

CO-OP ACADEMY BRIERLEY

BRIERLEY BEST

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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



SPOTTED IN STORE

You might spot us in some local Tesco stores - we're fundraising for our Parent Wellbeing Food Project. [Click here to find out more.](#)



MAKING A SPLASH

We've got a pop-up pool in school this term and every class will get time in the water. [Click here for more information](#) and please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions



GREENER PASTURES

Our goats have a lovely new paddock at the front of school - look out for them at the end of the day. There may have been a brief escape this week, providing excellent entertainment for office staff 🐐



CHICK, CHICK, HOORAY!

A huge congratulations to our newest mummies and daddies - ten chicks hatched this term and our learners have taken to parenthood brilliantly! 🐣

KEY DATES

Monday 4th May
All day
Bank Holiday - school closed



Tuesday 5th May
2 - 3pm
Weekly Coffee and Chat



Thursday 7th May
9.30am - 12.30pm
Behaviour workshop for parents



Friday 8th May
10-11am
'Men through the lens' group

Interested in joining one of our parent groups? Get in touch or pop in for our **Weekly Coffee and Chat**

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SPOTLIGHTS

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A SPOTLIGHT ON...CAREERS

Careers Curriculum & Preparation for Adulthood

Our Careers Curriculum supports every learner to develop the skills, confidence and aspirations they need for adult life. Preparation for Adulthood runs through all pathways and focuses on independence, friendships, communication, community inclusion and employability.

In the Foundation pathway, children begin learning about themselves and the world around them. Through role play, themed activities and meeting people in the community, they develop early communication, turn-taking and independence skills like dressing, tidying and following routines. Building positive relationships and learning to express needs and preferences is central at this stage.

In the Informal pathway, learners build on social skills and teamwork through practical activities, community visits and simple enterprise projects. They also develop friendships, manage emotions and grow their independence in everyday life.

In the Semi-Formal pathway, preparation for adulthood becomes more structured. Learners take part in community projects, in-school work experience and collaborative tasks, developing responsibility, resilience and an understanding of workplace expectations — alongside travel training and communication skills.

In the Formal pathway, the focus shifts to employability, qualifications and next steps. Through work experience, mock interviews, careers guidance and college links, learners build the confidence, independence and social skills needed for further education, training or employment.

Across all pathways, we're committed to raising aspirations and making sure every learner is prepared for a happy, successful and independent future.



WORD OF THE WEEK



flower



Flower



[Watch Makaton's video guide here](#)

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FORMAL

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THIS WEEK

Formal learners have had a brilliant week! They've been out in the community (walking to Crown Point and visiting LS Ten Skate Park) building confidence and resilience along the way. Back in school, science has taken them into space, exploring the planets, while maths has focused on number bonds. Some learners have also started swimming lessons and are already making great progress.

TRY IT AT HOME

Give stargazing a go - head outside after dark and see how many planets or stars you can spot together. No equipment needed, just look up!



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SEMI-FORMAL

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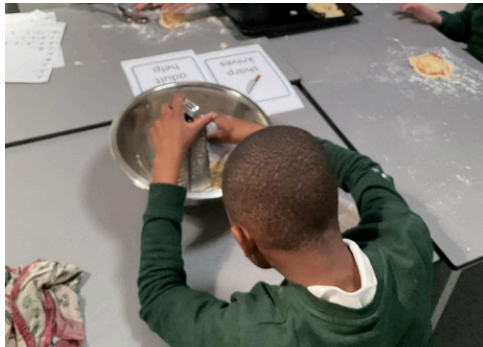
Across our semi-formal classes, there's been so much going on. Some learners have been exploring music through Attention Autism sessions - swaying along with scarves and parachutes, while others have explored sea and land animals in geography. Elsewhere, classes have been making pizzas, practising telling the time, getting outdoors for planting, looking after our planet...and of course, caring for the chicks!

TRY IT AT HOME

Head outside and see what signs of spring you can find. How many different plants or minibeasts can you spot?



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INFORMAL

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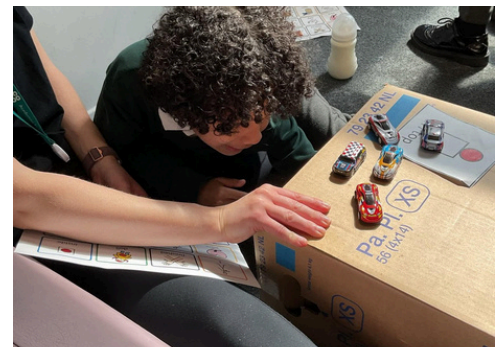
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Informal learners have had a great start to the term - exploring textures and mark-making inspired by *That's Not My Truck*, enjoying a memorising sound bath, learning ukulele, dancing with scarves, building positional language in maths, trips to the school library, and getting out on bikes. A real snapshot of the rich curriculum our learners enjoy every day!

TRY IT AT HOME

Pick a toy and practise positional language together - can they put it on top, underneath, behind, inside, next to something?

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FOUNDATION

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THIS WEEK

Lots has been happening in foundation! Interplay paid us a visit, bringing live music, sensory experiences, confetti, glowing balls and lanterns - everyone was completely captivated from start to finish. There's also been water play, a deep dive into the colour red, and plenty of fun exploring the world of transport and construction.

TRY IT AT HOME

Make a little sensory tray using rice, pasta, or soil. Hide some small objects inside for them to find!



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