

Welcome

I hope you have all had a good week. Reception children have had a great week exploring different vehicles and had two campervans to look around this week. Next week they have a fire engine coming and everyone is very excited.

Friends met this week and are making great progress with planning for the Quiz Night and Summer Fair. Please look out for a separate email from the committee for further details. Also, please speak to Lucy if you can help out at the Summer Fair.

Academy Consultation

Many thanks to the parents who attended the recent academy consultation. After feedback from the group, we have decided to run another meeting on Tuesday 2nd May at 6:30pm (online) and extend the consultation until Friday 5th May.

All the information is available on our website, and also on Maiden Erlegh's website. Follow the links below.

[Birch Hill Website](#)

[Maiden Erlegh Website](#)

[Click here for consultation link](#)

Teachers Strike

The next National Education Union strike action will be Tuesday 2nd May. As before, teachers do not need to officially inform me of their decision until 8am on the strike day. At the moment; the following classes/year groups will be CLOSED;

Nursery

RW

1B & 1M

2M

5K & 5D

Sapphire Class (SRP)

Michael Dillon - Headteacher



Year 1

In Year 1 we have been enjoying learning about Capacity and Volume over the last 2 weeks in Maths.

We have been comparing capacities and predicting which container will hold the greatest capacity.

Year 2 Topic: Where would you live?

In Year 2, we have been learning about hot and cold places.

Children have



been using their newly acquired geographical knowledge to name the countries that make up the United Kingdom whilst also naming the capital cities. In the coming weeks, we will be broadening our knowledge by looking at the equator and locating hot and cold countries on a globe and on world maps. In English, we have been learning about instructional writing. We made some delicious alien biscuits and are now writing instructions for how to make a healthy sandwich.

Dogs For Good

Sapphire are really lucky to have visits from Ned and his owner Lucy. Ned is part of the Dogs For Good Community

Service. Their aim is to help people with a range of individual needs or disabilities to improve their independence and wellbeing.

This week they played a game where Ned chose a numbered bean bag which corresponded to a physical activity, e.g., balance bean bag on head, star jumps, that we then did.

Each child also took him for a walk individually, taking charge of the lead and practicing commands. The sessions have been so positive!



Children's Achievements

Casper, Aiden and Oakley in Year 6 all play for Bracknell Cavaliers Under 11s Saints, who lifted the EBFA 'Shield' Trophy. The cup game was against Old Windsor Tigers. The following write up is from the Bracknell Cavaliers match report.

The Saints started the game very strongly and took an early lead, they continued to dominate the first half and were in a comfortable position at half time.

They started the second half strongly, increasing their lead, but the opposition managed to break through the defence, and score a penalty, to make the game very tense in the closing minutes. The Saints kept on pushing, showing no signs of Cup Final nerves, and scored again to seal the win.

Well done to Oakley for putting his body on the line to make some fantastic saves. Well done to Casper for some excellent passing through to the strikers and a perfectly-timed sliding tackle which robbed the opponents of the opportunity to get through on goal. Well done to Aiden who was solid at the back, using the offside trap effectively and his speed to always get to where he needed to be before the opposing strikers. Well done to all three boys!



This week's Triple Thank You and Triple Star Awards

Samuel Colas-Sanchis - Y6	Triple Thank You
Lucas Johnston - Y6	Triple Thank You
Yasmin Broadley - Y5	Triple Thank You
Alonzo Yellowlees - Y1	Triple Star

DATES FOR THE DIARY

BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 2ND MAY
Year 4 Oakwood Residential Meeting (virtual)	Wednesday 3rd May @ 6.00pm
King's Coronation Celebration Week	Wenesday 3rd May - Friday 5th May
Friends Quiz Night	Friday 5th May @ 7pm
Year 2 Family Learning Workshop	2M - Thursday 4th May & 2OB - Friday 5th May @ 9-10.30am
CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 8TH MAY
Year 6 SATS Week	Tuesday 9th May—Friday 12th May
Year 1 Windsor Castle Trip	Friday 12th May
Year 5 Rhos Residential Meeting	Wednesday 17th May @ 6.00pm
Triple Thank You & Triple Star Tea Party	Friday 26th May
HALF TERM	MONDAY 29TH MAY—FRIDAY 2ND JUNE
Year 4 Test Week	Monday 5th June - Friday 9th June
Year 1 Phonic Screening	Monday 12th June - Friday 16th June
Sports Day	Wednesday 21st June - Rec & KS1 -AM & KS2 -PM
Junior Music Festival	Tuesday 27th June
Year 4 Oakwood Residential	Wednesday 28th June— Friday 30th June
Friends Summer Fair	Saturday 1st July
Reserve Sports Day	Wednesday 5th July
Class Transition Days	Wednesday 5th July (AM) & Thursday 6th July (PM)
Annual Report Day	Friday 14th July
End of Term 'Open Door' Parent Evening	Monday 17th July - 3.30pm-5pm
Year 6 Leavers' Festival	Wednesday 19th July @ 6pm for 6.30pm.
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 21st July (time TBC)