

CO-OP ACADEMY BRIERLEY

BRIERLEY BEST

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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



SOMETHING CREATIVE THIS WAY COMES

We're hosting our first ever Arts Festival, starting 22nd June! A whole week of storytelling, music, art and dance - finishing with a Party in the Playground. Look out for your letters sent home last week!



SEE YOU THURSDAY!

Our Summer Fair is this Thursday from 1.15pm - games, stalls, a raffle and lots of family fun. Spare change would be much appreciated! Speak to your child's teacher if you'd like to collect them and join in.



BRIERLEY FARM'S NEWEST ARRIVALS

Eight new ducklings have arrived at Brierley Farm. They're tiny, they're fluffy, and they are being cared for beautifully by our learners. Lucky ducks ❤️



SEMI-FORMAL HIT THE ROAD

Semi-formal learners have been out exploring - some visiting Tropical World, others heading to Askham Bryan Wildlife and Conservation Park. Everyone was showing their Brierley Best and represented the school brilliantly.

KEY DATES

Tues 16th June
2 - 3pm
Weekly Coffee
and Chat

★ **Thurs 18th June**
1.15pm
Summer Fair

22nd - 26th June
Brierley Bestival
See letters sent
home or
ClassDojo for
more info

★ **Wed 24th June**
All Day
Brierley Bestival:
Wear the
Rainbow

★ **Fri 26th June**
1.30pm
Brierley Bestival:
Party in the
Playground

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

Lighthouse Futures & Internships

Last month some of our formal pupils visited Lighthouse Futures, who offer opportunities for supported internships to young people with an EHCP.

<https://lighthousefuturestrust.org.uk/>

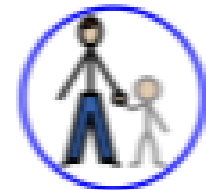
Supported internships involve a young person working unpaid for 3 days a week at an employer and then spending 1 or 2 days a week in college if they still require English and Maths qualifications. There are usually 3 or 4 students based at one employer, along with a job coach from Lighthouse, who is there to support them in their work, and a "buddy" from the company they are working for. They go through the full induction that a paid employee would do, and an average of around 80% of Lighthouse interns gain paid employment at the end of the internship.



Students usually complete one or two years of pre internship studies at Lighthouse, which build on the English, Maths and employability skills that they left school with. They then experience a range of taster days before being matched with a suitable internship with companies such as HMRC, John Lewis, Arla Foods, Leeds City Council or the NHS.



SIGN OF THE WEEK



Dad



Tap twice

Daddy/ Father/ Dad



Makaton

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

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FORMAL

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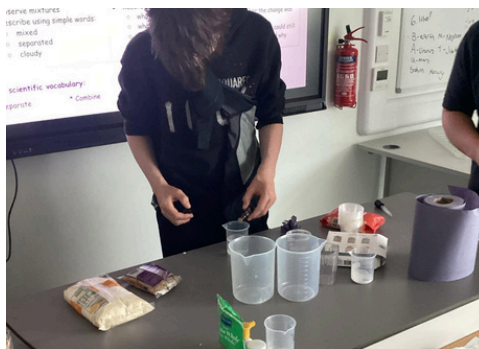
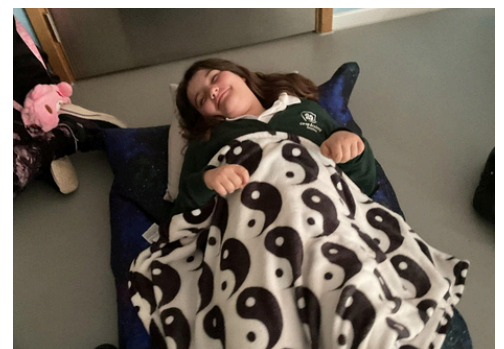
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Formal learners have been keeping busy - a sound bath, farm visits, maths games and tennis were just some of the highlights. They headed into Leeds city centre too, visiting Games Workshop and independent shops including comic bookshops, putting their money skills to good use. Asda also came in to run a financial storytelling workshop, and in music, learners have been building their own grime-inspired backing tracks.

TRY IT AT HOME

Look up the price of something your child wants. Can they work out if they have enough money to buy it? If not, help them make a simple saving plan to get there.

OUR HIGHLIGHTS



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SEMI-FORMAL

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Semi-formal learners have been out exploring local wildlife parks, building friendships and taking in the natural world. Back in school, they've been sharing books, enjoying the outdoors, and working together on a shared quilt - picking up some brilliant sewing skills along the way. They've also been getting hands-on with maths using physical resources to work out problems!

TRY IT AT HOME

Got any old fabric or scraps at home? Let your child cut, arrange and stick pieces together to make their own mini patchwork. A great way to get creative with shapes and patterns.

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INFORMAL

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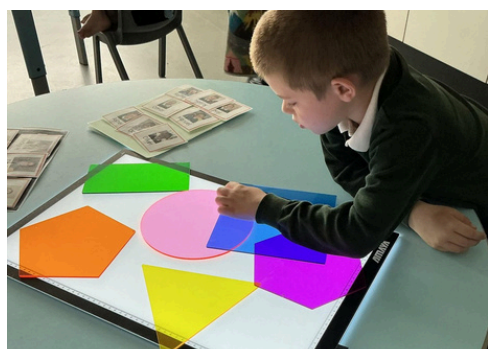
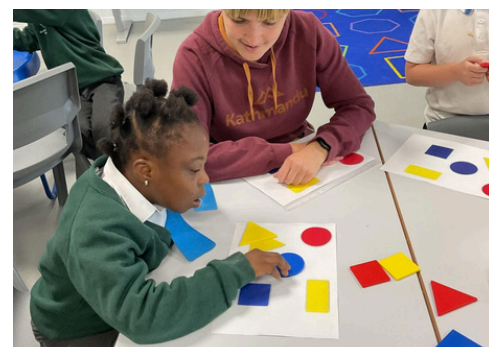
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Informal learners have been busy - dance sessions with Northern Dance are continuing, and there's been plenty of messy play, spray bottle art and shape work alongside. Visits to Brierley Farm to meet the new ducklings have gone down a treat too. Learners have also been working on some important life skills, with teeth brushing practice featuring alongside all the fun.

TRY IT AT HOME

Try putting on a favourite song while brushing teeth - it makes a great two minute timer while adding a bit of extra fun!

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FOUNDATION

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Foundation learners have been diving into a new book - The Train Ride. They've loved exploring the story through painting and playing with trains, and there's been some brilliant mark making happening too. Things rounded off nicely with a picnic, where learners practised making their own sandwiches, worked on their sharing skills and enjoyed some time together outdoors.

TRY IT AT HOME

Next time you make a sandwich together, let your child do as much as they can. You might be surprised at how much they're capable of!

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