

Welcome

After two years, it was great to see so many parents at Sport Day on Wednesday – I know the children had a great time and enjoyed themselves. Many thanks also to everyone who came to support the Year 6 charity event on Monday afternoon. The Y6 children have worked incredibly hard designing, planning and running the events on behalf of the Gibson's Getters. Please see the note below from Friends for the Summer Fair next Saturday (2nd July) and check your child's bag, as we are sending raffle tickets home.

Michael Dillon - Headteacher

Sports Day

Sports day was a fantastic success throughout the school. Both KS1 and KS2 enjoyed incredibly fun (and hot) days of sports and activities. As a house competition, the pupils compete for their houses and the overall winner of the day was Wind! Well done to all of the pupils for participating and trying their hardest to gain points for their teams. The flat races saw children sprinting down the 100m stretch and the Year 6 fastest girl and fastest boy was declared as Imogen Nation and Leo Cookson. Well done Birch Hill - you should all be very proud of your team spirit and determination.



Year 6 Charity

The Year 6 charity events were brought to a wonderful close with the 'Fundraiser on the Field' event held on



Monday. We were incredibly proud of the Year 6 children and the effort they put into making the event a fun and exciting moment for all who participated. They showed excellent maturity and responsibility throughout and raised an incredible amount of money for the charity. Gibson's Go Getters, a charity which means a great deal to the school, will receive £3,678 towards research into SUDC.



Athletics Festival

On the 14th of June, children from Year 5 and Year 6 competed in the outdoor athletics tournament at Bracknell Leisure Centre.

The pupils performed in their events and showed excellent resilience and determination throughout the competition.

Overall, Birch Hill came 13th out of 24 competing schools - a very respectable finishing place.

Well done to all!



Year 4 Topic

Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying exploring the lives of the Ancient Egyptians. As part of our research, we learnt the gruesome details of how bodies were mummified. The children were fascinated by the intricate way bodies were treated in preparation for their journey to the afterlife. We started our lesson competing to create a well wrapped mummy in three minutes. It was a lot of fun and I hope you'll agree the children did brilliantly! We have also looked at gods and goddesses, artefacts, comparing lifestyles and Tutankhamun who became Pharaoh at just 9 years old. The children showed great determination in creating 3D pyramids from a net template.



Friends Summer Fair

Children will be bringing home raffle tickets today.

We have lots of great prizes that you can win, so please buy your tickets and return the ticket stubs and money by Wednesday 29th June.

We are also still taking in donations for the Fair, so please drop those off at the office before Friday 1st July. Thank you for your continued support.

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!



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

School Nurse Height/Weight/Vision/ Hearing Checks for Reception Pupils	Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th June
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
Year 2 Odds Farm Trip	Tuesday 12th July
Year 5 Cricket Festival	Tuesday 12th 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