

Letters home this week: Y2 - Pirate Day

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	R - Forest School Y2 - Retro Playground Games Y3 - Gardening Y4 - Drama Y6 - Top Score	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 can you pay any outstanding amounts you may have on ParentPay.

Parent Consultation

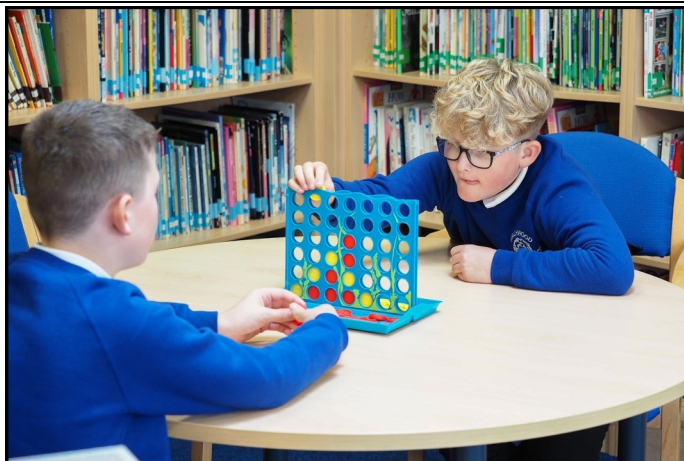
This week all parents had the chance to talk to their children's class teacher about their children's progress in school via a phone call home. The vast majority of parents took the opportunity to book out a time slot this week and conversations with staff have been very positive. Teaching staff have asked me to pass on their thanks for all the kind messages of support they received this week.

Even though the National Covid 19 picture continues to improve, restrictions in school remain. At this current time we have been given no further information or guidance as to when and/or how these restrictions will be lifted.

Although we have not been able to have parents in school face to face, we have looked to find alternative ways to keep lines of communication open between home and school. Our dedicated parents email address has provided a platform for parents to share letters and notes for consideration. We have also started to email more of our letters home to parents and are using online forms to take bookings and gather information. Our school website, learning platform and Twitter feed have also been used more effectively to share news and keep parents updated. We believe that using a combination of technology and some of our tried and tested methods such as our 'Me to You', Reading Diaries and School Newsletter, together have enabled information and communications to be shared effectively

It is however, still very frustrating not to be able to invite our parents into school to share and celebrate your children's learning with you. Over the last 15 months we have missed out on celebration assemblies, class assemblies, hands on learning sessions, Grandparents Lunch, Christmas Performances, end of year productions, music nights, sports days and tournaments and show and share evenings. We do hope that by the end of the year that the Government relax restrictions in school enabling us to invite you all back for our annual sports day, show and share evening and Year 6 Leaver's Production.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



CONNECTING THE DOTS!

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

Spotlight this week is ...

on Online Safety

The online world is one which we probably all spend more time in now than ever before. This week in our assemblies, we have been discussing with children ways to help them stay safe online. We remind children of the SMART rules regularly in school.

S – Safe – Keep your personal information safe, do not share it with anyone online.

M- Meet – Meeting someone you have met online can be dangerous. Always speak to a parent about this and make sure they are there with you.

A – Accepting. Be careful who you accept requests, emails and messages from. Make sure you know who they are from to avoid viruses and nasty messages.

R – Reliable. Information on the internet is not always what it seems. Someone is not always who they say they are.

T - Tell a trusted adult, such as a parent, carer or teacher if something online makes you feel uncomfortable.

We would encourage parents to keep talking about these rules with children at home. Being aware of the things your children are doing online and having open conversations about them is a great way to help them stay safe.

Mrs Day- Associate Headteacher

Birchwood Best Practice

Art and Design

We believe that Art and Design lessons can provide children with opportunities to develop imagination and creative thinking.

Our children explore and develop their skills and creativity using a wide range of media such as drawing, clay, textiles, sculpture, painting, print making and collage. These are developed continuously throughout school from Foundation Stage to Year 6. We value the use of sketch books and encourage the importance of experimentation, exploration and pushing ideas in imaginative ways. Opportunities for purposeful cross curricular links are also planned for.

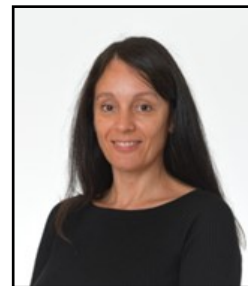
As well as encouraging our children to be inspired by the work of great artists and designers, our curriculum is enriched by inviting artists in to school to work with children and staff. Some of the wonderful masterpieces created can be seen around our school. We also organise trips for the children to explore art in galleries and museums. - Miss Aston



Who's Who this week ...

Miss Aston

I have worked at Birchwood Primary for a number of years now. Although I currently teach in Year 1, I have also taught in Year 3 and Foundation Stage. My role is also to co-ordinate the teaching of art and design across our school.



I have three teenage daughters who all attended Birchwood Primary too. Although they keep me very busy we do enjoy our days out. I like nothing more than going for a long walk in the country, either on our own or with friends or family, and finishing up in a little café or restaurant—my girls prefer a day out at the shops! I can also often be found in Costa at the weekend—I love a nice cappuccino.

We also like going to concerts and have seen Ed Sheeran, Little Mix, Ariana Grande and Mabel recently...guess which one was my choice! We also enjoy our holidays too. Preferably these will be in the sun but, as my brother used to live in Finland, we've had some lovely snowy holidays too.

Finally, when I have some spare time, I love to read. I am partial to a thriller novel with a good twist.

SAFEGUARDING

Please report absences from school by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning or emailing the school and leave a message giving details of your child's name, class and reason for absence. If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by calling parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school.

We ask that you contact school each day of a child's absence unless advised otherwise.






Thank you for your support.



SUN AWARENESS

Spending time outdoors can be great for our wellbeing, but as the weather gets warmer, it is important to protect our skin from sun damage. Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service have put together some useful resources and information to help families stay safe in the sun.

The 5 S's of Sun Safety

1. SLIP in a t-shirt 
2. SLOP on SPF 30+ UVA sunscreen 
3. SLAP on a broad rimmed hat 
4. SLIDE on quality sunglasses 
5. SHADE from the sun whenever possible 

For more information on subjects such as sun safety, staying hydrated, skin types and treating sun exposure, visit the web site shown below.

<http://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Sun-Safety-Awareness-family-resource.pdf>



YOUTH CLUB

In an effort to give the children in our area exciting opportunities, Dordon Club is opening a youth club. From the 19th May, the under 12's session will be held on Wednesdays from 5.30-7.30pm at a cost of £4 per session (19th May and 26th May FREE)

The club has a pool table, Xbox, food and drink and a milkshake bar and will include sports activities and dance classes.

The youth club will be at:

The Dordon Club,
Long Street,
Dordon,
B78 1PZ

For more information please phone Richard on 07826 516579

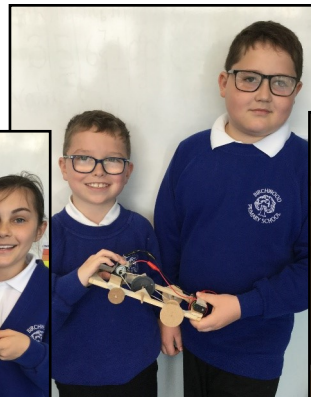
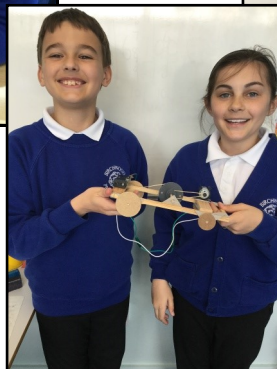
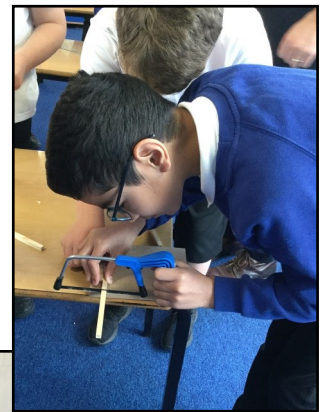
Fire Safety Awareness

Last week Year 1,2,5 and 6 children enjoyed fire safety awareness talks and demonstrations from Warwickshire Community Fire Service. They enjoyed trying on the uniform, watching interesting demonstrations and having a go at 'drop and roll'.



YEAR 5 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Year 5 had a DT day on Tuesday where they learned how to use a variety of equipment safely, measure & cut accurately, strengthen joins and include mechanisms such as pulleys and gears into a design. They will be designing Moon-buggy inspired additions to attach to these chassis before seeing which one is the fastest and which can climb the steepest ramp.



Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Year 2 Pirate Day	Wednesday 19th 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 '22
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.

Birchwood Primary School Website



Want to know what is 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

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.

Parking

Bearing in mind our one school rule of 'Consideration and Respect' please may we remind parents/carers to park courteously on the roads surrounding school. It is important to ensure that driveways and pavements are not obstructed as this can prove dangerous for other road users, pedestrians and can be frustrating for our neighbours. Thank you for your support and co-operation.



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Tuesdays & Fridays 5:30 – 7:30

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



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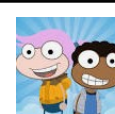
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