



Weekly Update

21 May 2021

COVID19

As you know the Prime Minister announced an easing of restrictions from the 17th May, and all being well, all restrictions will finish on the 21st June. At the moment, we plan to keep all the restrictions in school until the end of term. This includes; children remaining in bubbles, lunch in the classroom, car park closed, staggered starts, no large gatherings, such as assembly, or parents invited in for performances or Sports Day. We will monitor the situation and changing guidance from the Local Authority and DfE.

Testing

If anyone gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- ♦ self-isolate immediately
- ♦ get a PCR test to confirm the result via GOV.UK.
- ♦ follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

Send your PCR test results into school before your child returns to school using the email address covidtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk

Please note that you cannot use a lateral flow test to avoid self-isolating. Lateral flow tests are only for people with no symptoms. If you have symptoms, you must book a PCR test (sent to lab). Your child will not be allowed back into school after symptoms unless they have had a PCR test.

Parents Evening

Many thanks to everyone who attended the recent Parent Evening Consultation. I hope you found them informative and useful. I am aware that across the 2 nights some families experienced some technical difficulties – website browser, sound or not getting the link. Teachers have been contacting parents to rearrange their meetings. Please let us know and we will book you in for a telephone call.

Specialist Resource Provision (SRP)

We are pleased to confirm that the Special resource Provision (SRP) has been confirmed with the Local Authority and will open in September. This will eventually host 10 children with Autism (ASD) and Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD). We have appointed the team who will also run it; Emma Blackford will be the Lead Teacher and Lauren King (TA in RW) will be the lead TA.

Year 4 Performance

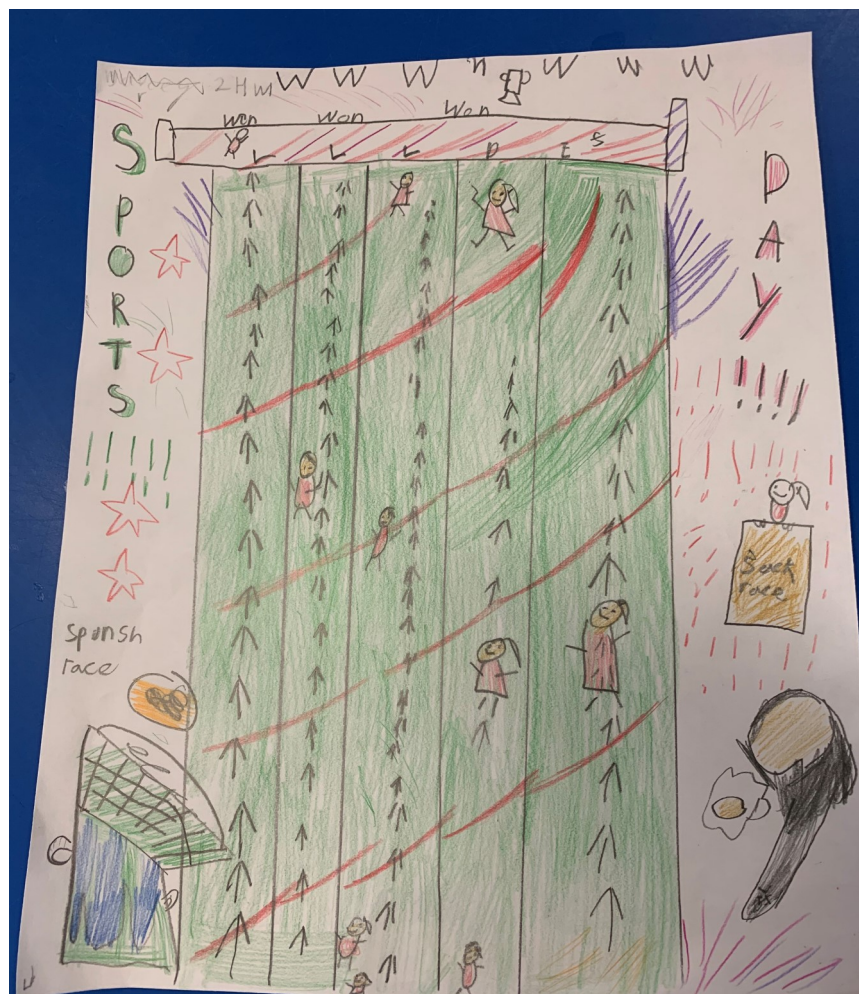
Year 4 have been working extremely hard recently to prepare for their play **Wiz Wham Alakazam**. There have been lots of rehearsals, singing, costume-wearing, and everyone is very excited! We will live broadcast the performance on Thursday 27th May at 6pm. A link will be sent out to parents for this.

Oakwood Residential - Y4 and Y6

Ms. Cameron held a virtual meeting for Y4 and Y6 residentials to Oakwood on Thursday 20th May. We hope that you found the information useful. We will put copies of the presentation on the website.

Birch Hill Primary Olympics

An exciting athletics-based event is currently underway at Birch Hill. For the next few weeks, children will be using their PE time to train for the Birch Hill Olympics. During National Sports Week—commencing June 21st, four members of each class will be nominated to compete in the tournament. Each class member will be representing their house team - Wind, Fire, Earth and Water. The winning house will be the champions of the Olympics!



Poster Competition

Congratulations to Grace in 10S and Darcey in 2HW for winning the sports day poster competition, their posters are now displayed around the school.

Dates for the Diary

Year 4 & Year 6 Residential Zoom Meetings	4.30pm & 6.30pm Wednesday 20th May
Reception Height, Weight, Hearing and Vision Check	Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th May
Maestros Music Assembly	Tuesday 25th June (2pm)
Year 4 Performance	Thursday 27th May
HALF TERM	Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June
National Sports Week	Monday 21st—Friday 25th June
New Reception Parents Evening	Thursday 24th June 7pm (virtual)
Year 6 Secondary School Transition Days	Wednesday 30th June & Thursday 1st July
Year 4 Residential to Oakwood	Thursday 1st—Friday 2nd July
Year 6 Residential to Oakwood	Monday 5th—Wednesday 7th July
Whole School New Class Transition session	Friday 9th July
Annual Reports to go out	Friday 16th July
END OF TERM	Wednesday 21st July
START OF AUTUMN TERM	Thursday 2nd September (Wednesday 1st September—Staff INSET training)