

**Letters home this week:** Y6— Induction Day, The Greatest Showman, Sex Ed, Y5—Percy Jackson Y4 —Gardening & Wellbeing Survey, Y1—Phonic Screening

## What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05 pm Embody Dance Club Y1-6	3.05pm Multi Skills Club Y1-3 Drum Lessons	8.20am Cross Country Y 3,4 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3	8.20am Cross Country Y 3,4 3.05pm Athletics Club Y 3-6 Guitar, Woodwind, Violin and Keyboard Lessons	Y 5 Cello 3.05pm Musical Theatre Y2-6 3.05pm Multi Sports Y4-6

If your child has not received their copy of these letters or the 'Bugle' please contact their class teacher or the office

**REMINDER: Do not forget to look on twitter for lots of updates throughout the school day.**

## Our Visions and Values

At Birchwood and across our academy schools we share a set of values that drive our everyday work with the children who attend our schools. Despite differences in the 'socio economic make up' of our schools, their different histories and the very different communities they serve, we all work to a common set of beliefs, expectations and standards. By doing so, we believe that children who attend any of our schools will achieve far more than they ever thought possible in an environment where they will flourish as individuals.

There are three type of achievement we strongly value:

### Academic Achievement:

- ◇ All those working in our academy believe that every single child has the potential to achieve great things and that whatever a child's background, by teaching them to the best of our ability and through individualised support, they will achieve at an outstanding level.
- ◇ We believe that we should equip our children with a sense that almost anything is possible, based on a sense of their own well developed self-awareness and ambition for themselves and their community.

### Celebrating Achievement:

- ◇ Our children achieve incredible things each day, not only at school, but also outside of our schools curriculum. We believe that our children 'should let their light shine' and that our responsibility is to ensure that each of them develops their own talents and interests.
- ◇ We believe that children should develop pride in their individual achievements and that we should work hard to recognise these achievements and celebrate them widely.

### Relationship Achievement:

- ◇ We believe that our children will only achieve in learning environments where relationships are strong. High quality relationships and mutual respect between children and all other members of the community results in learning which is exciting, yet disciplined, and where the highest expectations are the norm.

Birchwood staff share our values and vision. They understand their crucial role in the education of all of our children and how their own individual work has a direct influence on young peoples 'life chances'. They are also 'team players' who have a clear understanding of our school's wider priorities and work together to improve their own practice and the outcomes for all of our children.

**Mr N Coleman**  
Headteacher



## Learning Together

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy. Please see ParentPay for details.

## Spotlight on Excellence this week is: Art at Birchwood

This week has seen us welcome Darryl Wakelam back to Birchwood. Darryl has been working with children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to create some original art work. As we are very keen to make sure we are always improving our own skills, Darryl has also been teaching the staff, so that the art and design lessons delivered to children throughout the year can be even more fantastic in the future.

The children have not only had a very enjoyable time in their small group work, but have also explored working in different media, including creating 3D structures with cardboard as part of some of the pieces. They have learned to collaborate, explore their own creative ideas, discuss and decide how they think pieces should look and refined their ideas as they went along.

We can not wait to get the final pieces up around school to show you what the children have been up to, so keep your eyes peeled for the latest creations coming soon to walls near you!

**Mrs M Day**  
Associate Headteacher



## School Attendance

We have very much appreciated the support of parents who have made good decisions about whether to keep children at school or not. Whilst we obviously do not wish children to struggle in school; coughs, colds and other ailments do not necessarily mean children need to be off school. We encourage children to 'soldier on', as we as adults would do.

In school we remain very proactive in helping children to remain healthy. Apart from regular purges on 'hand washing' and 'coughing into a tissue' etc. when there are significant levels of stomach bugs about, we put in place special hand cleaning gels and even change the colours of liquid soap in the children's toilets to encourage them to wash their hands. The effect is amazing! We also give certificates each term for great attendance and never being late for school. The children love these.

An issue that remains a real problem for us is over absence reporting. The vast majority of our parents understand the importance of telephoning the school before 8.30am and leaving a message to let us know children will not be in and the reason for absence. If parents do not do this it causes a lot of problems in school. Hours of office time is currently being wasted on less than a handful of parents who do not call in, meaning that office staff need to act urgently to find out why children are missing from school. We will then require a signed note confirming the reason for absence, on the first day your child returns to school.

To safeguard all of our children, if we do not hear from parents by the required time, we telephone to find out where a child is. We do this primarily to make sure a child has not left home and then not arrived at school.

## Asthma Inhalers

If your child has been prescribed an asthma inhaler by a doctor they **MUST** have it **IN** school at all times, even if they have:

- 'Never used it'
- 'Only have it because they went through a bad patch'
- 'Only get asthma in winter'
- 'Have grown out of it'

For children who have been prescribed an asthma inhaler and do not have it in school, parents will be contacted immediately to bring one in. Asthma is far from a minor ailment and is in reality a killer when it all goes wrong.



## **Southfields Farm Open Farm Fun Day**

Looking for something to do this Sunday? Why not pop along to Southfields Farm, Packington Lane, Coleshill for a **FREE** fun packed day out. Fun activities for all the family to do.

Post code for your SatNav is B46 3EJ

Yesterday our Eco Council visited the farm and had a wonderful time... look out for the pictures in next weeks newsletter.

## **Team Birchwood News**



Team Birchwood will be holding their popular 'Father's Day Sale' again this year. There will be gifts to buy for the special man in the family, starting from 50p. The sale will be open in the conference room from 3.05 p.m. on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th June. We look forward to seeing you all.

## Academic Year 2018-2019

### Summer Term 2019

Y6 Manor Adventure Trip	Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June
Y5 Lanchester Trip	Thursday 13th to Friday 14th June
Class Photographs	Tuesday 18th June
Y2 Class Assemblies	Thursday 20th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 21st June
Warwickshire Moving Up Day	Thursday 27th June
Sports Day	Monday 1st July
Reserve Sports Day	Tuesday 2nd July
Show and Share Evening	Thursday 11th July
Y6 Leavers Performance	Monday 15th July
Y6 Disco and BBQ	Thursday 18th July
Term ends for Summer (Early)	Friday 19th July

### Academic Year 2019/2020

#### Autumn Term 2019

Professional Development Day	Monday 2nd September
Children Return to School	Tuesday 3rd September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 28th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 4th November
Children Return to School	Tuesday 5th November
Term Ends for Christmas (2 weeks)	Friday 20th December

#### Spring Term 2020

Professional Development Day	Monday 6th January
Children Return to School	Tuesday 7th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 17th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 24th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 3rd April

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.

**New and amended dates shown in bold.**

Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Please note the 1pm early finish on 19th July, 20th December 2019 and 17th July 2020 If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our recent sponsored read, we have taken delivery of our free school books for our school reading corners.



# CAT Maths Challenge Competition

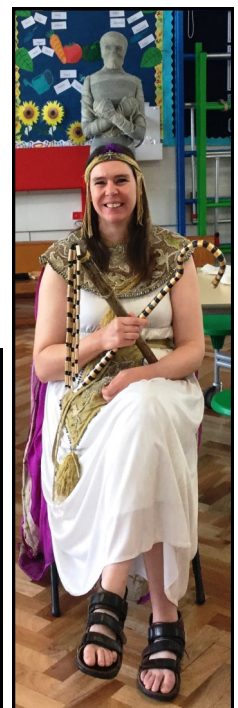
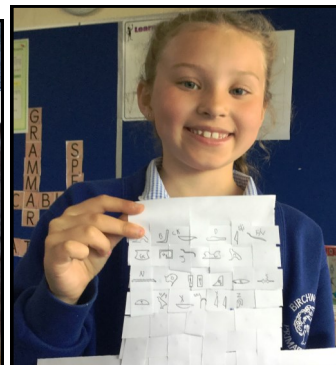


On the Thursday before half term, four Year 6 boys took part in a Challenge Maths Competition organised by Explore Learning Centre in Leamington. The boys were competing against children from three other schools in the CAT: Budbrooke, Woodloes and Grange Park. The challenge involved pupils working together as a team to solve four different puzzles involving four dice. They had to make different combinations with different totals, but were only allowed to use certain 'joining numbers' and were not allowed any support from the teachers. Pupils were given an hour to complete the puzzles and with numerous possible answers for each puzzle, had to decide among themselves, when they were happy to move on to the next. Points were awarded not only for the solutions and answers they came up with, but also for demonstrating teamwork. All teams worked excellently together and the boys from Birchwood gave every challenge their best efforts. The overall winners were Woodloes Primary. Well done to all who took part.

## Y4 - A visit from Queen Cleopatra



Cleopatra, the Queen of Egypt herself, came to visit Year 4 on Tuesday. During their time with the queen, the children learned about ancient Egyptian's traditional beliefs and customs, social hierarchy, writing and some of the games they played.







## Summer Hockey

AT ATHERSTONE ADDERS



**Too old? No excuse, too young? Never too young to start!**

Come on down to QE Academy, Witherley Road, Atherstone, CV9 1LZ.

Sessions are run every Friday evening from 7th June - 19th July

Ages 11-16 **18:00 - 19:30** £3

Seniors **19:30 - 21:00** £5

(All new players receive first session free of charge)

For more information contact:

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**£1958.33**

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Cameo is a great place to build confidence, develop dance skills, and make good friends whilst working towards our annual show weekend

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App of the week

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5-11 year olds



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