

Welcome

It has been a lovey and very busy week at school. Year 5 had a great day dressing up in their Mayan outfits yesterday and being Kings and Queens for the day! (See the photo below) Thank you to all of the Year 4 parents who joined the online meeting regarding the residential at Oakwood. We have uploaded the presentation on the Year 4 page of the Secure Area of the website.

We are making plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a picnic on Friday 27th May in the afternoon. Children will also begin to learn a special song composed by Emily Barden and the Windsor School which they will sing at the Picnic. Emily Grayson and Miss Garnham will represent Birch Hill Primary as part of the The Queen's Green Canopy Project and plant a tree at Ascot Racecourse next week.

A reminder that Year 6 children will be having their SATs next week. They are invited to come in early and have breakfast to help them get ready and settled for their tests.

Finally, we mentioned last week that children in Y1-Y6 will be having their Relationship, Sex & Health Education session this term. Please see the school website for more information.

<https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=PHSE%2C+Citizenship+and+RSHE&pid=340>

Mr Michael Dillon
Headteacher



Year 1 Windsor Castle Trip

Year 1 had a busy and exciting day at Windsor Castle last Friday.

The children enjoyed watching the Queen's guards, visiting St. George's Chapel, participating in a workshop about castles, seeing Queen Mary's dolls house and walking around the State Apartments.

They particularly liked marching around the castle as if they were a soldier!



Year 5 Special Event

Year 5 had a brilliant Mayan day on Thursday!

It was a very busy day with activities including: exploring a Mayan myth, tricky Mayan maths, trying our hand at the famous ballgame Pok a Tok then finally designing and making Mayan masks.

A big thank you to adults at home for their support with the costumes - the children looked absolutely wonderful!



Have you heard of the Bracknell Forest Lottery?

What does this mean for us at Friends of Birch Hill Primary?

Every week there is a prize draw where you have the chance of winning up to £25,000 plus smaller prizes.

Each ticket costs £1 and 50p of that comes straight to us 🎟️

So if 20 people bought one ticket each per week, over the year the school would earn £520 and yourself the chance of prize money each week.

If 40 people bought 1 ticket a week I'll let you do the maths 😊

Even better, at the moment you also have the chance of winning a £1000 staycation if you sign up before 25th June!

Signing up is so easy to do and takes less than 5 minutes.

<https://www.bracknellforestlottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-birch-hill-primary-school>



Supporting your child as they move on to Secondary School



A session for parents and carers of Year 5 & 6 pupils

Friday 20th May 2022

9:15-10:45 am

The session is not school-specific, but will give you the opportunity to:

What	Consider what transition involves.
Positive	Identify the positives for parents & carers when children transition to a new setting
Concerns	Identify concerns, and suitable ways to deal with them
Boost	Boost your ability to facilitate a smooth transition for your child.
Support	Work out the best ways to support your child



- This session will give you a supportive space to be able to ask any questions you might have and share information and experiences with others.

Please contact Mrs Payne at the school office 01344 455815 if you would like to join the session (a limited number of places are available).



Children's Achievements

Jess in Year 6 received a medal for an outstanding performance with her cheerleading team. Year 6 can vouch for this as they have all seen the video!

Well done Jess.

Zoe in Year 6 created a portrait of the Queen for an art competition in celebration of the Queen's platinum Jubilee.





We wish her lots of luck!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 6 SATS	Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May
Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting	Monday 9th May - 4.00pm
Second hand Uniform Sale	Thursday 12th May - 2.45pm
Magic Pebbles Workshop - Reception	RW—Tuesday 17th May, RR— Wednesday 18th May - 9.00am
Year 6 Supporting a Smooth Transition to Secondary Parent Workshop	Friday 20th May - 9.00am
Young Voices Concert	Tuesday 24th May
Anxiety Parent Workshop	Wednesday 25th May - 9.00am
Friends Meeting	Wednesday 25th May - 7.00pm
Platinum Jubilee Day	Friday 27th May
HALF TERM	Monday 30th May—Monday 6th June
INSET DAY	Tuesday 7th June
Managing Behaviour Parent Workshop	Monday 13th June - 9.00am
Sports Day (weather permitting)	Wednesday 22nd June (reserve date Tuesday 5th July)
Reception New Parents Meeting	Thursday 23rd June - 6.00pm
Year 4 Oakwood Residential	Wednesday 29th June - Friday 1st July
Friends Summer Fair	Saturday 2nd July - 11.00am-4.00pm
Year 6 Performance	Tuesday 12th July - 6.00pm, Thursday 14th July - 9.30pm & 6.00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Disco/Festival Party	Wednesday 20th July - 6.00-8.00pm

Letters/Attachments coming home this week:

-  Anxiety parenting poster May 2022
-  Berks FC flyer
-  Managing Behaviour parenting poster
-  Transition to secondary school poster