

Congratulations to our Year 6 Football Team who played their first match in a very long time and won 7 -1 against St Josephs. The children were brilliant and many thanks to everyone who helped and supported the team. We have started to offer Prospective Parent tours for Reception 2022 this term—it's a lovely opportunity to walk around with new parents and showcase our school. If you are looking for a reception place for your child, please call or email the office.

We have updated the school website and uploaded the Welcome Meeting presentations. Please have a look at these if you were not able to attend.

Year 5 Parents – A letter has been sent home with your child today, on bright yellow paper, from Thomas de Sausmarez. Thomas will be running a research intervention project with one of the classes in Year 5, after half term. The intervention will then be completed with the other Year 5 class in the Spring term. I believe that we have a fabulous opportunity to be part of Thomas' research, however it does require you to sign the consent form in order for your child to take part. Can you please sign and return the consent form to your child's class teacher by Friday 15th October 2021.

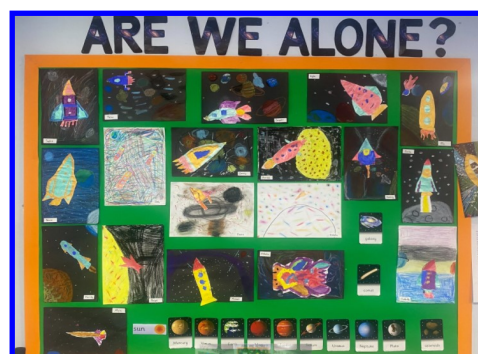
Year 6 Debates



Over the last few weeks, Year 6 have been learning all about the structures, language and roles of debating. The motion up for debate was: *All children in primary schools should wear a mask* – a very topical and controversial issue I'm sure you will agree! As you can imagine, this caused much discussion across the classes and after lots of hard work and preparation, the children took part in their formal class debate. These were exceptionally impressive! The children delivered their arguments with great passion and precision and were incredibly convincing. We would love for you to watch them on the news page of Birch Hill web-site. Look out for these next week! Which side would you agree with?— Year 6 Team

Year 5 Space Topic

In Year 5 we have been thoroughly enjoying our space topic this term. We have had the opportunity to conduct experiments, learn about our Universe as well as write some fantastic free verse poetry about our Solar System. In art, we focused on the work of Peter Thorpe and created our own interpretations by using both pastels and paints.—Year 5 Team.



Football

Congratulations to the Birch Hill Badgers! The team played excellently against St Joseph's and came away with a 7-1 victory. Thank you to all of the parents who turned up in support of the team, there was a great atmosphere. It was the first game of the season and with 3 more around the corner, let's keep cheering the badgers on.



Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers

The Local Authority will be providing a £15 super-market voucher for each child eligible for benefits based free school meals at October half term. More information will be sent to parents next week. If you think you may be eligible for benefits-based free school meals, please apply online to the Council or contact us for more information.



Please remember to give your donations of Halloween costumes for our Fancy Dress Sale on Friday 15th October. The Halloween Dress-Up Day is on 22nd October with a donation of £1.

Secondary School Applications

Please ensure you apply for your child's secondary school place by 31st October. For further information go to the Bracknell Forest Council website:
<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/when-apply>

Dates for the Diary

Welcome to Reception Meeting (virtual)	Tuesday 12th October @ 6.30pm
Parents Evening (virtual)	Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st October 4pm-7pm
HALF TERM	MONDAY 25TH—FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER
INSET DAY	MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
Year 6 Height & Weight Check—School	Tuesday 2nd November
Flu Immunisations - Reception-Year 6	Thursday 4th November
Reception Family Learning Workshop	Tuesday 16 th November (RW) & Thursday 18 th November (RR) see attached flyer
Parent Workshop	Wednesday 24 th November 9-11am
Friends Christmas Fair	Saturday 4th December

Letters/Attachments coming home this week:

Lunch Menu for Autumn 2
Flu immunisation Consent Letter
Crowthorne FC Flyer