



BIRCHWOOD BUGLE



Assembly Theme: Online Safety - Social Media and Communication

30th April 2021

Emails/Letters home this week: All - NSPCC Number Day, R - Young Writers

What's on in school next week?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 - Outdoor Collage Art Y2 - Running Club Y3 - Dodgeball Y4 - Embody Dance Y5 - Cooking	R - Aston Villa Y3 - Rounders Y6 - Art/Drawing	Y5 - Top Score Late Parents Consultations	R - Forest School Y2 - Retro Playground Games Y3 - Gardening Y4 - Drama Y6 - Top Score Early Parents Consultations	NSPCC Number Day Y4 - Top Score Y6 - Ukelele

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 book your parents evening consultation before Monday.

School Councils and Committees

At Birchwood we think it is really important for children to take an active role in the life of our school. Due to the pandemic, the work of all our school councils and committees had to be put on pause for the last year due to children not being able to be in school or mix between year groups. We are now in a position to re-establish these important groups in school and to continue to enable our children to have a positive impact on our school, albeit in a slightly reduced capacity.

School Council – Our School Council is formed of children across school and usually has a member from each class in school. They are elected at the beginning of the school year by their peers and have the role of representing their class and their views. Our School Council provides a meaningful way for children to voice their opinions and to have their views taken into account in decisions which impact them. Some of the decisions our council make every year include choosing a charity to support, discussing which endangered animal to sponsor and planning events to raise money to support these. We also include our council in a number of decisions we make when introducing change in school.

Eco Council – Our Eco Council's role is to raise environmental awareness and improve our school environment. They help others to follow our Eco code, monitor our use of energy in school and encourage teachers and children to support our school in turning greener by following our 3 R's – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

House Captains – Our large school is separated into four family houses (Blue Morris, Red Chaytor, Yellow Goodere and Green Chetwynd). All children and staff are associated with a house in school. The role of our House Captains is to organise and support house activities, including inter-house competitions. They also support and model positive behaviour and demonstrate 'Consideration and Respect' at all times. Year 6 children hold presentations to the rest of their house and are elected by the majority.

Digital Leaders – Our Digital Leaders support teachers to deliver our online safety curriculum to their own class and others in school. They produce and deliver assemblies about online safety and acceptable use of equipment, devices and programs. They are also used to demonstrate how to use technology in the classroom.

From September we also hope to re-establish our Science Council, Art Council and Sport Leaders in school. Being part of any of the councils or committees supports children to develop their skills in communication, negotiation and can improve confidence. We hope that lots of our children take the opportunity to be part of at least one of our committees during their time at Birchwood.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



HOUSE CAPTAINS!

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

Spotlight this week is on...

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.



At Birchwood we are always looking for ways to be a little bit more environmentally aware, both through our Eco councillors and initiatives in school. This week we have introduced 'food waste' bins starting with both Reception and Year 6. As they clear their lunch away, children are asked to place any food waste in a separate bin to other rubbish. By separating any leftover food we can reduce the amount of waste which is going to landfill.

Our food waste is then collected from school fortnightly and then goes to a local plant in Nuneaton to be turned into biofuel. By doing this not only are children helping to reduce landfill, but their leftovers are being reused to create energy.

By everyone doing their bit we can make a big difference. As Helen Keller said, 'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much'

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher

Guidance on Testing

Please be advised that if your child has symptoms of COVID 19 then they will require a full PCR test. Lateral Flow tests should only be used on those with no symptoms.

Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

May Day	Monday 3rd May
Late Parent's Consultations	Wednesday 5th May
Early Parent's Consultations	Thursday 6th May
NSPCC Number Day	Friday 7th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 31st May
Professional Development Day	Monday 7th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 18th June
Term Ends for Summer	Wednesday 21st July

Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Children Return to School	Monday 6th September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th October
Term Ends for Christmas	Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January
Children Return to School	Wednesday 5th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 21st February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2022

May Day	Monday 2nd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 30th May
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 22nd 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 early finish on 21st July 2021. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

Who's Who this week ...

Mrs Stubbs

Hello everyone my name is Mrs Stubbs, I currently work in year 1 as a Teaching Assistant with Mrs Stockton in Hazel class.



Many of you probably have seen me out and about walking my two Sheltie dogs. This is my favourite way to exercise plus see our beautiful countryside.

Last year when I worked with year 5, we learnt about the Victorians and we visited The Black Country Museum. This turned out to be an enjoyable historical learning experience for all, especially walking around in a realistic Victorian town, and also doing a metal forming activity in the afternoon. The people working there remarked on the good behaviour and lovely manners shared between the children. This was one of my favourite days working at Birchwood.

Birchwood Best Practice

Design Technology for life skills at Birchwood .

D.T is learning through a variety of creative and practical activities .D.T draws on many areas of learning like mathematics, science, computing and art.



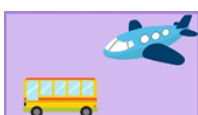
One of the aims is to build and apply a repertoire of knowledge, understanding and skills in order to design and make a high quality prototype and products for a wide range of users. As a school we do design and make many prototypes and products. In my last D.T lesson in year 5 we used moving cams linked to our Wolf Brother topic book. A cam is a rotating or sliding piece in a mechanical linkage used especially in transforming rotary motion into linear motion.

Children made moving puppets using a variety of different cams to change the speed and movement of their wolf puppets. Many new skills were used, one was how to use a gentleman saw and glue gun. - Mrs Stubbs



IMPORTANT TERM TIME HOLIDAY POLICY

Government legislation has tightened up very significantly in this area and it is now highly unlikely that holidays will be approved in term time. Please arrange holidays within school holiday dates. Thank you.



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Please note that although we check the suitability of Applications, they can be changed without notice. Parents should therefore check the Application BEFORE children go on to them.