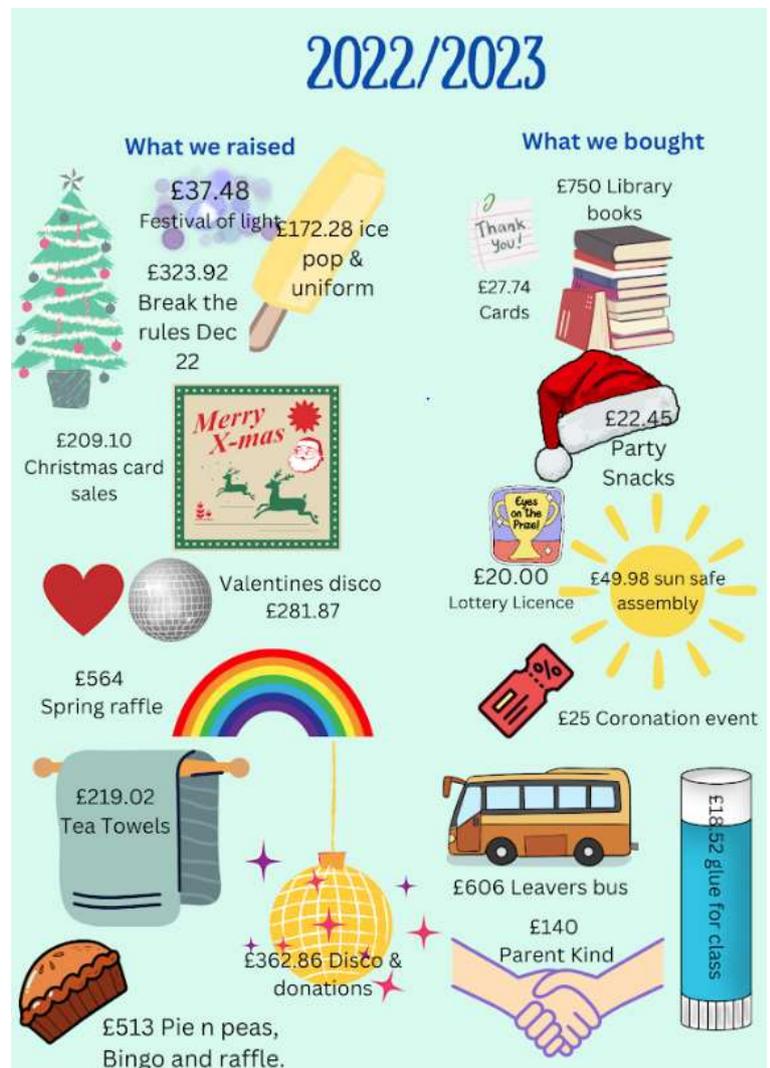
issues. Some parents have been asked to update the app but then no updates are available. It seems this may be an issue linked to the Apple Store for some iphone users. If a parent is trying to update their App, but there is no update button, they should click in the App icon which then displays details of the App and from there, there is the option to update.

Broomley PTA - Funds Raised Last Year

Our PTA do an amazing job running events throughout the year both in and out of school. They help to raise much needed funds that are used in school to benefit all our children.

The poster opposite shows what funds were raised last year and what those funds were used for.

Thank you to everyone involved - it really is appreciated by the staff and children.





School Photos - Tuesday 26 September

Just a reminder that Debbie Young Photography will be in school on Tuesday 26 September to take individual school photos. Children with siblings in school will also have family group photos taken.

Information will be sent home with the children on how you can order the photographs if you would like to - please note there is no obligation to purchase photographs. We receive commission on all sales made, which is used to fund additional activities and resources in school.

Portal open for School Admissions Applications to Middle School

The NCC School admissions team have asked us to let parents of Y4 children know that it is now time for to apply for a place at middle school starting in September 2024. Applications are made via the NCC Admissions portal – please see the link below:

https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

The Portal opened on 12th September 2023 and will close at midnight on 31st October 2023.

Parents need to follow the link above to register, you will then receive an email which will enable you to then apply for places. If you have any problems, please contact the school admissions team on 01670 624889.

Each middle school will be holding open events for parents and children to attend. Please check the middle school websites and we will forward on information regarding these events as and when we get it.

Ovingham and Highfield Middle School Open Evenings:



Ovingham Middle School
Cheviot Learning Trust

OPEN EVENING
FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4TH 2023
4.00pm – 6.00pm

We are so proud of our school and would like to share this with you!

COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR FANTASTIC SCHOOL

- PRESENTATION BY JENNY BULLOCK (HEADTEACHER) AND OUR YEAR 8 HOUSE CAPTAINS(4.30pm and 5.15pm)
- TAKE PART IN SOME EXCITING CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES
 - LEARN MORE ABOUT LIFE AT OMS
 - MEET STAFF AND PUPILS

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

OPEN DAY TOURS
 Thursday 5th October 1.45pm and Friday 6th October 11.00am.

Please contact the school office on 01661833215 or admin@oms.cheviot.tl.co.uk to book a place on the tour

Honesty: We have the courage to always tell the truth and take responsibility for what we have done.
Excellence: We aim high and set the bar that we can be at all times.
Accomplish: We respect and accept ourselves, others and the environment around us.
Resilience: We work hard, are determined and we keep trying.
Teamwork: We are friendly, helpful and co-operative.



Want to join our school? Now, next year or in the future? **2023**

Open Evening
HIGHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Meet pupils and staff
- Hear from our leadership team
- Check out our great facilities
- Try our school meals... and much more

Tuesday 3rd October 2023
4:00 – 6:00 pm

* Families requiring bespoke tours due to complex pupil needs can arrange this via the school office

Other Local Events:

Dive into a sea of fun at the Wild Oysters Family Fun Day!

Join in on Saturday, September 30th, from 12:00 to 15:00, at Roker Beach in Sunderland for a FREE event that's perfect for all ages!



👉 See the incredible oyster reef sand art installation that will be created with [Soul2Sand](#)

🌊 Take part in a beach clean

👤 [Ranger Jane beach school](#) will guide kids through a thrilling rock pooling adventure, unveiling the wonders of the sea

🎵 Enjoy the lively tunes of The Silver Shanty Men as they serenade everyone by the shore

🎨 Transform into sea creatures with fantastic face painting

Please keep in mind that participation in activities will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Plus, all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout the event.

Bring your family and friends for a fun filled afternoon. Don't miss out on this afternoon of ocean-inspired entertainment and education.

Get your tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../wild-oysters-family-fun...>

See you at Roker Beach! 🏖️🌊

[#WildOystersFunDay](#) 🌊👤

[ZSL Blue Marine Foundation British Marine](#)

DIARY DATES



Monday 25 September	Y1 Forest School / Outdoor Day
Tuesday 26 September	Individual School Photos – Debbie Young Photography
Thursday 28 September	Y3 Forest School / Outdoor Day
w/c 9 October	Interim Reports out to parents
Monday 16 October and Wednesday 18 October	Parent Consultation Meetings – more information on how to book appointments to follow nearer the time
Wednesday 25th October	Reception Class Stay and Play 8.35am to 9.45am - more information to be sent separately
Wednesday 25th October	Harvest Festival Celebrations: KS1 (Y1 and 2) - 10am School Hall KS2 (Y3 and 4) - 2.30pm - venue to be confirmed Parents and carers are all welcome
Thursday 26 October	Break up for half term

Friday 27 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 6 November	School reopens for Autumn 2
8- 15 November	BFS Book Fair in conjunction with Scholastic Books
Wednesday 15 November	NHS Vision Screening – Reception Class
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children
Tuesday 19 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 22 December	School Closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 8 January	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 January	School reopens for Spring 1