



# Weekly Newsletter

19 May 2023

## **Welcome**

Well done to our Sports Teams who have competed in different events over the last few weeks; the boys' football team played Holy Spring last night, and although they didn't win, they were all very excited and very proud of themselves. Year 4 recently played in the borough Tennis Tournament and did brilliantly and came first. Many thanks to Miss Davis for organising these events.

Many thanks also to all of the Y5 parents who came to the 2024 residential meeting. We will put the presentation on the Y5 page and set up the deposit next week.

Friends of Birch Hill committee met this week and plans are coming together for the Summer Fair on Saturday 1st July. Please see the flyer attached. If anyone is able to volunteer and help the committee, I know they would really appreciate your support.

## **Staffing**

Mrs. Seghal, who has been covering 4R while Mrs. Russell has been off, will finish with us today and Ms Bays (HLTA) will replace her until Mrs Russell returns. Mrs. Russell's recovery is going well, albeit slower than she had hoped. We're hoping she will start to come back after half term.

I would like to thank Mrs. Seghal for her support and hard work in 4R.

**Michael Dillon - Headteacher**

## **Governors Update**

The governors would like to update you on the progress with the application to join the Maiden Erlegh Trust. Firstly we would like to thank the parents that attended the consultation in school to meet with members of Maiden Erlegh Trust and governors to see the presentation and discuss the potential benefits of joining MET and also to those parents / carers that attended the online meeting.

The consultation is now closed and we would like to share the results of the consultation with you (attached). The survey response details the responses from the 40 individuals that completed the survey. The FAQ's document aims to answer in more detail the questions that were raised by those completing the consultation survey. You will see the vast range of questions asked and answered in detail where appropriate.

The survey results along with the application to join Maiden Erlegh Trust have been sent to the Regional Schools Commissioner and we should hear back next half term. All the information is available on the school website and when we hear more, we will keep you informed.

**Stephen Weeks Chair of Governors on behalf of the governing board**

## **Year 2 SATs**

This week, the children have embarked on their first set of SATs papers. It has been great to see the smiles and positive energy from all of the children throughout the week as they have taken part in the reading papers.

Next week, the children will be drawing on their love of number when completing the SATs Maths paper. Well done, Year 2. Keep up the hard work!

## Nursery

We enjoyed learning all about King Charles and his coronation. We learned that he was born at Buckingham Palace and that as part of his job he learned to fly a helicopter.

We also learned that he was going to get a crown for his coronation and that he would make an oath, a promise, to be a good King. We all made our own crowns for the occasion and some of us painted a landscape picture just like the King has.

We also really enjoyed our Jigsaw lesson this week where we got to draw while listening to music to help us feel calm if we got angry.

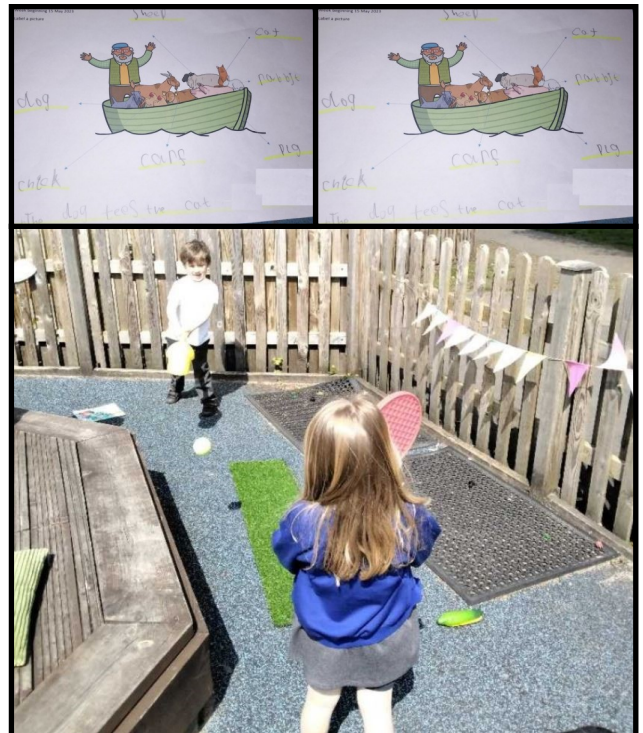


## Reception

This week in Reception we have been reading the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' the children have enjoyed labelling all the animals that entered his boat.

We are very excited as next week we will be creating our own stories and drawing story maps. In our outdoor provision the children have been practising games to develop their gross motor.

This week they have particularly enjoyed using the hula-hoops and working in pairs to throw and hit the ball using a bat.



## Rainbow

The children in the Rainbow Room have been working hard on their Friendship skills; discussing what friendship ingredients that their friends have, what we would do in friendship scenarios and learning to support their friends when they need help.

We have also been creating butterflies using different materials and talking about the lifecycle in preparation for seeing the lifecycle in action over the next few weeks.



## Children's Achievements

On Saturday I achieved my family goal together with my Mum, two brothers and sister climbing Snowdon in north Wales. It took us about five hours each way and at the top we had the most amazing view.

Only a few weeks before going on this trip I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes which added to my challenge! I am determined to not let diabetes stop me from doing anything I want to do in the future.

**Jacob — Year 5**



Taksh in Year 4 successfully swam the swimathon again this year on Saturday 13th May.

This year he attempted 2,500m and successfully completed it in a time of 1 hour 1 minute and 23 seconds.

He has a Swimathon [JustGiving](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/takshchopdekar1644344518935?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=takshchopdekar1644344518935&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=60188da3b3354495bfc0aaafbe6ad533) page which can be used to donate to CRUK and Marie Curie charities.

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Darcey and Marybeth, both Year 5, took part in a competition with their dance school Dance Energy. They have both attended weekly lessons.

They were judged on four different dances, three with a group and one individual. It must have been exhausting! They both received gold medals with Darcey also gaining silver and bronze. We are very proud of you Darcey and Marybeth.

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

Ella - Y6	Triple Thank You
Sophie-Mae - Y3	Triple Thank You
Nicholas - Y3	Triple Thank You
Amelia - Y1	Triple Thank You
Seth - Rec	Triple Star
Archie - Rec	Triple Star
Bella - Rec	Triple Star

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 5 Oracy Speech Presentations	5K families on Monday 22nd May @ 3.30pm 5D families on Tuesday 23rd May @ 3.30pm
Triple Thank You & Triple Star Tea Party	Friday 26th May
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>MONDAY 29TH MAY—FRIDAY 2ND JUNE</b>
Year 4 Test Week	Monday 5th June - Friday 9th June
Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop	Wednesday 7th June
Year 2 Odds Farm Trip	Thursday 8th June
Year 1 Phonic Screening	Monday 12th June - Friday 16th June
Year 5 & 6 Parent Workshop	Tuesday 13th June - 9am-11am.
Sports Day	Wednesday 21st June - Rec & KS1 -AM & KS2 -PM
Oakwood 2024 Meeting for Year 3 Parents	Thursday 22nd June @ 6pm
Reception Vision, Hearing, Weight & Height Check	Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th June
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 Reports being sent home to parents	Monday 10th- 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)