



BIRCHWOOD BUGLE



Assembly Theme: **Smiling**

17th September 2021

Emails/Letters home this week: Y3 - Birmingham Botanical Gardens, All - WAS Attendance, Birchwood Attendance, Teak - Temporary class changes

What's on in school next week?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library - 3.05..... Y1,2 - Top Score Multi Skills Y3,4 - Embody Dance Y4, 5 - Keyboard Y5,6 - Painting	Pine - Swimming Y1,2 - Aston Villa Y3-6 - Choir	Nasal Flu Immunisations 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.

REMINDER : Please remember to send and absence note via email on your child's return to school.

Reading Plus

At Birchwood, we know that being a successful reader is one of the key indicators to future success, and we are thrilled to report the initial success of Reading Plus, a web-based program that develops silent reading fluency and comprehension (deeper understanding), while re-engaging reluctant readers in reading for pleasure. We launched the program back in September 2020, and asked parents to support us in allowing children to access Reading Plus twice weekly at home, with this contributing to their weekly reading target.

Thanks to your support and to the support of class teaches and teaching assistants, who promote Reading Plus with children on a daily basis, we have seen fantastic progress from many children at Birchwood who are committed to using Reading Plus regularly at home. We are delighted to say that many children have made over one academic year of progress in their reading accuracy, understanding of vocabulary and speed of reading, since we launched the program in September 2020.

The popularity of the 2020/21 Reading Plus Combo Competition was fantastic, with many children striving to achieve high numbers of combos (pairs of reading activities, scoring 80% or above) so that they could colour in their snowflake and be in with a chance of winning one of our wonderful prizes – these children were able to choose a book prize of their preference out of a wide selection.

We have made an outstanding start to our Reading Plus journey, but in order for our children to continue to make positive gains in the reading, we must continue to encourage and promote Reading Plus at both home and school, fostering a love of reading as well as skilful, successful readers.

This year, we look forward to re-launching Reading Plus with all of our KS2 children, and we especially look forward to introducing it to our new year three children for the first time.

Mrs Bowker

English Subject Leader



Getting Lost in a Good Book!

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

Spotlight this week is on...

Welcoming Parents into Assemblies

As we are able to start to welcome parents **back** into school, we are delighted to be able to have parents join us for some of our assemblies.

Children in our lower school, from Reception to Year 2, celebrate with 'Birthday Candles' each Wednesday and invites are sent home to parents to attend the assembly in the week nearest to their child's birthday. When children reach the milestone of being awarded their pen after earning sufficient presentation points, parents will also be invited into school to see them receive their certificate and pen.

Each class from Year 1 to Year 6 also have a class assembly once each year. Parents are invited to join the class to share the work they have been doing in this assembly, which is led by the children. Invites are sent home with children 2 weeks before the date.

We are so pleased to be able to welcome parents back into school for these events, and we know that you will love sharing your children's work and successes just as we will enjoy sharing them with you in person again.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher



Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Flu Immunisations	Wed 22nd September
School Photographs	Tues 28th September
Y3 Botanical Grdens	Wed 29th September
Year 6 Assembly	Thurs 30th September
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	Thurs 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

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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Our registered charity 2020/21 ZELLWEGER UK.
Amount raised so far: £1750.14



Myths and Legends....

'It doesn't matter if my child is late for school'
Not what the children would say! They absolutely hate being late. They arrive after all their friends are already sat down in school and enter a classroom of 30 others looking at them.

The internal school gates are open from 8.30 and all children are expected to be in class by 8.45. At the start of the day, teachers take registers, explain to the children what they will be doing for the day and all sorts of other important instructions about what will be happening around school.



Year 4 Roman Visitor Day

To begin our new learning journey, 'Romans', we invited The History Squad in to school to lead a full day Roman workshop.

During the workshop, a centurion, in full Roman armour introduced the children to the day to day life of Romans in Britain. They undertook a detailed examination and try-on session of a legionary's kit, and had the chance to explore world-class artefacts. Children explored the Roman conquest of Britain, and the incredible stories of Caratacus and Boudicca. After all of this, children performed some marching and shield drills (in Latin), and then explored a Roman bath house and a games arena. Children finished the day with some Roman stories and games!



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