

Letters home this week: All - Sponsored Walk

What's on in school next week: SPORTS WEEK!!!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 - Gardening Y3 - Football Y4 - Embody Y5 - Quick Cricket Y6 - Running R - Broomey Croft Farm	R - Aston Villa Y2 - Board Games Y6 - Rounders	Transition Day Y2 - Top Score Y5 - Recorders Changemakers	R - Storybox/Forest Schools Y1 - Top Score Y2 - Team Games Y4 Now Press Play Y5 - Tennis	Y3 - 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 send your child's PE kit in every day next week for sports day events

Our Arrangement for Next Year

Last week, letters were emailed out to all parents informing them which class their children will be taught in, from September. I am sure the children were all very excited to find out who would be teaching them next year.

Preparing children properly for a new school year starts months ahead and is always very important. We take a great deal of trouble to get it right. Looking ahead and preparing well every year ensures our children come back in September excited about what is ahead of them, rather than being frightened by the unknown.

As part of our planned induction we organise an exciting 'moving up day'. On our moving up day the children are registered by their current class teacher and then move to their 'new class'. During the day, we spend some time on agreeing a set of positive class rules based around 'Consideration and Respect'. We also give the children an opportunity to complete some writing about themselves and complete a short maths activity. When the children come back in September we make sure they are greeted by the work they complete which is displayed in their new classroom.

At Birchwood we also spend a great deal of time ensuring that key transition information about each class and child is shared with next year's Teacher and Teaching Assistant. We ensure that the wealth of knowledge and information built up over the course of this year and previous years is passed on. This ensures that we can maximise learning potential and opportunities from day one, catering for all individual needs.

As well as our children, our school staff are also looking forward to next year. At the end of every school year there are always mixed emotions. Teachers and Teaching Assistants get very attached to their class and children. They spend a great deal of time and energy planning, preparing and delivering exciting learning opportunities. Over the course of the year they share a lot of experiences together and get to know each other very closely. Staff are often sad at the thought of not teaching or seeing their old class on a daily basis, but at the same time excited at the prospect of working with and getting to know another set of fantastic Birchwood children.

In September we will be losing our current Year 6 cohort of children as they take their next step in their learning journey to The Polesworth School, but hopefully they will all come back to see us and keep us updated on how they are getting on. At the same time we will be welcoming a brand new cohort of children who will be starting off their learning journey in Reception with Mrs Smith, Miss Lowe and the rest of the Early Years team.

September sees a lot of change, but one thing that will not change is our commitment to ensuring that Birchwood remains at its brilliant best and ensures that all our children receive 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences'.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



YEAR 6 - EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE!

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

Spotlight this week is ...

Transitions for all.

This week we emailed out to parents details of the classes that all children will be moving to in September. For most children this is a very exciting time of year, and they are keen to find out all about their new teachers and teaching assistants.

Some children however can find the upcoming change a little daunting. If your child does mention worries about transition then it is helpful to talk with them at home about the things that they might have questions about. Sometimes the smallest things can be the source of the biggest worry, for example not knowing where to put their coat or water bottle. In reality of course their peg will be labelled when they arrive, and staff will show them where everything goes but pointing this out will probably help calm their fears. Reminding them of all the things that will still be the same will also be helpful, for example, the friends they will be with.

Perhaps the most important thing to reinforce with all children is that while change can sometimes be unsettling for a little while, it is also exciting and that new and interesting challenges are ahead.

Mrs Day

Associate Headteacher



Who's Who this week ...

Mrs Spong

Hi, I'm Mrs Spong and I have had the pleasure of working at Birchwood for over 10 years now.

During this time I have worked in most year groups across school, fulfilling different roles including working 1:1 with children, delivering interventions, cover teaching and as a class teaching assistant. My current role is as class TA in Acorn class. I really enjoy working in Early Years. Getting to watch the children grow in confidence, independence and curiosity as they begin their learning journey is so rewarding. Their enthusiasm is contagious and there is never a dull moment as no two days are ever the same!

Outside of school, when I am not busy being mum to my two girls, I spend lots of time in the gym or outdoor training for obstacle course races. I am also a volunteer for YMCA Burton helping in the food bank and the winter night shelter which provides a bed for the homeless during the coldest months.

To relax I really enjoy reading, so if you have any recommendations of a good book then let me know!



Birchwood Best Practice

Good routines

At Birchwood a huge part of the time that we spend integrating children into school life is spent on learning routines. Routines are not only essential for the smooth running of an orderly classroom, they are actually really important for your child's well being. Knowing exactly how and when things are done gives children a sense of security and control over their environments. It establishes expectations and helps with confidence and independence.

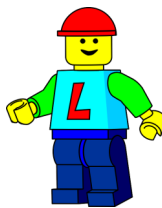
From the moment the children start school, good routines are set. From how to enter school, put away belongings and move around the corridors they quickly learn what is expected and are able to manage this themselves.

If you have the pleasure of taking a walk around Birchwood it is obvious to see that many of these routines become second nature to the children and are used consistently through school up to year 6.

Mrs Spong

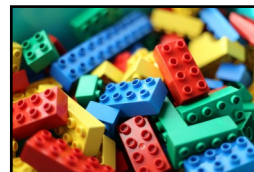


LEGO House Competition



The winners of the recent LEGO House Competition are as follows:

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| Chetwynd had 11 entries | - winner Evan Cart (Pine 4) |
| Chaytor had 8 entries | - winner Ethan Allen (Pine 4) |
| Goodere had 8 entries | - winner Kyle Ratchford (Maple 3) |
| Morris had 8 entries | - winner Ronnie Clarke (Elm 1) |



Well done to everyone who entered, your contribution will add to your total House points for the end of the year.

COMPETITION-SCIENCE HAS SUPERPOWERS

PI-KEM, a specialist supplier of advanced materials & equipment, based in Wilnecote, Tamworth is celebrating their 30th Anniversary this year. As part of their celebrations they want to help young people in the local community to engage with STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths). Pupils will have the opportunity to win Amazon vouchers of £15, £30 or £50 as well as funds for their school to support STEM related projects.

A copy of the flyer detailing the competition has been emailed out. Below is a summary of what is involved:

KS1 - Design a poster of a Science Superhero and tell us their super powers

KS2 - Write and illustrate a Superhero based story, which explains ONE of these questions:

- Why do we recycle?
- Why are precious metals so precious?
- How do we get news from space?
- How do robots help make cars?

Please note that entries need to be submitted directly to STEMcompetition@pi-kem.co.uk

or posted to:

PI-KEM Ltd Unit 18-20 Tame Valley Business Centre, Magnus, Tamworth, Staffs, B77 5BY, UK

Should you require any further information, please e-mail STEMcompetition@pi-kem.co.uk or visit competitions.stem.pi-kem.co.uk

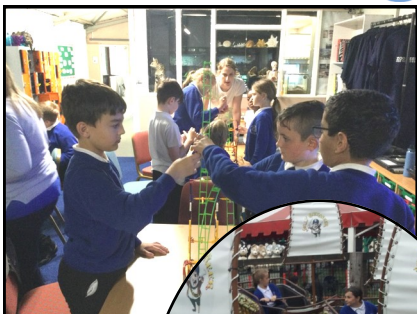
Good Luck,
Mrs Webb



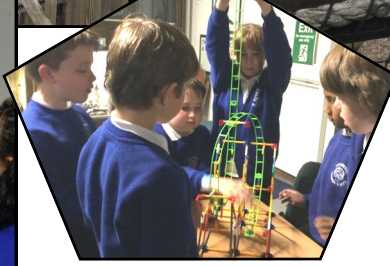
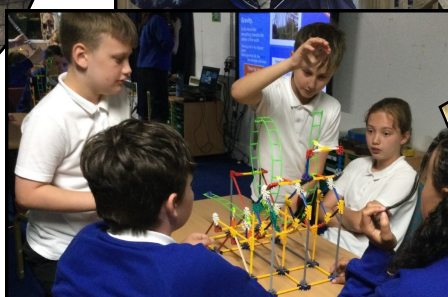


Year 6 had a great day at Beaudesert near Cannock doing exciting activities such as zip wires, archery, tree climbing, axe throwing and caving. Everyone had a great time.

AND THE FUN CONTINUES...



Year 5 enjoyed a day at Drayton Manor. They joined in workshops on how forces such as velocity and gravity affect roller coasters, experimenting with Kinex. They then had fun going on the rides in the park. They all had a brilliant day.



Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Sports Day Week

R Broomey Croft Farm Visit

Transition Day

Y3 Botanical Gardens Visit

Y6 BBQ

Term Ends for Summer, 1pm

Monday 5th July

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Wednesday 7th July

Tuesday 13th July

Tuesday 20th July

Wednesday 21st July

Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Professional Development Day

Thursday 2nd September

Professional Development Day

Friday 3rd September

Children Return to School

Monday 6th September

Half Term (1 week)

Monday 25th October

Professional Development Day

Monday 1st November

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

Professional Development Day

Monday 28th 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

Professional Developments Day

Friday 24th June

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



Class Photographs

Please be advised that NextGen School Photography will be collecting any photograph orders which parents chose to send into school, on Monday lunchtime. Any last minute orders must be brought into school on Monday morning. Many thanks.

Our registered charity 2020/21

ZELLWEGER UK. Amount raised so far:
£1750.14



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Arriving Late...

Children absolutely hate being late for school. They arrive after the rest of the class 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 their arrival window has ended, 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 can result in contact from Education Social Workers who inspect our registers and will prosecute persistent cases.

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.



Busy Things

Another great problem solver app for younger children from busy things.



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