

Letters home this week: All - Poetry Challenge, Y3 - Stone Age to Iron Age

What's on in school next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library - 3.05 Y1,2 - Top Score Multi Skills Y3,4 - Embodiment Dance Y4, 5 - Keyboard Y5,6 - Painting	Pine - Swimming Y1,2 - Aston Villa Y3-6 - Choir	Y1,2 - Look What I Have Made Y2 - Nature Club Y3,4 - Brain Puzzles	Y3,4 - Top Score Multi Skills Y4 - Drawing Y6 - Ukelele	Oak - Swimming Library - 3.05 Eco Councillors - Gardening Club Y2-6 - Musical Theatre

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

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Lanchester EP – Our Partner School

On Monday and Tuesday, we were very pleased to once again welcome staff and children from our partner school, Lanchester EP, back to Birchwood. Staff and pupils from Year 5 travelled down from Newcastle on Monday morning to spend some time in the Midlands, visiting sites and making links with our school. This is the third time Lanchester have travelled down south to spend time with us, after not being able to do this for the last couple of years due to Covid. It was great to be able to re-establish our exciting and purposeful link with another primary school in a contrasting locality.

Lanchester EP Primary School is very similar to Birchwood in lots of ways, but also very different. It is a good school with outstanding features and serves the community of Lanchester village, of which it is centrally located. Lanchester EP is a Church of England school with a strong Christian ethos. It has a strong link with All Saints Parish, a beautiful medieval parish church that was founded in 1147.

We are now into our fifth year of our partnership. Every year staff and children in Year 5 from both schools visit each other and take in some local sights and sleep over at each other's school. On Monday our House Captains joined Lanchester at Cadbury World in Birmingham and on Tuesday some of our School Councillors went with them to the Space Centre in Leicester.

In the summer term, it will be the turn of our staff and children from Year 5 to drive up to County Durham to spend a night at their school. On the way up we will visit Durham Cathedral on the Thursday and will take a cruise down the River Tyne on the Friday before stopping off to see the Angel of the North on our way home.

In-between these two visits, Digital Leaders and staff from both schools meet up at the Bett Show in London in January. The children get to spend the day at the ExCel Centre where they will be immersed in inspiring educational technology and get to take part in innovative product demonstrations. After a visit to the Rainforest Café for lunch, the children will then take in a show at the West End, before returning by train back to Tamworth.

We are pleased to have re-established our link with Lanchester and are currently busy trying to plan in 'school links' using technology, between our two schools. We hope to introduce a joint activity for each year group, so that the children in each cohort can build their relationship with each other during their time in school.

Mr Coleman – Headteacher



A Great Partnership!!!

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Spotlight this week is ...

Keeping Safe Online

The online world is a place children spend an increasing amount of time. There are many benefits to learning, communicating and playing online, but as with anything in life it is important to be aware of the risks involved and take sensible steps to keep yourself safe.

As part of both the computing curriculum, but also our wider work on keeping children safe in school, we regularly teach and revisit with children the SMART rules. This ensures children are aware of what to do if something gives them their early warning signs when they are online and teaches the importance of making sure they are behaving online just as they would in the 'real world'. For example by not talking to people they don't know, and being considerate and respectful in what they say and do.

As adults, it is a constant challenge to keep up with the range of apps, websites and games that children are playing. While web-safe settings, 'child friendly' sites and firewalls can provide a good starting point for keeping children safe online, it is also really important to be open about online use. Encouraging children to be online in shared spaces within the home, rather than in bedrooms on their own, can be helpful in this way. By discussing with children the sites they visit and games and apps they are using, and taking an interest in what they are enjoying at the moment online, we can all help them to be safer online.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher

Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2010** and **31/08/2011** are due to start Secondary School in September 2021. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2021.**



Registering for School

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Wellbeing Support on Our Website

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School Attendance

It sounds obvious but children are more likely to succeed when they attend school consistently. It is not just about the lessons that are missed, children also find it difficult to engage in the lessons when they return because they have missed the important teaching points when they were off. These teaching points are crucial to allow them to successfully access the next stage of learning.

Good attendance at school is vital for pupils to achieve their full educational potential. Pupils with good attendance records benefit in the following ways:-

- *Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier*
- *Improved performance in coursework tasks*
- *Enhanced performance in examinations*
- *Continuity of relationships and friendships*
- *Good references for further education or employment*
- *Good habits are formed for later life*

Then there is the law! Children, by law, must attend school and all schools are required to record details of pupils' attendance and absence at school. We do so at the beginning of morning and afternoon sessions and within strict time limits. We are also required to report poor attendance.

We encourage children to be on time and attend by giving children lots of praise when they are 'being brave for carrying on' with minor ailments like a cold. We reward 'never lates' and 'good attendance' by giving children certificates on a termly basis, which the children are very proud of. We do however understand that children are sometimes unwell and certainly don't wish children to come into school unwell just to achieve an attendance reward, and for this reason we include children whose attendance is also slightly below 100%.

Our schools always achieve better rates of attendance than schools nationally. Our children love coming to school and hate missing anything.

Permanent Vacancy

Lunchtime Supervisor, Scale band B

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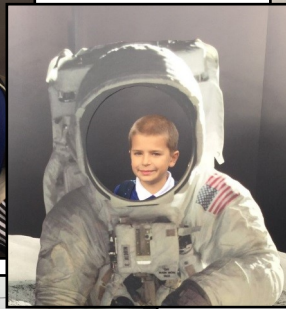
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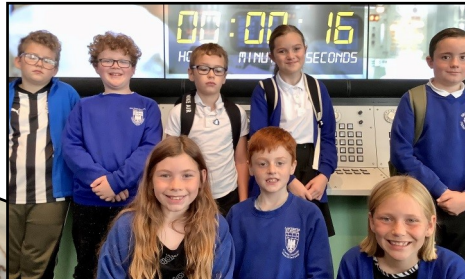
Bircwood is a very popular successful school. We are looking for a permanent member of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, working with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! Further details and application forms are available from the school website. Completed applications should be returned to school no later than 12.00 noon on **Friday 22nd October 2021** and interviews will take place w/c 1st November 2021

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National Space Centre - On Tuesday, the school council went on a trip to the National Space Centre with our visitors from Lanchester. The first thing we did was went up to the top floor to see the rocket and tested some experiments, games and puzzles. I would recommend going here, I learned so much more about space but I had lots of fun at the same time. Lily- Rose



Cadbury World - On Monday, the 4 House Captains travelled to Cadbury World with the Year 5 Lanchester children. First we had lunch and went to the theatre to learn how chocolate was made. Next, we designed our name in melted chocolate and headed towards a ride built in the building. Thirdly, we got to enjoy some melted chocolate with some delicious toppings. Finally we went to the 4D cinema and went on a virtual rollercoaster. We had a Q and A with one of the staff members at Cadbury and then went home. - Sophie

Academic Year 2021-2022

Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 1st November
Open Morning for New Starters	Tuesday 2nd November
Parents Evening	Tuesday 9th November
Parents Evening	Wed 10th November
Year 5 Assembly	Thursday 18th November
Open Morning for New Starters	Friday 26th November
Term Ends for Christmas 1 pm	Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January
Children Return to School	Wednesday 5th January
Y4 Assembly	Thursday 20th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 21st February
Professional Development Day	Monday 28th February
Parents Evening	Tuesday 8th March
Parents Evening	Wednesday 9th March
Y3 Assembly	Thursday 17th March
Easter Hats/Eggs	Friday 8th April
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2022

May Day	Monday 2nd May
Y1 Assembly	Thursday 12th May
Class Photographs	Monday 16th May
Sponsored Walk	Friday 27th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 30th May
Y2 Assembly	Thursday 16th June
Professional Developments Day	Friday 24th June
Farmers Market	Friday 1st July
Warwickshire Moving Up Day	Wednesday 6th July
Show and Share Evening	Thursday 14th July
Y6 Leavers Disco and BBQ	Tuesday 19th July
Term Ends for Summer	Thursday 21st July

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.

Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Please note the early finish on 17th December 2021 and 21st July 2022. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

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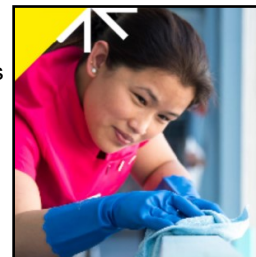
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