

# THE BULLETIN

Brougham Street Community Nursery School  
Official Newsletter



## Farewell and Good Luck

BY ALISON STEWART - CO-HEAD & FOREST SCHOOL LEADER

The end of the academic year is always one where we look forward to new adventures as many of our children move on to primary school or transition between our classrooms. This year is somewhat different as Michael, our long time substantive headteacher moves on to new adventures himself. This is not retirement he stresses, but an opportunity to pursue new challenges. We will miss him greatly.

Michael joined Brougham Street Community Nursery School in September 2015. I was there the day he was interviewed, we passed on the corridor as I went to pick up my own daughter from nursery school. He stood out, firstly as the only male candidate, but secondly because he was the only candidate not weighed down with resources to use in the observation activity of the interview. I obviously had no idea at this point that I would be returning to Brougham Street a few months later as a member of staff, but that picture of Michael has always stuck with me. He doesn't need to put on 'a show', he is also generous with his knowledge and experience and I know that all of us at BSCNS have learned a great deal and will continue to strive to learn ore, inspired by him. Thank you from all of us!



## Important Dates

Summer Holiday Starts  
25TH JULY  
(Holiday club and Childcare open)

Bank Holiday - Closed  
28TH AUGUST

Maintenance Days - Closed  
29TH AUGUST  
30TH AUGUST

Staff Training Day - Closed  
4TH SEPTEMBER

Holiday club and Childcare open  
5TH SEPTEMBER

First Day Of Term  
6TH SEPTEMBER



Remember to regularly check  
Tapestry for updates



[www.broughamstreetcommunitynurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.broughamstreetcommunitynurseryschool.co.uk)

### New Look Website

We are proud to share with you our new look website, launched only this half term it already has had lots of visitors. We hope that you like the new look and find it easy to find the information that you need.

There is now a separate tab to access all of our Padlets, which are our 'Sharing Portals', you can find more information about these later in this newsletter.

There is also more information on funding and how to access tax free childcare. If you ever have any questions about funding, please just get in touch with Ayesha in Reception.



### New Look Logo

We asked our staff team to describe our ethos as simply as possible. The response was brilliant but one really stood out and that was 'Belong, Support, Nurture' and was the genius suggestion put forward by Maria Whitehead our Midday Supervisory Assistant in nursery school. It even inspired us to design a new logo, which we feel represents us as a nursery school, our diversity, our inclusiveness and our sense of belonging.





## Baby Room News

BY NIKKI INGHAM - ROOM LEADER

Over the past few weeks we have been focusing on nature, we have been incorporating this theme into our play by using a wide range of natural resources that we have collected while we have been out and about on our walks in the local community. We have been very busy planting lots of different flowers, lettuce and strawberries which we enjoyed picking and tasting. We have taken part in a bug hunt and found some beetles, spiders and bumble bees and the children get very excited when they see the bugs crawling amongst our flowers.

Over the next half term we will be carrying on with our focus of nature and we will be visiting the library to look at some books about creepy crawlies, harvesting the rest of our fruit and vegetables and taking regular trips to see the boats and feed the ducks on the canal.

Throughout the months of June and July we've been focusing on our two core books which are Buster's Farm and Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See. The children took part in activities linked to these books such as using Buster's red wellies for welly printing and looking at the sounds different animals make.





## Discoverer's Room News

BY HARRIS PAYNE - ROOM LEADER

Following our recent interest in our sunflowers in the garden, and blowing into tubes to make bubbles in the water tray, today I have set up an activity to enhance this interest further and to deepen our learning and understanding.

The children each took turns to choose a colour and make their very own. We have been using our skills from our previous book 'tip tip dig dig' and been doing lots of mix mix mixing!

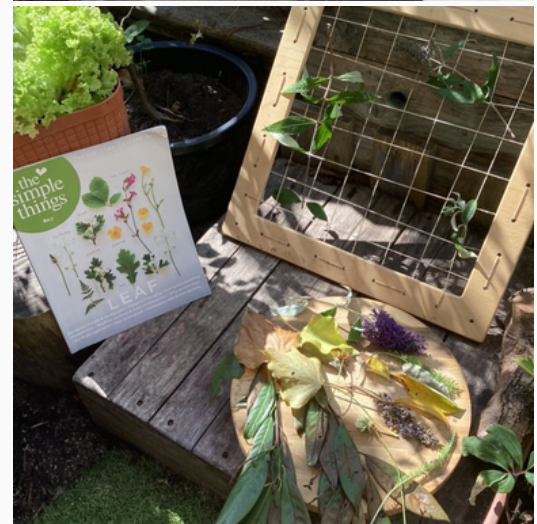
As well as a microscopic view of a sunflower leaf, they also looked like bubbles. Our book of the month this July is 'Shark in the Park'. - so we have been discovering what the sea is like, what creatures live there and what plants you may find in the sea.

Continuing to follow our interest in nature we experimented with nature weaving. This nature weaving activity combines creativity and the outdoors. It encourages exploration of textures and nature. It is super quick and easy to set up and uses materials you most likely already have at home. Nature weaving is a great way to teach children about different plants and to encourage creativity.

Weaving also helps to develop:

- Eye-hand coordination and concentration
- Problem-solving skills. Children need to consider and work through any problems they encounter as they weave.
- Understanding of patterns and sequencing, which are essential for later literacy and numeracy development.
- Language skills such as naming colours, and language concepts such as 'in,' 'out,' 'up,' 'down' etc.
- Creativity and relaxation. Weaving is a quiet, calming activity in which children can develop and express their creative ideas.

We love exploring nature in the Discoverer's room!!





## Who lives here? Asks Nursery School

BY BECCY ROBINSON - CLASS TEACHER

Well, what a busy term it has been in nursery school! Our project this term has been “who lives there?” and we have had so many wonderful opportunities. We even incorporated the King’s coronation into our project! We have been out and about lots as part of our project. Every child in the class has been on a trip to Skipton castle which was incredible! The visit inspired lots of role play, and the children worked collaboratively to make and fire their own canons! We have been on learning walks to study local architecture, visited estate agents which inspired us to set up our own role play area – we even saw our own houses for sale in it! We have looked at building sites and visited the allotments and wild flower meadows too. We have had many visitors too – the children developed a keen interest in exploring who lived under logs and rock in the garden, so we have seen and handled super bugs – giant size snails, millipedes and beetles came to visit which was incredible! We have been lucky enough to see inside a beehive and see over 2000 bees!

We have also witnessed the process of metamorphosis, inspired by the story “The very hungry caterpillar” (who lives in a cocoon?) and “The teeny weeny tadpole” (who lives in a pond?) We have tracked and predicted the growth of the caterpillars, watched chrysalides form and seen butterflies emerge. Looking at each stage through magnifying glasses had been incredible! We have been so careful and gentle when we have been handling them. We have been amazed at how quickly tadpoles transform into frogs, and we have learned how we needed to adapt their environment to meet the needs of their changing bodies.

We are also busy preparing our children for transition into primary schools; many of our children have already met their new teachers and visited their new schools. We are now preparing to say goodbye to many of our wonderful children, and preparing to welcome many new children!



# Places where children eat free during the summer holidays



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### M&S

Free Kid's Munch Meal when you spend £5+ on non-kids food or drink at M&S Cafés

### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day. FREE Crumpets also available

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### BREWDOG

Kids under 13 eat free until August 25th 2023 with one adult's main meal when you pre-book with code: **KIDS EAT FREE**

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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# THE PLACES WE GO & THE PEOPLE WE MEET

We are a community nursery school!



## *Skipton Castle*

*ALL 60 pupils of Brougham Street Nursery School class visited Skipton Castle, thanks to a community grant from estate agents Linley and Simpson. Linked to their project 'Who lives there?' and inspired by the King's Coronation!*

## *Visit from Fire & Rescue*

*A fire engine came to school next door to see the big children. We were able to have a look around it and even got to sit in it! Once we were back in the nursery yard the fireman set off the sirens which we enjoyed but they were a bit noisy!*



## *A Walk to the Canal*

*We love going for walks, this time we went to the canal to feed the birds. We even saw a swan and its cygnets! Afterwards, we each found a stick and had a "pooh stick race" we talked about how fast the sticks went and the size of them!*



# MEET THE TEAM



## Nicky Allot - Nursery Assistant - Baby Room

*Hi my name is Nicky, I have worked at Brougham street for 6 years and I am based in the baby room. I have been lucky enough to work across all the rooms during my time at Brougham street. I love outdoor play and I enjoy taking the children on educational visits to the library and the park.*

*In my spare time I enjoy taking my dog Marley for walks and spending time with my two children. I love to visit Whitby which is my favourite place and I often visit several times a year.*

# HEADTEACHERS'S LAST HURRAH!



*Thank you to everyone who joined us to say goodbye to Michael. It was wonderful to see so many families and staff members, both past and present. The sun shone, the music played and good fun was had by all!*

*It was quite an emotional night but sharing it with Michael and all of our friends made it a memorable one for all of the right reasons!*



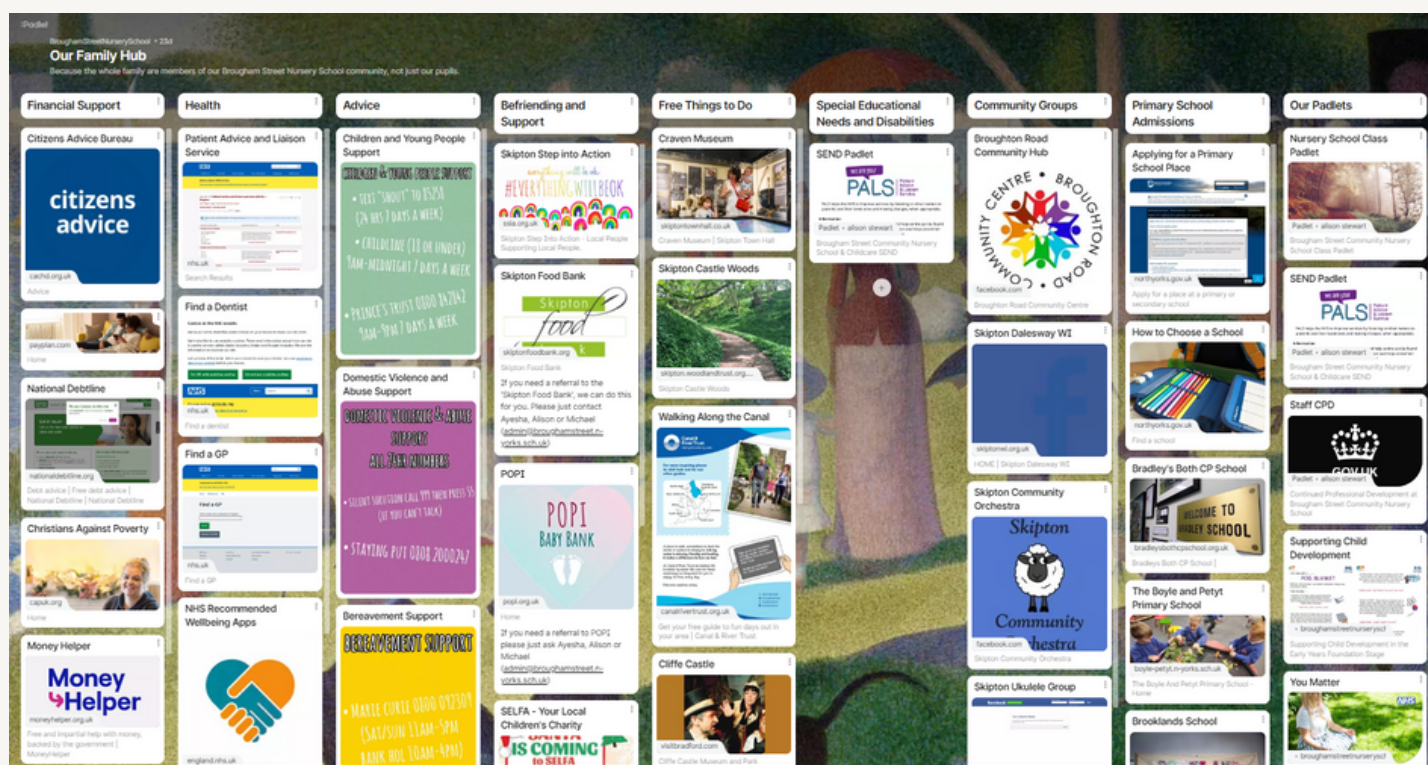
*Michael delivering his farewell speech and Michael styled as Robin Hood, we know that his good deeds, particularly for children with SEND will continue.*



# OUR PADLETS

At Brougham Street Community Nursery School we don't 'gatekeep'. By this we mean that we don't keep good ideas to ourselves and share them publicly. One way in which we share useful information is by Padlet. Padlets are websites in their own right, and are 'walls of information'.

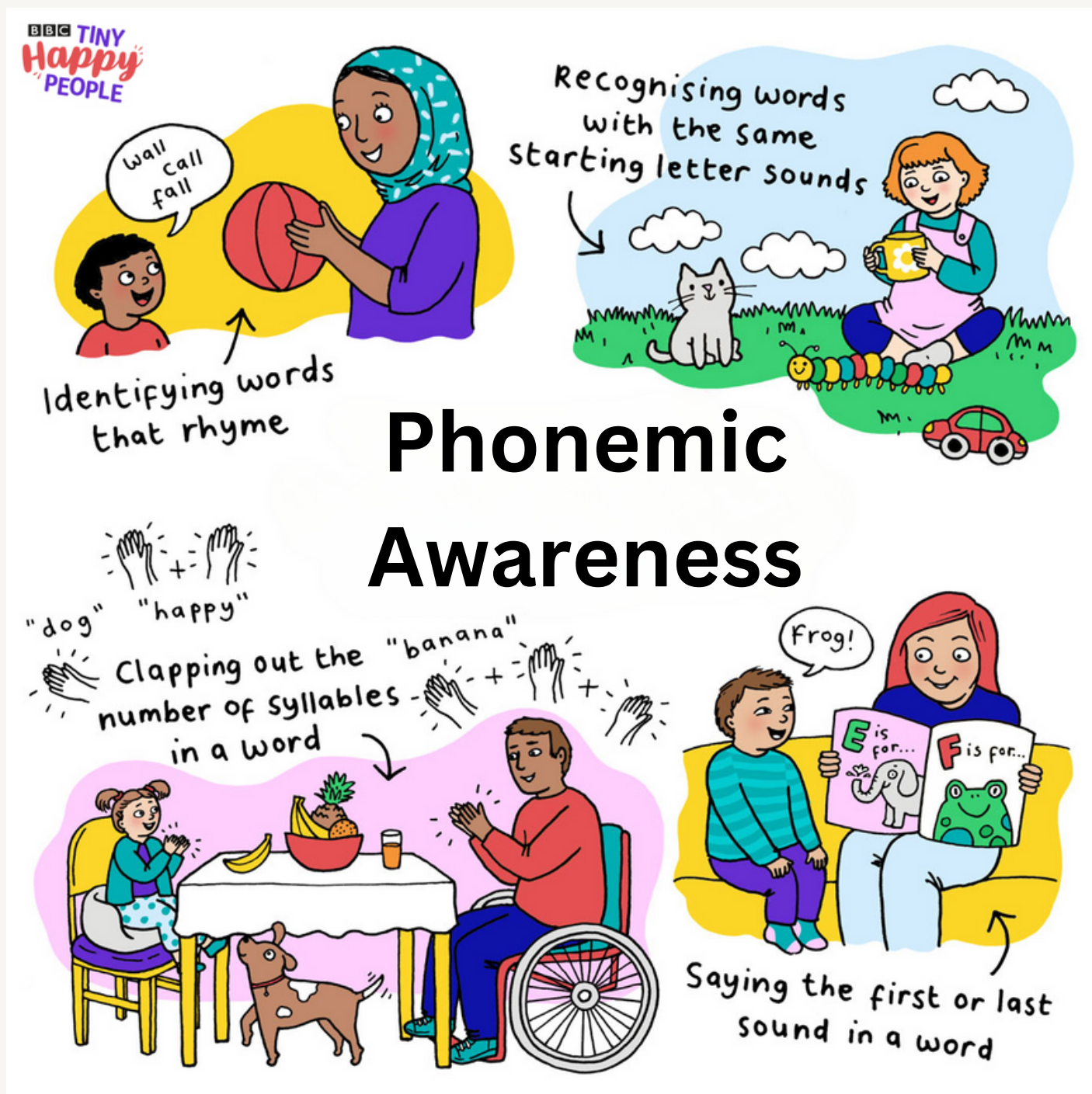
At our most recent inset day, we worked together in teams to create a new Padlet called the 'Family Hub'. Whilst primarily designed for the benefit of our own families here at Brougham Street, it is a publicly available website, which means that if you know someone who would benefit from knowing this information you can share the web address, as there is no restriction to access it. It is there to help anyone within our local community.



The Padlet is made up of columns which can be scrolled up and down to access the different information under that particular heading. This 'Family Hub' joins our other Padlets which include one on supporting child development, one on SEND and there is even one for our staff team sharing ideas for CPD. All can be accessed from our website or you can go directly to the 'Family Hub' by clicking on this link:

<https://padlet.com/BroughamStreetNurserySchool/familyhub>

# USEFUL INFORMATION



## Universally Speaking

If you would like to know more about the ages and stages of speech development for children from birth to five years there is a free downloadable resource from @Speech and Language UK and can be downloaded by using this link:

[https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/media/3224/tct\\_univspeak\\_0-5\\_update.pdf](https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/media/3224/tct_univspeak_0-5_update.pdf)

# USEFUL INFORMATION



## ***STAY & PLAY ON THE MOVE***

Every Tuesday morning at 9.15am  
Family Hub, Children's Centre, Brougham Street, Skipton

*Share top tips with other parents or just come for a brew and a chat.  
Free session for families with children under the age of 5.*



Did you know that the 'Drop In' Stay and Play based here at the Children's Centre is open throughout August? It's a warm and inviting space where children can play and make friends while parents can relax, chat, and enjoy a cuppa together. Led by the wonderful Tracy Hopkins, whose wealth of knowledge and experience is dedicated to supporting families, this cosy gathering is the perfect opportunity to foster community connections and share parenting experiences. Best of all, it's completely free, making it accessible to all. Come join us for a joy-filled time of laughter, learning, and camaraderie!