



Penwortham Broad Oak Primary

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Our School

Broad Oak Primary School was established on Pope Lane in 1982, serving the local catchment area and offering a primary education to children aged 4 to 11.



The building is bright and stimulating, has been refurbished recently, and is surrounded by two playgrounds and an extensive sports field. The first thing you will notice when entering the building is the welcoming reception and waiting area where we 'show off' all our achievements, certificates and trophies.

The school has two spacious main working areas; an infant (Foundation & KS1) area and junior (KS2) area. Each of these has its own 'shared' area used for various 'hands on' activities, e.g. group work, art and craft, and practical science activities.

These spaces also enable us to deliver the new more 'Creative Curriculum', being able to use two spaces at once with a class or indeed classes of children.

It is in the shared areas where we also store a lot of our computers for whole class computer lessons.

All classrooms are carpeted, have interactive whiteboards and house extra computers for the children to work on.

A large hall is equipped with PE apparatus and, at lunchtimes, this is where dinner is served. In addition there are further smaller rooms and a library for group work and supervised independent study.



Over the last few years, we have spent a lot of energy developing our school facilities, particularly the outdoor provision. We are very proud of the grounds and outside areas that we have for the Broad Oak children to learn in.



We have a fantastic outdoor learning area for the Foundation Stage children, with a climbing area, digging area and even an indoor sandpit for the children to play and explore in. A large blackboard allows the children to write and draw outside and the special rubber coating on the floor ensures that any trips or falls do not result in a visit to the first aid box.

Our award winning Science Garden, including a potting shed, compost facilities and raised beds provides the opportunity for every child to get their fingers dirty. The children take turns to plant and grow strawberries

and vegetables such as radishes, runner beans and onions. When they are not using their green fingers they can hunt for bugs in our 'natural area' or can work with Mrs Taylor, our resident gardener, to make bird feeders.

On the edge of the field towards the back of the school is our Trim Trail, designed for us by one of our former Year 6 pupils. This provides extra activities for our children to take part in during break times and dinner times. They can climb, balance and scramble across the equipment all year round, due to the protective path which surrounds the trail. It can also be used during PE sessions for problem solving and outdoor and adventure activities.



We are very proud of the community feel that Broad Oak has, often being referred to as the 'Broad Oak Family'.

'Pupils' behaviour in class is good and they are keen to get on with their work. Pupils are very polite, feel safe and the school is a happy and caring place'. (OFSTED 2013)

We like to see parents in school and you will always be invited to join us when your child is taking part in Friday's Celebration Assembly, Harvest or when it is their turn to 'perform' in one of our class assemblies.

The school has strong links with other primary schools in the Penwortham Cluster and also benefits from close liaison with our nearby High Schools and Academies.

The overall staffing is nine teachers including the Headteacher and a large group of wonderful support staff (including a full time Learning Mentor. We have seven classes in school. Regularly, children work in small groups. This happens, for example, when children need special support or for group activities. Broad Oak is an ever improving school and has the benefit of an excellent Governing Body who work closely with the Headteacher and the staff. The school's most recent OFSTED Inspection took place in February 2013. The full report is available to view on the School Website. You will find loads more information about us on our website - www.broadoak.lancs.sch.uk

*"The best thing about Broad Oak is my friends, and all the certificates and prizes you get".
(Megan in Year 6)*

Come and visit if you feel that this is the school for you. We are more than happy to show you around and answer any questions you may have.

Good luck with your applications.

Sarah Barton
Head teacher

Sue Naylor
Chair of Governors