

Letters sent home this week— All—Y1—Royal Banquet, Y1 - 6—Bubbles Club

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05pm Embody Dance Club	Guitar Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Nerf Wars Club Y4-6	Woodwind Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Nerf Wars Club Y1-3	Y5 Black Country Trip Violin & Keyboard Lessons 3.05pm Young Engineers Club Y3-6	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: CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE ENTERING THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS BEFORE 8.30 AM

Digital Leaders in London for BETT Show 2019

At Birchwood our school aim is to provide our pupils with 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences'. On Friday 25th January four of our Digital Leaders experienced an exciting trip down to London to visit the BETT Show at the Excel Centre. The BETT Show brings together **leading companies** from the global education community to celebrate, find inspiration, and discuss the future of education, as well as the role technology and innovation plays in enabling all educators and learners to thrive.

Our Digital Leaders met up with Digital Leaders from our Partner School, Lanchester EP, for an action packed weekend. The eight children and staff all got on brilliantly and we are looking forward to continuing to work closely with them in the future on other exciting projects.

The main purpose of our visit was to meet up with technology companies leading change in Education. Mr Bailey, our external I.T advisor, had set up lots of meetings and trials with various companies. Over the two days at BETT our digital leaders took part in a full 'now>press>play' interactive experience, were interviewed about their role as Digital Leaders by 'BETT Radio', were invited to take part in a live demonstration of 'Learning By Questions' and were invited to try out the very latest in touch screen technology and virtual reality. The highlight of the visit was the presentation that our children delivered on a '10 year olds guide to online safety'. This was presented fantastically by our 4 children on the 'Net Support' stand and drew a big crowd who listened and even cried at the video shown at the end. After the presentation 4 individual people came up to me to share that they had thought the presentation and video were **the best thing they had seen all week at BETT!**

Since arriving back I have been approached by several people who want to use the video as part of staff and Governor training. Mr Bailey is also going to put original backing music to the video to enable us to post the video on YouTube and other video sites, so that we can share our powerful message that 'Words Hurt' to a wider audience.

We also made the most of our visit down to London in-between visiting the BETT show. Our Digital Leaders enjoyed fine dining and 'monkeying around' in the Rainforest Café, had a wonderful time in the West End watching 'Aladdin' at the theatre and enjoyed a Sunday morning of sightseeing, which included a trip down the Thames and a ride on the London Eye.

The children from both schools were brilliantly behaved and were a real credit to us. Due to their positivity, smiles and manners, they also managed to bag themselves lots of freebies along the way. We hope that we have many more shared experiences with Lanchester EP and look forward to visiting the BETT Show with them again next year. Please look inside our newsletter to find more photographs from the weekend and also visit our Digital Leaders page on our school website to see our latest video from the Bett Show.

Neil Coleman
Headteacher



'BETT' you can't guess where we visited?

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



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.



You can also follow us on twitter: @BirchwoodPrim





Spotlight on Excellence this week is: Young Voices



Last Friday saw the long anticipated Young Voices concert at the Resorts World Arena with over 60 of our pupils getting the opportunity to be rockstars and show off their singing skills as part of a choir of over 6200 children. The children had been rehearsing their vocal performance and dance moves since September in readiness for this day, which included rehearsing and performing with a live band. As any of the children who have been to this event before will tell you there is nothing like the moment the lights go down and they realise they are finally 'on stage', the atmosphere is incredible and the musical skills the children learn as part of the process both leading up to and during the concert are phenomenal. This year we have learnt to sing in 2 and 3 part harmony as well as in unison. The children also heard some fantastic performances by the utterly mad Andy Instone and the Urban Strides dancers, as well as the extraordinarily talented Beau Dermott (we really couldn't believe she was only 15!), Sharlene Hector and Tony Hadley who many parents will remember from his success in Spandau Ballet.

Thank you to all the children for their hard work and all those parents and staff who kindly volunteered to help on the day. It really was an amazing day, and the children were a joy to take out. I am immensely proud of every single one of them. Choir will be continuing this year with rehearsals twice a week at lunchtimes starting next week.

Several parents have already approached me about wanting to be involved next year. Once details are released in July I will 'open the list' and if more helpers than are needed wish to be involved, we will draw names out of a hat. Thank you again for your enthusiasm and ongoing support of your children.

Mrs Day—Associate Headteacher



Arriving Late...

Children absolutely hate being late for school. They arrive after all friends are already sat down in school and enter a classroom of 30 others looking at them.

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. After 8.40am children must enter school through the office entrance to be registered separately.

Apart from disturbing your child's school routine, being late is NOT an authorised absence. Persistent lateness will often result in contact from Education Social Workers who inspect our registers and will prosecute for persistent cases.

Academic Year 2018-2019

Spring Term 2019

Year 5 Black Country Trip	Thursday 7th February
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 15th February
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 18th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 25th February
Children return to school	Tuesday 26th February
Late Parents Evening	Weds 6th March
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 7th March
Year 3 Class Assemblies	Thursday 21st March
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April
Payment due for Manor Adventure	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Manor Adventure Trip	Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June
Children return to school	Monday 29th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 27th May
Children return to school	Monday 3rd June
Professional Development Day	Friday 21st June
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.



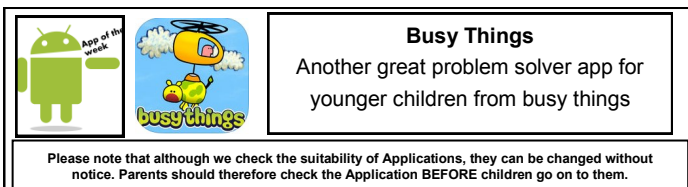
Robot Day - Coventry

Free Admission
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Enjoy Lots Of Hands-On Activities, Workshops and Presentations For Young and Old

Saturday, 9th. March

The Transport Museum, Coventry - Open 10am - 4pm



Busy Things

Another great problem solver app for younger children from busy things

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.

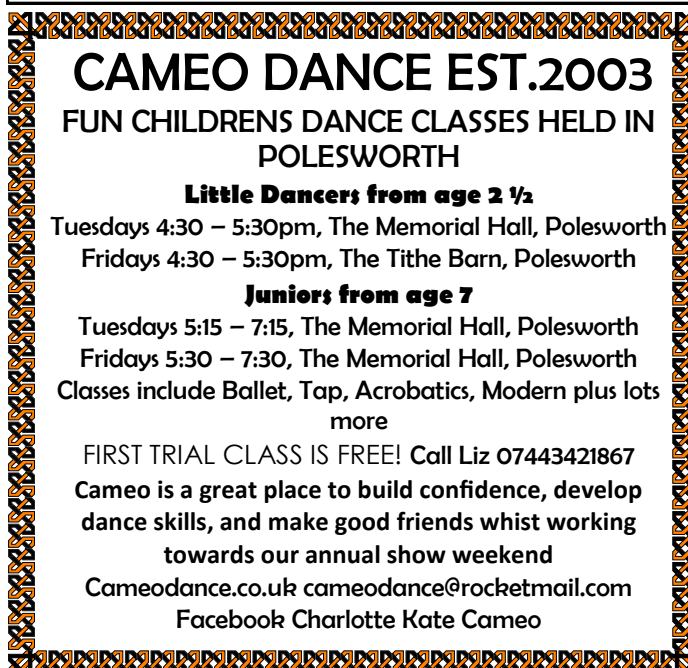


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Cruelty to children must stop. **FULL STOP.**

NSPCC fundraising so far this year is :
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