

Weekly Newsletter

17 March 2023

Welcome

This week has been very quiet without Year 6, who are on their residential trip in Rhos y Gwaliau in Wales. I have been talking to them every day and they are really enjoying all the activities. Here back at school from Mr Dillon's office, I can hear Year 4 rehearsing for their play, which will be ready for the parents next week. We cannot wait for curtain up!

Karen Cameron - Deputy Headteacher

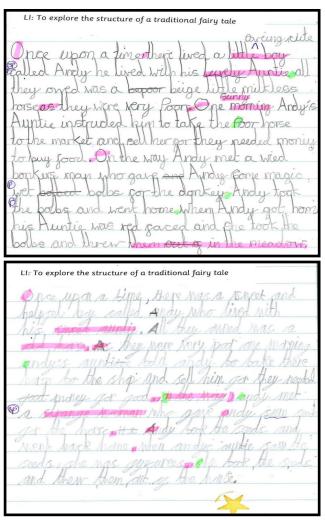
Year 1

Year 1 have been learning all about Meerkat Mail and writing postcards this term in English. We started our unit of work by going on a plane to Africa to see all the different animals that live there. We have been using talk partners in our lessons and we had a surprise visit when Sunny came to Bracknell for an adventure.



Year 2

We have had a fun time in Year 2 this week! In English, we have been learning all about fairy tales. We have been focusing on Jack and the Beanstalk and have learnt how to use expanded noun phrases to describe our characters. In Maths, we have been learning how to divide numbers by 5 and 10. We have learnt about the different methods we can use to help us including a number line or grouping counters.



British Science Week

This week, Birch Hill celebrated British Science Week with a special assembly on Tuesday morning with Miss Garnham and then spent Tuesday completing lots of exciting and practical Science activities. The theme of this year's Science Week was 'Connections' and children explored links within the animal kingdom, the environment and the senses. Enjoy the pictures and reports below from each year group.

If you wish to continue exploring connections, then please find attached a document produced by British Science week with some ideas of more investigations you could try!

https://www.britishscienceweek.org/app/uploads/2023/01/Community-Activity-Pack-2023-British-Science-Week.pdf

Nursery

In Nursery we looked at the connections between an animal and its foot print. Then we printed some different foot prints. We also looked at making a connection using a telephone, which we really enjoyed when we figured out how to hold the handset!!!



Reception—RA

Today on National Science Day we focused on connections. As a class we made a linking telephone using cups and string. We also used our smelling sense to smell hot chocolate, garlic, mouthwash and coffee and make connections in the brain. Finally, we linked animal footprints to the connecting animal.



British Science Week

Reception—RW

Here are some photos of our Science Day. The connections we spoke about were bridges and tunnels, smells and memories, telecommunications and animals and their footprints.



Year 1

Year 1 spent some time investigating connections in nature between animals. They learnt about food chains and made a food web using string.



Year 2

We had a lot of fun on Tuesday, as it was science day! We began our experiment 'To find out what a seed needs in order to thrive'.

In our tables, we planted 4 sets of cress seeds in cotton wool. One pot will get both light and water; one will get light but no water. One will get no light but water and the last will get neither light nor water.

We look forward to seeing the results of our experiment next week!



Britizh Science Week

Year 3

Year 3 headed down to the edible garden to plant some underwear! They were exploring the connection between humans and soil. They used their noticing skills to observe different layers of soil and made predictions. They are very excited to find out what their results will be!



Year 4

Year 4 were learning about connections linked to sound. We investigated how sound travels at different speeds through different mediums (solids, liquids and gases) and how that impacts the volume. We had fun conducting our experiment and then writing up our report like real scientists do.



Year 5

This week, year 5 explored the connections between yeast and temperature and recorded their results . Make sure you ask your Y5 about their results and get them help you making some bread now they are experts!



School Disco Thursday 30th March 2023

KS1 17.00 – 18.00 **KS2** 18.30 – 19.30

£2 per child (includes squash) – pay via Eduspot by 9am on Friday 24th March 2023

There will be some flashing items out the front for sale. Also, children can purchase sweets inside. (max £3 per child recommended)

Bailey at Crufts



We were so honoured to be a representative for Pets As Therapy at Crufts last Friday. Bailey wasn't fazed at all with the crowds or the noise, his tail didn't stop wagging!

Our official duty was on the Kennel Club Bark & Read, Bailey loved the cuddles from his adoring public but the icing on the cake & what PAT is all about was at the end of our session a lady came over with her autistic teenage son who was a little anxious of the environment. We chatted & I asked him if he would like to sit on a beanbag & read to Bailey. They lay down together and within seconds his face broke into a beautiful smile and he read a page of the book he'd chosen. His mum was overjoyed saying he hadn't read a whole page out loud before. By this time a few of us had tears in his eyes. The brilliant young man snuggled up with Bailey before the biggest smile ever getting Bailey to do some tricks. It was a magical moment.

This journey has been mine & Bailey's purpose. — Jackie Young - Bailey's Owner



A Request from Reception

The children in Reception will be making drums using junk modelling next week in class. Please could any families bring any empty and clean tins (coffee tins, bean and soup tins) to Reception gates on Monday 20th March 2023.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 4 Performance	Tuesday 21st March - 9.30am & 6pm Thursday 23rd March - 6pm
Year 3 Poetry Recital & Fashion Show -details to follow	Wednesday 29th March
Friends Disco	Thursday 30th March - Reception & KS1—5- 6pm. KS2—6.30-7.30pm
Friends Non-Uniform Day - details to follow	Friday 31st March
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 31ST MARCH
INSET DAY	MONDAY 17TH APRIL
START OF SUMMER TERM	TUESDAY 18TH APRIL