

Welcome

It's been another very busy week at school. Firstly we would like to congratulate all of Year 6 on completing their SATS exams. They have worked incredibly hard, stayed positive and motivated. They should all feel very proud of what they have achieved. They also thoroughly enjoyed the SATS Breakfast Club, and we would like to thank all staff for their help and support.

It's also lovely to see the children having great experiences from visiting Reading Museum, exploring their Amazon Topics, to visiting Windsor Racecourse.

Mr Michael Dillon

Headteacher

Year 3 Reading Museum Trip

Year 3 have had a busy few weeks and are fully engrossed in their new topic – 'What did the Romans do for us?' This included a trip to Reading Museum where the children had the opportunity to dress up like Romans, touch ancient artefacts and learn all about Roman life. The children were extremely well behaved and had a fantastic time. The teachers were very proud (and exhausted!) by the end of the day.



Year 4 Amazon Topic

As part of our exploration of the Amazon Rainforest, Year 4 had an afternoon of experiencing life as a child of the Awa tribe. The children had to work together in their tribes to hunt and gather their food and a pet capuchin monkey. The children learnt that they had to take only what they needed to help the rainforest to recover and re-grow. This was in-line with our lessons on sustainability throughout science.



Special Event—The Queen's Green Canopy



In recognition of Emily's hard work during the Edible Garden Community Dig, held before Christmas, she and Miss Garnham took part in The Queen's Green Canopy, the commemorative planting of seventy young oak trees in Windsor Great Park in conjunction with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

This event was open to the closest seventy school to Ascot Racecourse and Tuesday's unveiling ceremony was a unique celebration and although we were not graced by the presence of any royalty, it was a truly memorable event. Well done, Emily!



Below is a link to the Ascot Racecourse news story – it is also featured in Ascot News!

[Platinum Jubilee trees planting in Windsor Great Park | Ascot Racecourse | Royal Ascot Horse Racing](#)

Bracknell Half Marathon

Mrs McGill and Miss King will be running the Bracknell Half Marathon on Sunday, don't forget to look out for them along the course. The Year 1's have designed a T-shirt for Mrs McGill and we're sure they would appreciate you cheering them on.

Children's Achievements

If your child has received a special award for something out of school, or has a special talent, we would love to be able to celebrate this and share it in our newsletter.

Please email these to: secretary@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk

Platinum Jubilee

With two weeks to go until the Platinum Jubilee day, we cannot wait to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II at school. We will spend Friday 27th May learning about the Queen through the decades. We will be making crowns, and at lunchtime, we will have a Jubilee picnic and participate in Jubilee outside games. We will then have an assembly and sing a special Platinum Jubilee song.

Jubilee Picnic

Our special picnic to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee will be instead of our usual menu. If you have already ordered a lunch for your child on Eduspot, you will need to go login again to order the picnic lunch. **Please ensure you order by Tuesday 24th May.** Food served at the picnic will be cheese, ham or tuna rolls, crisps, cheese and onion roll, pork sausage roll, chicken bites, cocktail sausages (pork), pizza, cheese straws, carrot and cucumber sticks, cakes and an ice lolly!



Friends—Summer Fair Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for the Summer Fair. If you are able to help out in any way, please complete this online form. Thank you.

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Parent Volunteers in School

We are now able to invite parent volunteers into school. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please collect a form from the school office. You will also need to have a DBS check. Please note, you would not always be asked to help in your child's own year group.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Walk to School Week	Monday 16th May—Friday 20th May
Magic Pebbles Workshop - Reception	RW—Tuesday 17th May, RR— Wednesday 18th May - 9.00am
Year 5 & 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
Year 5 Rhos Y Gwaliau Initial Parents Meeting	Thursday 9 th June 2022 - 6:30pm
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:

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|  KS2 Maestros Choir 50% off flyer |  Anxiety parenting poster BH_May 2022 |
|  Library Jubilee Brochure |  Bracknell Samaritans Run 2022 |
|  Managing Behaviour parenting poster BH 2022 |  Home-Start Bracknell Forest |
|  Transition to secondary school poster year 5 & 6 |  Jubilee Picnic Flyer |
|  Walk to School Week Flyer | |