



# Weekly Newsletter

31 March 2023

## **Welcome**

It's been a busy and exciting term and I know everyone is looking forward to the holidays. Year 6 had an adventurous week in Wales, Year 4 performed Rock Pool and Year 3 also held their Poetry Recital & Fashion Show. We had our 'Take One Picture' Arts Week and Exhibition, celebrated Science Week, the football team played against Jennett's Park, and are practising hard for their next leagues matches, the Running Club have and we sent a team of Year 5 to the badminton tournament.

Next term will no doubt be equally busy with Year 6 SATs, transition days, as well as trips planned for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Plus the residential for Year 4 and Friends are making plans for the Summer Fair will all make next term exciting and something to look forward to.

## **Staffing**

As you know, several members of staff have been off sick recently. We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Kerslake after Easter and Mrs Shiva will start a phased return from the beginning of May. Unfortunately Mrs Russell's recovery has not been straight forward and she has no confirmed date for return. Mrs Sehgal will continue to cover 4R. As soon as I have more information I will let parents know. I am pleased to welcome Ms Alana Smith and Mrs Radzinska who will be joining us as Teaching Assistants after Easter.

## **Academy Consultation**

Below you will find a consultation link and some further information from Maiden Erlegh Learning Trust about us joining their Academy Trust. There will be an opportunity to meet with Jonathan Peck (CEO) and Andy Johnson (Director of Education) on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 4:30pm**.

[Click here for consultation link](#)

I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Michael Dillon - Headteacher**

## **Year 6**

Year 6 recently enjoyed an adventurous and exhilarating residential trip to Rhos-Y-Gwaliau in North Wales.

The children spent the week bravely challenging themselves to complete a number of daring activities including trekking to the summit of a mountain, descending down into the depths of a slate mine, studying (and swimming in!) a gorge, canoeing across a large lake, climbing across steep cliff faces and orienteering themselves back to the centre. The biggest challenge of all though was keeping their rooms tidy (especially for the girls!!)

It was a brilliant week for everyone and the children were a delight to spend time with. We were all very impressed with how much they stepped out of their comfort zones and pushed themselves to overcome their nerves.

We hope the children have brought home with them many fond memories to share!

Thankyou to all staff members also who gave up their time to support the children this week.

You can view all the photos from the trip on our website via this link:

<https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=3&gcatid=1&albumid=27>

## This week's Triple Thank You and Triple Star Awards

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★	Jasmine Peters - Year 6	Triple Thank You	★
★	Hadi Iftikhar - Year 5	Triple Thank You	★
★	Advik Ashok Kumar - Year 5	Triple Thank You	★
★	Emily Grayson - Year 4	Triple Thank You	★
★	Oakley Nice - Year 6	Triple Thank You	★
★	Sienna Spain - Year 5	Triple Thank You	★
★	Naomi Hales - Year 3	Triple Thank You	★
★	Isaac Crampton - Year 1	Triple Star Award	★
★	Emily Oliver - Year 2	Triple Star Award	★
★	Eden Spencer - Year 2	Triple Star Award	★
★	Jessica McLaughlin - Year 1	Triple Star Award	★
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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

END OF TERM	FRIDAY 31ST MARCH
INSET DAY	MONDAY 17TH APRIL
START OF SUMMER TERM	TUESDAY 18TH APRIL
Year 3 Chertsey Museum Trip	3HD — Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 3A—Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 2 Family Learning Workshop	2M - Thursday 4th May & 2OB - Friday 5th May @ 9-10.30am
Year 1 Windsor Castle Trip	Friday 12th May

#### Request from Bracknell Forest Council

Please refrain from parking on the grass under the large oak tree in the shops car park. Parking on the ground can make the roots unstable and therefore the tree would become unstable.

Thank you for your consideration.