

# Head Teacher's Blog

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## Setting up our Learning Environments.

This week saw the Primary 7 children settle into their new classrooms in The Link. The children were consulted on how they would like their learning environment to look and how it can best support their learning. Along with the support of their class teachers they have set up different learning areas within the room, some more formal areas than others. They have also created an environment that is inclusive for all our Primary 7 learners. I was very impressed when I was in the rooms last week and I know they can't wait to show them off at our Meet The Teacher Event on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

On Monday the Senior Leadership Team completed the first learning walk of the session. We visited the nursery and The Link. During our walk we saw great evidence of learning environments that are organised and planned to allow the children to be independent learners. In the nursery they shared their new creative corner which again has been set up so that the children can access all the materials independently. In the Language Classes we saw how visual timetables and workstations support the children with their learning. Thank you to all the children and staff in The Link and nursery who made us feel welcomed.



Assemblies this week were led by Ms Vacher and Mr Borthwick. They talked about the children's rights in school and the responsibilities that come with those rights. The classes have been asked to set up their classroom charter to share with everyone at the next assembly. Star awards were also issued to children and classes chosen by their own class teachers.

This week also saw the opening of "Broughton Buddies" which will be led by Ms Dickinson with the support of Ms Chambers. Broughton Buddies is our nurture room that was set up last year. The room allows for groups of children to be in a more relaxed nurturing environment to support their learning. Please feel free to visit the room during our Meet the Teacher event.

Our specialist timetables also started this week. This includes PE with Mrs Ramm and Art with Mrs Martin. This week saw P7 start a block on Volleyball skills, P6 Hockey and Rugby, P4 Netball, P3 Benchball and P2 and P1 Games and Basic Moves. What a fit bunch we are at Broughton!

On Thursday I attended a refurbishment update meeting. I am really pleased to say that the first two rooms are almost complete and that we are planning for P4a to move back in early next week. Once completed the next two rooms to be worked on will be Mr Borthwick's office and the P5a classroom. Mr Borthwick is currently packing up his office for the move, wishing he had not held onto so much stuff over his 20 years at Broughton!

Next week I hope to be able to share with you some photographs from our new classroom. I also look forward to sharing with the children our first Building Resilience assembly of the year.

Have a good week.

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