



# March 2021

Dear Parents, Colleagues and Friends of Broadlands,

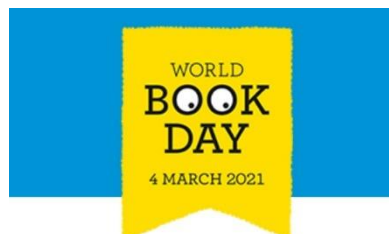
Welcome to this half-term's newsletter keeping you informed on what we have been up to at Broadlands Hall School.

The young people continue to amaze us with their ability to cope with all the changes COVID-19 has brought to our school day. The staff and young people continue to be tested and all staff will receive their second vaccination over the Easter break.

We await a time we can invite you to school to join us in celebrating all the young people's achievements. We hope during the summer term our annual Sports and Awards Day will be able to take place and allow us to finish the school year in true Broadlands style.

Even with restrictions on our community activities the young people have had lots to enjoy over the past couple of months and some highlights are below for you to enjoy. Please do take a look at the school website photo gallery for more photos of our celebrations and events.

## Celebration Events



Following its success last year there was a buzz around school leading up to this year's World Book Day celebrations. With daily reading now the norm and some students even starting to enjoy it! What better way to celebrate the progress we have made by dressing up as your favourite character. With everything from Pinocchio to Mr Tumble the staff and young people all made a huge effort. We had prizes for the best costumes, a Broadlands KAHOOT quiz and a design a bookmark competition which were all positively received. A fantastic day to bring some fun to school and celebrate our newfound love of reading which even made the Haverhill Echo!



## It's World Book Day, so chocks away!



A pupil and teacher dressed as characters from Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams

A school for pupils with special education needs celebrated World Book Day last week in flying fashion. Shane Rowe, headteacher at Broadlands Hall School, in Little Wratting, said: "Last school year the young people attending made fantastic progress in their reading ability with the average reading age increasing by 14 months. This is something we continue to work on this year and daily reading is now the norm.

"This was an opportunity to bring some fun to school following a period of having to stay on the site, not being able to access alternative curriculum opportunities due to lockdown.

"World Book Day is something the young people and staff at Broadlands now look forward too.

"It's a highlight of our school year and shows how the young people are starting to find a love for reading rather than see it as a chore.

"I am extremely proud of all of the efforts put in by the staff, young people and their families to make this such a fantastic event."

# RED NOSE DAY

The Student Council at Broadlands Hall School always enjoy arranging an event for Charity. Red Nose Day was the perfect reason for another fun filled day. With the buzz still around school from World Book Day the young people decided what better way to celebrate than dress up as your hero. Activities included a nose and spoon race, Boccia competition and assembly on why it is such an important cause. Raising a total of £110.48 was a fantastic effort by everyone and we are sure this will make a difference to the lives of the people the charity support.







With not being able to go out on school trips as planned this term we were looking for something that would enrich our curriculum when we came across the Incredible Eggs Project. A fantastic resource that the young people have thoroughly enjoyed. From the arrival of our 6 duck eggs the young people have been amazed at what the project has taught them. Within two days we had 6 very cute ducklings hatched successfully and they quickly became everyone's new favourite part of the school day. Over the past two weeks the young people have cared for them, cleaned them, helped them swim and even towelled them dry. Unfortunately, we are not able to be able to keep them long term this time and so they will go to their forever homes this week. A fantastic resource we would fully recommend.



May I take this opportunity thank you all for your support during these challenging times for everyone and wish you and your families all an enjoyable Easter break.

Shane Rowe  
Head Teacher