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Welcome to Broadstones half termly (pre-Easter) newsletter!

This half terms' newsletter is packed with some of the great things taking place in our wonderful school.

In this edition, we cover: the winner of our spelling competition; past and future events for parents/carers, our science trip to the Sea-Life Centre; an Easter quiz, plus lots, lots more...

Half Termly Spelling Competition



This half term's clear winner was Brooke, who scored the full 10 out of 10 on her first attempt of the test, which is very impressive for a Year 9 pupil.

She received the £10.00 Amazon voucher and as a result of her brilliant spelling ability, we have now had to up the ante this time round with even harder words on this term's test!

Well done Brooke!



**Happy Easter to all
our learners,
parents, carers, staff
and benefactors!**

Parents / Carers Open Day

Parents, carers and staff enjoyed the Open day on Thursday 16th February was very successful.

Parents and carers met with teaching and support staff to discuss their child's progress and attainment.

All parents and carers who attended had nothing but praise and gratitude for the progress and amazing work they were able to view.

Parents / Carers Easter Social Event

The next event will be held on Thursday March 30th at The Vale site from 6pm to 8pm.

This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to look at the work and find out about the progress of their children.

It's a chance to discuss what goes on at Broadstones as well as having the chance to meet up with other parents and carers.

We hope to see as many people as possible and would be grateful to know in advance via email if you wish to attend.

Food and drink will also be provided.

Work Experience

Some of our pupils have commenced their work-experience placements, giving them a great opportunity to taste the world of work.

Work experience at Broadstones involves giving pupils various placements to try in a variety of different contexts to help them prepare for their careers.

Currently two of our pupils are on placements at Re:dish - our partner charity.

Mike Nolan of Cornerstones Ltd is a local builder who provides work placements related to construction.

We are in the process of building links with a local care facility with the prospect of further placements.

If any parents, carers or friends have any contacts who can offer work placements, please get in touch with the school and we will be happy to establish new placements.



One of our pupils helped to build a new path at the Vale

Venture Out



A pupil takes aim

Ryan and Alex took some of our learners to the Venture Out Centre in Stockport.

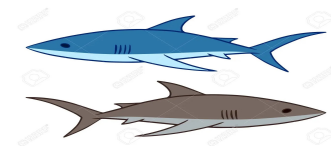
Bobby, Henry and Jay-Jay had a fantastic time taking part in activities such as mountain biking, fire building and archery.

A great way to keep fit and enjoy the great outdoors simultaneously.



Ryan - the next Robin Hood?

Science Sea-Life Trip



Claire (Science teacher) arranged a trip for some of our pupils to the Trafford Centre Sea-Life Centre.

This was a fantastic opportunity for some of our pupils to learn about many different species of fish, amphibians and reptiles.

Pupils and staff were able to see the different types of environments and habitats that animals and fish need in order to thrive.

They were also lucky enough to be taken on a 'back-door' tour, where they were shown the food preparation, and the holding tanks area (used for quarantining new fish).

A fantastic event that allowed staff and pupils to have a fun-day out whilst learning about some of the wonderful creatures that share our planet!



Highly poisonous but extremely cute puffer fish

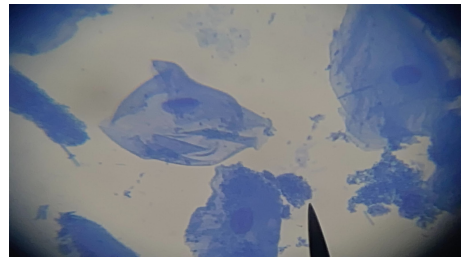


Terrapins keep warm under ultraviolet light



Our privileged tour of the food preparation and quarantine area

Claire has also been teaching Chloe how to analyse her own cheek cells under the microscope using a cell slide and methylene blue dye.



Three of Chloe's cheek cells

Bee Market



The Broadstones Bee Market will take place on 25th March 2023. Working in conjunction with Re:dish, our stall will be situated outside their charity shop in Houldsworth Square.

We hope to see as many people as possible, to support our school and this fantastic charity to help raise money whilst giving people the opportunity to grab a bargain!

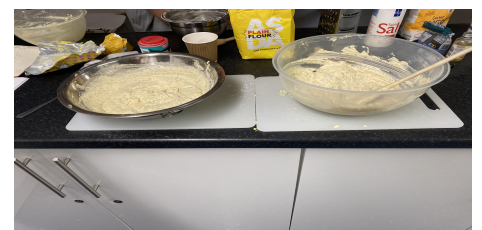
Conor's Culinary Delights



Conor, our school ambassador has treated staff and pupils to more of his culinary delights. This time round he made beef burgers and mixed salad, crispy chicken wraps, cupcakes and lemon and poppy seed muffins.

Lou has been teaching Conor the benefits of following recipes down to a tee.

His band of tasters (or those quick enough to grab his fayre) have been particularly impressed with the quality of his cuisine.



Beginning to mix things up



Simply the zest

On Your Bike! (With Alex)



Our Bikes department has now moved into the electronic bike world. They have just performed their first electric conversion, using John's (proprietor) own bike as a test run.

Alex said, "John is really happy with the outcome, which means he can now cruise (as opposed to scramble) the beautiful hills of Scotland."

"By moving over to the world of electronic bikes, our subject content becomes even more fresh, current and up-to-date."



John demonstrates that
he really is electric!

Easter Quiz



How many Easter Eggs are sold in the U.K. every year? a) 60 million, d) 80 million, c) 100 million

Which country started the tradition of the Easter Bunny? a) England, b) Germany, c) America

What is the Sunday before Easter called? a) Easter Sunday, b) Palm Sunday, c) Lent Sunday

Where did the Easter Bunny originate from? a) a Roald Dahl story, b) Asia, c) Europe

What date is Easter Sunday in 2023?

Good luck!



Useful Contact Numbers

KOOTH: www.kooth.com
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for 11-18 year olds

MOSAIC: 0161-218-1100
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