

Weekly Newsletter

05 November 2021

We have had a very busy week, even though we have only been back 4 days. We have had a few more cases of Covid across the school and parents of those year groups have been contacted. Therefore we are continuing to take precautions to limit the spread of Covid including children in Y2-Y6 having lunch in their classroom, playing separately at lunch time and enhanced cleaning taking place during the day. Staff are wearing masks in communal areas and we are limiting visitors to the site. We continue to be in conversation with Public Health and the LA. Please ensure you wear a face mask when coming in to the school office.

Please ensure that you follow the advice below if anyone in your family has symptoms or is a close contact of a positive covid case. Please let us know of any positive covid cases by emailing at <u>covidtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk</u> as soon as possible.

If you or your child has symptoms, you must self isolate and book a PCR test. If this is positive, you must self isolate for 10 days. Other family members are advised to get a PCR test and if this is negative, continue with lateral flow testing every day for 7 days. If any lateral flow test is positive, self isolate and book a PCR test.

If you or your child is identified as a close contact of a covid case, you are advised to get a PCR test and if this is negative, continue with lateral flow testing every day for 7 days. If any lateral flow test is positive, self isolate and book a PCR test. You do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms and the tests are negative.

Thank you for your continued support to keep our school community as safe as possible.

Special Resources Provision

We are delighted to share that the Specialist Resource Provision has now fully opened and the children have moved in to their new classroom.

The provision is very much part of the main school, so the children also get to spend time within their year group classroom during the week.

We feel really privileged that we have this resource within our school and the children have an environment and excellent teaching team working with them to meet their needs. All that is left to do is decide on a name – we will keep you posted!





Year 1 Topic

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about everyday materials. The children were busy carrying out testing, examining different materials and describing what materials look and feel like.

In their end of unit lesson, the children had to predict what materials were best to make an aeroplane.

They then had the opportunity to fly their aeroplanes and see which one was the most successful in terms of length of flight and time in the air. They had a fantastic time!

Year 6 Rugby

The Year 6 rugby team participated in an intense day of rugby games at Great Hollands on Thursday 4th November. The team represented the school excellently and persevered through the day showing their resilience in tough matches and cold weather. They were incredibly respectful to the other teams present and to each other, showing some lovely teamwork skills.

Our team came in 5th place overall after winning two games, drawing three, and losing two. Well done team Birch Hill Badgers!



Dates for the Diary

School Photographs	Thursday 18th November
Reception Family Learning Workshop (TBC)	Tuesday 16 th November (RW) & Thursday 18 th November (RR)
Year 4 Oxford Castle Trip	Tuesday 23rd November
Parent Workshop (TBC)	Wednesday 24 th November 9-11am
Year 5 Ufton Court Trip	Thursday 25th November
Bikeability for Year 4	Monday 29th & Tuesday 30 November
Bikeability for Year 5 & 6	Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd December
Friends Christmas Fair	Saturday 4th December

Letters/Attachments coming home this week:

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