



Weekly Newsletter

10 June 2022

Welcome

I hope everyone had a lovely relaxing half term and long Jubilee weekend. We all had a fantastic whole school Jubilee Picnic on the field on Friday 27th May. The children sang the 'Jubilee Song', had a great time eating their picnic outside together, and playing games on the field.

Please speak to your child about class splits and which friend they would like to be with over the week-end. Teachers will be talking to children about this next week.

Please have a look at the diary dates below as we have a busy half term with various assessments for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4, residential for Year 4 and leavers arrangements for Year 6.

Michael Dillon—Headteacher

Class Split and Transitions

Due to Covid, we have not mixed our classes up for a few years. Please speak to your child over the weekend and ask them who they would like as a buddy/friend in their new class. Teachers will also ask the children next week and begin the transition programme with the children over the next few weeks.

There will be two transition sessions with their new teachers on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th July.

The rationale for mixing the classes is to broaden the children's friendship groups and purposely give the children these transition experiences to build up their resilience, which will help them as they get older.

Class teachers work closely together to make sure each class has a balanced mix of boys and girls as well as abilities groups and special educational needs, we will ensure where possible, all children have at least one friend in their new class.

We fully appreciate this can cause anxiety for some children and we are mindful of this. We will work with children now, and also in September to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Year 6 Charity

Year 6 have been overwhelmed this week by the incredible generosity of donations for their charity, Gibson's Go Getters. We cannot thank you all enough for your efforts with the sponsored walking over half term. The children should be very proud of themselves. Our next charity events include a 'Fundraiser on the Field', which will be held on Monday 20th June from 2pm to 4pm (to allow parents to experience it as well), a 'Break the Rules Day' and a cake sale - both of which will be held on Thursday 23rd June. The 'Break the Rules Day' will be created by the Year 6 pupils and more information will be sent out closer to the time, but a participation donation of £1 will be requested. The cake sale will take place from 3:00 - 4:00 the same day in the hall.



Sports Day

Sports Day is on **Wednesday 22nd June- Key Stage 2 is at 9.30am & Key Stage 1 & Reception is at 2pm.** Please note that we have had to rearrange the reserve Sports Day from **Tuesday 5th July to Friday 8th July.**

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Nursery

Nursery have been reading the story "Jasper's Beanstalk" by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen, and just like Jasper in the story we found a bean and planted it. Some of them have started to grow very tall and we even had a beanstalk grow in the classroom!

We were also very busy preparing for the Queen's Jubilee.

Did you know that the Queen has had her portrait painted 130 times? We also

painted her portrait! We made crowns and flags and painted pictures of her favourite dog: a corgi!



Reception

The Reception children had a very exciting and busy week learning all about Queen Elizabeth 2. They made crowns to wear to the Platinum Jubilee Picnic.



Nurture



The children in the Rainbow Room have been planting tomato seeds this half term with great success. We aim to transfer them in to the Nurture flower bed in the Edible Garden so we can visit and watch them grow next term.

For the Jubilee celebrations, we looked at how the Queen has come to reign for 70 years. The children completed the week before half term with an art session; looking at ways in which we can make and decorate a crown to wear for the children's Jubilee Picnic.



Sapphire Class

We are very proud of our Super Sapphire Mathematicians who have been carefully exploring and comparing Weight and Mass. The children have loved practical Maths sessions where they have used a range of equipment and spent time explain-

ing their findings and make comparisons, using relevant vocabulary. We have been thoroughly impressed with their ability to work successfully in small teams, and to record their findings clearly... It is so lovely to see their confidence in their own amazing ability develop!

We also put our fantastic measuring skills to good use to weigh out the ingredients we needed to make our very own posh fruity scones too, in honour

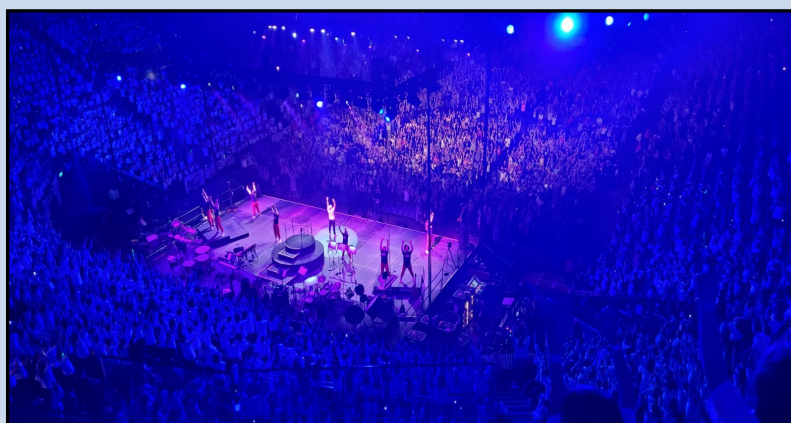


Young Voices

On Tuesday 24th May, the school choir took part in the Young Voices event at the O2 Arena, London.

Young Voices, is a national event comprising of a series of concerts that take place across the country with nearly 200 schools and over 8,000 children taking part per concert. Joining the choirs, were a number of guest artists including the 'Urban Striders' dance group and the 'Beat Box Collective'. These groups had both the children and their parents going head-to-head in a beatbox battle and raving in the aisles!

The event was a wonderful success and the children sang their hearts out. It was a fantastic experience to not only sing in such a huge venue, but to have the opportunity to perform alongside a wide range of professional artists. The children really did us proud. Their behaviour and enthusiasm was impeccable throughout. Well done to all! - Mrs Davis



Children's Achievements



Megan in Year 4 had her grading at karate. She is a member of Kick Start Shotokan Karate Club. She's been attending for 4 years and she upgraded from purple belt to purple with a white stripe, level 4.



Luca in Year 4 recently passed his Grade 2 Musical Theatre exam with Distinction. He attends Stagecoach and was presented with his certificate at the weekend. Well done Luca!



Here is Leo in Year 3. Leo was brave and excited to head off to beaver camp for 2 nights. He completed lots off activity's and had a great time. Well done Leo!



Summer Fair Volunteers

If you are able to spare an hour or two to help at the Summer Fair on Saturday 2nd July from 11-4pm please complete the online form.

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We need your help

To raise funds for the new playground equipment, we're asking for donations for the summer fair:

Years R, 1 & 2

- Fill a Tupperware box with sweets or
- Any spare gift sets (beauty set, bath bombs etc)

Years 3 & 4

- Teddies
- Preloved toys
- Sweets

Years 5 & 6

- Wine/Beer bottle donations (please be sure to drop off at office!)

All Years

- Any pre-loved teddies, toys, bottles of wine and sweets welcome!



All donations gratefully received in Office
- thank you!






of Birch Hill
Primary School



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Managing Behaviour Parent Workshop	Monday 13th June - 9.15am
Sports Day (weather permitting)	Wednesday 22nd June (reserve date Friday 8th July)
Cricket Tournament	Tuesday 5th July
Reception New Parents Meeting	Thursday 23rd June - 6.00pm
Palace of Westminster / House of Parliament Visit (Y5/6 school council reps)	Monday 27th June (AM)
Year 4 Oakwood Residential	Wednesday 29th June - Friday 1st July
Friends Summer Fair	Saturday 2nd July - 11.00am-4.00pm
Transition Days (Y6/7)	Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th July
Transition Days (whole school)	Wednesday 6th July—AM Thursday 7th July—PM (parents to collect from new class.
Year 6 Performance	Tuesday 12th July - 6.00pm, Thursday 14th July - 9.30pm & 6.00pm
End of Year Reports out	Friday 15th July
Year 6 Leavers' Disco/Festival Party	Wednesday 20th July - 6.00-8.00pm
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 22nd July - 2pm

Letters/Attachments coming home this week:

-  Managing Behaviour parenting poster
-  Autism & Food July 2022
-  GEMS workshops June July 2022