

Letters sent home this week— Y3—Botanical Gardens Trip

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05pm Y6 Netball Club 3.05pm Embody Dance Club Y1-6	Guitar Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Bubbles Club Y4-6	Woodwind Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Bubbles Club Y1-3	Violin & Keyboard Lessons	Cello & Drum Lessons 3.05pm Musical Theatre Y3-6 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: There will be no afterschool library sessions next week due to the book fair taking place

School Council - Giving children a voice at Birchwood

At Birchwood we believe that it is important to give all of our children a voice and a say in what goes on in school, after all, it is their school and we want to make it the best place it can be for all of them.

We provide many opportunities for children to get involved in different aspects of school, giving them responsibilities and roles in a wide range of areas. These include House Captains, Eco and Gardening Councillors, Art Councillors, Digital Leaders, Science Council, Road Safety Officers, Register Monitors, Play Leaders, Tuck Trolley Monitors, and School Councillors. For many of these important roles in school, children stand for election and are voted in by their classmates.

Following the British Value of democracy, we encourage our children to take responsibility for their behaviour and understand how they can contribute positively to society. Children have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our Class Council and also through Pupil questionnaires and interviews. They are taught about democracy and how it works in our country. Our School Council promise to be the voice for their class and are the vehicle we use to gather children's thoughts and opinions on important matters and decisions in school. They also make themselves available for their class to share ideas, questions or concerns that they want raised at School Council meetings.

In support of our school contributing positively to society, our School Council decide on a chosen charity each year. This year the chosen charity is the NSPCC. Alongside Dordon and Wood End Primary schools, we will be raising money for this fantastic cause. The **NSPCC** are the UK's leading children's charity, preventing abuse and helping those affected to recover. Throughout the course of the year, the School Council organise and run many events in school to support the work the NSPCC do. So far this academic year Birchwood have raised over £1300 which is fantastic. They wanted me to thank all the children and parents for your support so far. They also wanted me to let you know that they have two other events planned for this year; a special one off day in school focussed on 'The Arts' and a sponsored run/walk. More details of both events will be shared closer to the time.

To help support the children's fundraising efforts, I am going to be taking part in this year's London Marathon, running in support of the NSPCC. The marathon takes place on Sunday 28th April at 10:00am. Training, although painful, is generally going well and I am on track to reach my target of under 4 hours without stopping. I look forward to being able to share with the children on how I got on, in our assembly on our first day back in school after Easter. Many thanks again for your continued support of our school, myself and of our chosen charity – The NSPCC.

Mr N Coleman - Headteacher



Birchwood Year 4 Football Team Kirkpatrick Challenge Cup Winners!

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is: Singing Playgrounds



Singing in school has long been a passion of ours, as we know the benefits that it brings in terms of both enjoyment and impact on children's learning. Evidence shows that children actually do better in their learning in other subjects as a result of singing, as well as increasing their confidence, wellbeing and improving language skills.

Singing Playgrounds is a project which aims to take singing out onto the playground using games, rhymes and actions which are taught by 'Song Leaders' to other children. Last Friday our Singing Playgrounds leaders were fortunate enough to take part in a workshop and then a concert at the Warwick Arts Centre as part of the Singing Playgrounds project. They learnt some new songs with Ex Cathedra and with children from schools across Warwickshire. They then performed these to an audience of parents in the evening. I know Miss Aston, Mrs Smith, and Mrs Spies, who accompanied them, were delighted with both their enthusiastic singing and their behaviour. Thank you to all the parents and family members who supported the children and went along to listen and enjoy the performance. We are now hearing these new songs being taught to children back here at school which is lovely to witness. Maybe you will be hearing them at home soon too!

Mrs M Day - Associate Headteacher

SCHOLASTIC
COME TO OUR
BOOK FAIR!
Your Ticket to Read!

ALL BOOKS HALF PRICE

Our book fair will be open from Monday 25th March to Thursday 28th March after school in the library. Children who would like to visit our book fair must be accompanied by their adult.

NB. Our school library will NOT be open during Book Fair week after school but will re-open the following week.

Important Information Absence during term time

The Government brought in new guidance tightening taking time off in term-time.

Headteachers are no longer permitted to authorise absence for holidays taken during term time. They are permitted to grant leave only in exceptional circumstances.

If you think you have exceptional circumstances please talk to us without delay and before arrangements are entered into or money committed. If exceptional circumstances are accepted the Headteacher will determine how much absence will be authorised.

We understand that holidays are generally less expensive during term time but this does NOT count as an exceptional circumstance.

Parents please note:

Leave which is taken for the following reasons **will not** be authorised:

- ◆ Availability of cheaper holidays
- ◆ Availability of desired accommodation
- ◆ Poor weather experienced in school holidays
- ◆ Overlap with beginning or end of term



Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, Birchwood children took part in a swimming gala at Kingsbury Pool. The team won six out of the eight relay races. Four children took first place in their races and returned to Birchwood with medals.



This was the first of three swimming galas so we wait to see if we progress to the next round.

Well done to all the swimmers, they were a real credit to Birchwood.



Team Birchwood News



Do not forget to pop along to the Mother's Day Sale, which will be open on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Friday 29th March from 3.10 p.m. in the conference room. As always, we have a great selection of gifts suitable for mums, grandmas and aunts and prices start from just 50p.

Just a reminder that on Friday 29th March we are asking children to bring in a donation of either a chocolate Easter egg or £1 which will be in advance exchange for a non-uniform day on Friday 12th April—the last day of term.

If you have any queries, please contact us at tbps2619@welearn365.com



Oral Health

According to Public Health England almost a quarter of 5 year olds have tooth decay with an average 3 or 4 teeth being affected. Prevention is always better than cure, therefore please encourage and supervise your child/children to clean their teeth twice a day and ensure they visit the dentist for a check-up every 6 months even if there are no problems with their teeth. **NHS dental care for children under 18 is free.**

Children should also limit sugary food intake as we know that sugar harms teeth. You can speak to your Dentist if you have any concerns about your child's oral health. The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and The School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 Option 3.

Cross Country

On Thursday 7th March, Lewis (Y6) and Bobbie (Y5) represented North Warwickshire in the Inter District race at Warton Primary School. Both children ran really well and were in the top 40, so gained a place to run in the Northern Area Primary Cross Country Trials at The Pingles in Nuneaton. That race took place on Wednesday 13th March, the first 20 finishers were then selected for the Northern Area Team. Well done to Lewis who came 5th and will now go on to run in the Warwickshire Primary Cross Country Championships at Moreton Morrell Agriculture College on Saturday. Good luck from everyone at Birchwood Primary Lewis!



Football News



On Tuesday 19th our Year 4 Boys Football team took part in the Kirkpatrick Challenge Cup held at Twycross. The team played brilliantly winning all of their league games, scoring 14 goals without conceding any. After a tight semi final win, the boys secured victory with a 6-0 win in the final. They also took part in the regional finals on Thursday 21st at the AT7 centre in Coventry. They played 5 very strong teams and managed to win 3 of their games, finishing 3rd overall out of the league of 6 area winning schools. A fantastic team performance from all, well done!

Dinner Arrangements

Please may we remind parents that due to ordering arrangements, Birchwood's policy is for children to choose to be dinners or packed lunch for a **week at a time**. If there is an emergency situation, then please speak to the school office.

Y2 Visit to Blakesley Hall



On Tuesday Year 2 travelled back to 1666 when they visited Blakesley Hall to learn about Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London. All of Year 2 had a brilliant time exploring the house, dressing up as people from Tudor times, including King Charles II, Samuel Pepys and Jane (Samuel Pepys' servant) and learning all about how the Great Fire of London started. The children also had the opportunity to write using a quill and ink, look at artefacts, build a house and complete brass rubbings. During lunch the children were able to play with toys of the time, they thoroughly enjoyed racing on their horses. A great day was had by all and the children were at their Birchwood best.





Birchwood Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in school? Go to www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, photos and much more.

Click on the parent tab to open the ParentPay shop, where you can order school uniform, book bags and water bottles.



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Academic Year 2018-2019

Spring Term 2019

Scholastic Book Fair (1 week)	Monday 25th March
TBPS Mother's Day Sale	Monday 25th March
TBPS Mother's Day Sale	Tuesday 26th March
EYFS Writing Talks for parents	Thursday 28th March
TBPS Mother's Day Sale	Friday 29th March
Bring a chocolate Egg or £1	Friday 29th March
Year 5/6 Author Visit	Friday 29th March
Year 3 Botanical Gardens Trip	Monday 1st April
TBPS Chocolate Bingo Evening	Friday 5th April
Year 1 & Year 5 Fire Safety	Friday 5th April
Year R & Year 1 Dental Survey	Friday 5th April
Own Clothes Day	Friday 12th April
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April
Payment due for Manor Adventure	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Y1 Class Assemblies	Thursday 9th May
Manor Adventure Trip	Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June
Children return to school	Monday 29th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 17th May
Manor Adventure Meeting	Monday 20th May
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 27th May
Children return to school	Monday 3rd 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

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. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

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