

Letters home this week: Y2 - Royal Teaparty, ALL(except Oak) - Easter Activities

## What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2 Catch Up 3-4pm	Y3 Catch Up - 3-4pm Y2 - Royal Tea party	Y4 Catch Up - 3-4pm		

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

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

## Eco-School – Birchwood Going Greener!

Just before our first lockdown a year ago, Birchwood had signed up to the Eco School Green Flag award. As a school, we have always taken a keen interest in looking after our local environment and have completed lots of learning around being environmentally friendly and aware. The Eco-Schools programme provides opportunities to empower pupils to lead change within their school and have a positive impact in their wider community.

Now that school has reopened again, we are busy re-establishing all the councils of children across our school and picking up the excellent work they do. For the summer term, we are hoping to start holding school council meetings again, organise house competitions and vote in our new Eco-Council. The Eco-Council will be set one aim and that is to turn our traditionally very blue school 'greener'.

Over the years, we have had a very active Eco-Council who have undertaken a number of improvements in our school environment. They have been responsible for planting new trees, looking after our woodland area, organising our kitchen garden and making arrangements for Birchwood to be a recycling centre. Currently we recycle all of our food waste, batteries, mobile phones, glasses and we also have a clothes bank on our school site. We have also just arranged to take delivery over Easter of a mixed recycling bin for paper, plastics and tin cans.

One honouree member of our new Eco-Council is Layton in Year 3. Layton has a real passion for recycling and looking after his environment. For his last birthday, Layton asked for his very own Recycling Lorry, so that he could help all his neighbours with their recycling and help keep his local area litter free. We were really pleased that Layton was able to bring his lorry into school last week to show us and we are hoping that once restrictions have lifted, that Layton will bring it back to enable him to demonstrate to all our children, how his brilliant lorry works.

I look forward to sharing with you all the valuable work our councils do during the summer term.

**Mr Coleman**  
Headteacher



## Going Green!!

### Spotlight this week is ...

#### on after school activities

With the time children have spent away from school, we feel it is really important that they have as many opportunities as possible to spend time with their friends over the coming months to help them develop their social skills again. To support this, we have planned a range of after school clubs and activities for children across school for the summer term. Due to the continued support of our fantastic staff in school, I am pleased to say that children will be able to select from the following activities and we look forward to seeing children enjoying these after Easter.

Reception – Aston Villa Football, Forest School, Storybox Club

Year 1 – Outdoor Collage art, gardening, Top Score Multisports

Year 2 – Running, retro playground games and chants, board games, Top Score Multisports, line dancing

Year 3 – Dodgeball, rounders, gardening, board games, football, Top Score Multisports

Year 4 – Embody Dance, drama, Top Score Multisports, Now Press Play

Year 5 – Cooking, Top Score Multisports, quick cricket, recorders, tennis

Year 6 – Ukelele, art and drawing, Top Score Multisports, Running, Rounders

**Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher**

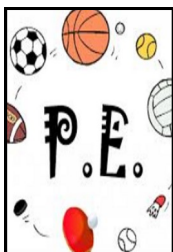
## Birchwood Best Practice

### PE

At Birchwood, we strive for Physical Education to inspire all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sports and other physically-demanding activities to build character and help to embed values such as fairness and respect. Our overall aim is to provide opportunities for pupils to become physically confident in ways which supports their health and fitness and allow all children to be physically active for sustained periods of time. Through PE, we will develop children's knowledge and understanding of how they can lead healthy, active lives and the importance of this.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1, children will develop fundamental movement skills, and become increasingly competent and confident and have opportunities to extend their agility, balance and co-ordination, individually and with others.

In Key Stage 2, children will be given the opportunity to apply and develop a broader range of skills and apply these to competitive situations. The children are encouraged to enjoy communicating, collaborating and competing with each other. - Mrs Brelsford



## Who's Who this week ...

### Mrs Brelsford

Hello everyone, my name is Mrs Brelsford. I first stepped foot through Birchwood's doors eight years ago, on my second year placement during University and I haven't looked back since. This is now my sixth year as a Class Teacher, having taught in both Year 1 and Year 2.

My other role at Birchwood is PE Subject Lead. I enjoy working alongside Mrs Atkins, encouraging and supporting all of our fantastic sports stars. I love being part of the Birchwood family as it means I work within a supportive and passionate team who always strive for the best for the wonderful children we have at Birchwood.

Outside of school, I play netball for a local team and have done since I was eight years old! To relax, I love to get lost in an exciting book in the sun or to take Nellie (the dog) on long walks. I also love to spend lots of time with my family and friends making memories and going on exciting adventures.



## New Online Course



The Solihull Approach (NHS) have launched a new free on line course.

You can access this at [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) and if you have not used it already, the access code for all courses (funded for residents of Warwickshire) is **BEAR**. If, like many parents, you have already used this code, log into your account, and this course will be ready in your dash board.

There are 7 modules which each take about 5 minutes to complete and will benefit from time to digest in between. If you enjoy this course, you might like 'Understanding Your Child' or 'Understanding Your Child With Additional Needs', amongst other courses in the series all on the website above.

Remember to tell you family and friends in the area so they too can benefit from this fantastic opportunity.

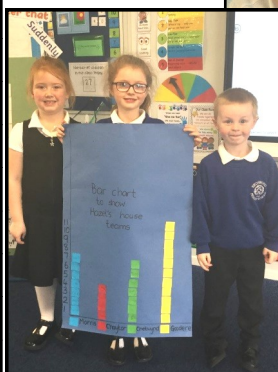
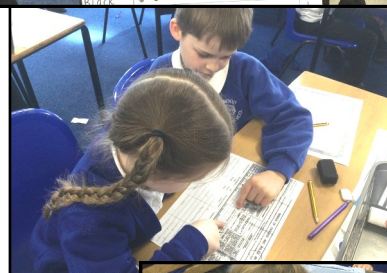
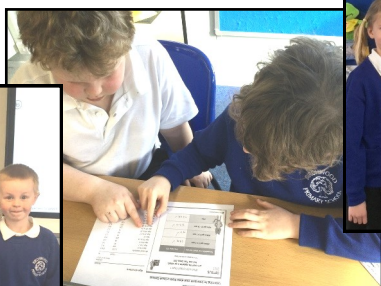
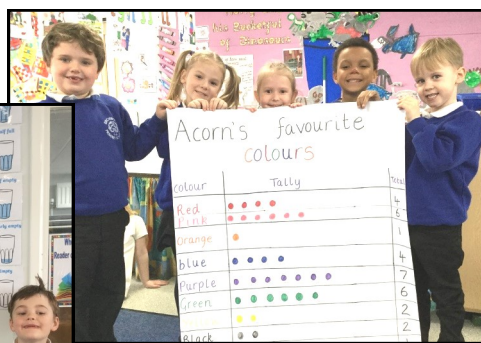
## Helpful Tips to be on time

- Help your child to get their school bag packed the night before.
- Make sure their uniform is ready, especially after the weekend.
- Make sure they have time to eat breakfast.
- Set off in plenty of time.

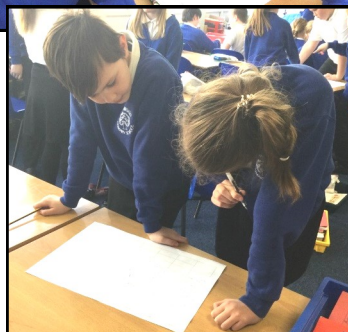
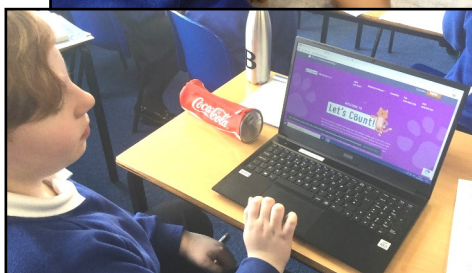
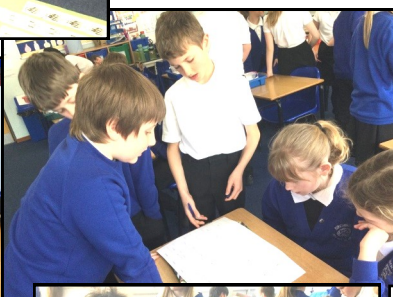
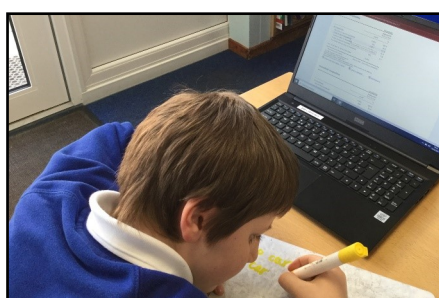
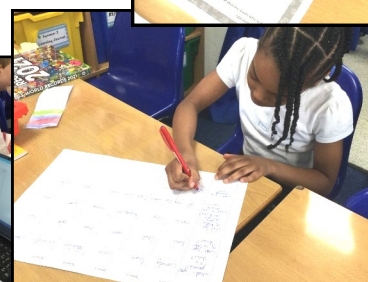
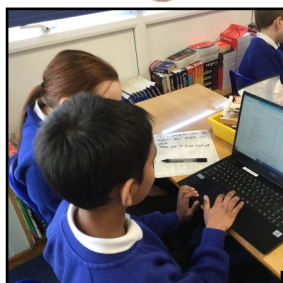
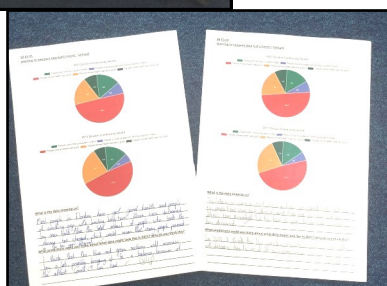


Please help your child have a good start to the day and set up good habits of being on time.





# **CENSUS 2021** **COUNTING ACTIVITIES**





## Academic Year 2020-2021

### Spring Term 2021

**Y2 Royal Tea party** Tuesday 30th March  
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks) Thursday 1st April

### Summer Term 2021

Children Return to School Monday 19th April  
May Day Monday 3rd 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  
Children Return to School Monday 6th September  
**Half Term (1 week) Monday 25th October**  
**Term Ends for Christmas Friday 17th December**  
**Staff Inset Day Tuesday 4th January '22**  
**Children Return to School Wednesday 5th January**  
**Half Term (1 week) Monday 21st February**  
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks) Friday 8th April  
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. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

#### Information leaflets and adverts sent or published by Birchwood Primary School

Birchwood Primary does not endorse any of the services, or products advertised and does not give any representation or warranty about any of the organisations. Birchwood Primary School is not an agent for any of these organisations and any enquiry concerning their services and/or products should be referred directly to them.

## Birchwood Primary School Website



[www.birchwoodprimarieschool.com](http://www.birchwoodprimarieschool.com)  
Twitter : @BirchwoodPrim

## Are you facing financial hardship because of the pandemic?

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme can help you if you are struggling to access food and energy.

The scheme helps people in crisis by offering emergency support and putting them in touch with services who can offer longer term help.



You are not alone, call today on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182 to discuss your circumstances with a friendly advisor.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship)



## Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Let us keep this service flying.



Are you planning on having a clear out of your wardrobe? If so, we have a collection point on site for any clothing, bedding, paired shoes, belts and bags if you would like to support our local air ambulance service. Look for the big yellow collection box to the right of the main school drive. This is emptied on a regular basis and the Air Ambulance Service appreciate all of the donations made. Thank you.



**CAMEO DANCE** EST.2003

### FUN CHILDRENS DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH

**Little Dancers from age 2 ½, Tuesdays & Fridays**

4:30 – 5:30pm The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

**Juniors from age 7, 5:30 – 7:30pm**

The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Tuesdays & Fridays 5:30 – 7:30

Classes include Ballet, Tap, Acrobatics, Modern plus lots more **FIRST TRIAL CLASS IS FREE!**

Call Liz 07443421867

Cameo is a great place to build confidence, develop dance skills, and make good friends whilst working towards our annual show weekend, with no pressure

[Cameodance.co.uk](http://Cameodance.co.uk) \* [cameodance@rocketmail.com](mailto:cameodance@rocketmail.com)

Facebook Cameo Dance or search Cameo Dance Polesworth

**Covid-19 Secure \* See Facebook for up to date opening information**



BASED AT  
THE DORDON CLUB  
LONG ST.  
B78 1PZ

### DANCE & FITNESS CLASSES

BALLET / TAP / MODERN /

COMMERCIAL JAZZ /

NATIONAL FOLK /

FLEXIBILITY /

ZUMBA / PILATES /

LBT / DANCE FIT /

PERFORMING ARTS



**+ GROUP & INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL TRAINING**

**07880 714532**

[www.TJHDANCEANDFITNESS.CO.UK](http://www.TJHDANCEANDFITNESS.CO.UK)

Our registered charity  
2020/21 ZELLWEGER  
UK.

Amount raised so far:



<https://www.jobcentrejobs.co.uk/>



### Learn Times Tables

Fun Exercises with Panda to learn Times Tables.



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.