

Welcome

Congratulations to everyone in Year 5 who worked so hard on their ignite speeches. Their ideas, their preparation and all their practice paid off – every one of them was amazing. It was lovely to see them stand on stage and speak so confidently about a subject that they felt passionate about. It was also great to see the children help and support their friends during the whole process. Many thanks to the parents who came and watched and celebrated their achievements.

Many thanks also to all the staff who have supported the children to give them such a wonderful experience.

Well done to the Year 2 children who have completed their SATs. We will also have a range of assessments taking place next half term. Year 2-Year 5 will do GL (computer-based assessments), Year 1 will do their Phonics Screening Check and Y4 will do Multiplication Checks.

Today we held our second tea party with all the children across the school who had received triple stars or triple thank you. It was so lovely to see so many children who had followed our Golden Rules this half term. We all celebrated with cakes and biscuits, music and a party game. Congratulations to all those who attended. I wonder who will be at the tea party next half term. The photos below show the children being collected to attend the tea party.

I can't believe it is already half term and when we return, we will be starting the last half term before the summer holidays and the end of another year!

Next half term is cram-packed with lots of events: Year 1 workshop on the Fire of London; Year 2 trip to Odds Farm; Year 3 visiting South Hill Park for their Wilde Topic; Year 4 go on their residential to Oakwood; Sports Day, plus various sporting events including the Year 5 Schools Triathlon; musical events including the Bracknell Forest Music Festival: 'The Show must go on', performed at The Hexagon; Year 6 Leavers' events and of course, Year 6 Charity Event which kicks off the start of the half term. You can see another busy time for the children of Birch Hill.

Michael Dillon - Headteacher



Year 6 are Raising Money for Charity!

Year 6 have been working hard to plan events to raise money for our chosen charity: Sebastian's Action Trust. We have been visited by Megan from the charity to learn more about the origins and day-to-day running; we will be sharing this information with the rest of the school after half term. Sebastian's Action Trust is a local charity, which supports families of seriously ill children, providing facilities for them to make memories as a family.



Logo designed by Harvey Hudson

So far, we have planned the following events and we really hope that everyone can support us to raise as much as we possibly can!

Thursday 8th June: Bake & Book Sale

In our bake sale, we shall be selling a variety of delicious baked goods to everyone. Please bring in some money (up to £1). If you wish to contribute some baked goods, please hand in them to the school office or any of the year 6 team on the day! Alongside this, we will be hosting a second-hand book sale to purchase any books you desire! These will be held from 3pm on the playground outside Year 6.

Buy Ella, Eanna & Clothilde 6S

Friday 9th June: 'Dress Silly for Seb' Day

Year 6 will be hosting a 'Dress Silly for Seb' day on Friday 9th June. This occasion gives your children the opportunity to dress as silly as they possibly can for a great cause by raising money for Sebastian's Action Trust. We hope your children will participate in this special event... and have fun doing it! How silly can you get?! Please bring in £1 for this.

Megan, Daisy & Alex 6S

Monday 12th June: Fair on the Field

On Monday 12th June, Year 6 will host "Seb's FUNdraiser on the Field." From 1.30, year groups will be invited onto the field to play a range of games designed and organised by the Year 6 children. Parents and carers will be able to join in after school too (from 3pm). This aims to be an engaging and magnificent afternoon, where everybody should enjoy themselves whilst raising money for a charity who cares. Your child will be able to buy 20 tokens from their class teacher for £1, which they will then be able to spend on different activities on the field. We hope to see you there!

Rihanna, Lucas, Anaum

Year 2

This week we have been working extremely hard in Year 2! We have been continuing with our SATs focusing on Maths. In English, we have been writing our own instructions to make sandwiches, burgers or pizzas.

We have also been very creative this week! We have been turning our fairy-tales from last term into books. By writing them up in our neatest handwriting as well as creating and colouring our own pictures to include within our books. We hope to put these stories in the Library for other children to come, read and enjoy.



Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time on our school trip to Windsor Castle. We saw lots of beautiful golden statues, ornaments and furniture belonging to the King. The Year 1 children were so well behaved and made all the staff proud on the day. The best parts of the day were touring the castle, seeing the guards, riding on the big bus and our yummy lunch.



Year 4 Tennis Victory

Last week, eight excited Year 4s headed off to Latika Junior Tennis Club to participate in the local Tennis Skills competition against 29 other schools.

On what turned out to be a very warm afternoon, they gave the ten events their all and not only impressed with their reaction times, balance and hitting skills but also their teamwork, communication and strategy.

This resulted in Birch Hill placing first! The team were very proud of themselves - as are the staff. Well done!



Children's Achievements

On Saturday, Izzy Stanton and Ellie Sulapas played against Wokingham and Embrook in the Berkshire County girls under 8s Cup Final at Ascot United.

The final marked the end of a fantastic season where their team, the Bracknell FC Supernovas, managed by Mrs McGill have remained undefeated. Both girls played some excellent football in what proved to be a tough match resulting in a 2-1 loss.

The girls demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and spent the remainder of the week-end celebrating what has been an excellent first season for their team. Well done girls!



Oliver - Y4	Triple Thank You
Celine - Y5	Triple Thank You
Sophie - Y2	Triple Star
Hailey - Y2	Triple Star
Harper - Y2	Triple Star
Zachari - Y2	Triple Star

HALF TERM	MONDAY 29TH MAY—FRIDAY 2ND JUNE
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 6 Charity Bake & Book Sale	Thursday 8th June @ 3pm
Year 6 Charity ‘Dress Silly for Seb’ Day	Friday 9th June
Year 6 Charity Fair on the Field	Monday 12th June @ 1.30 for children & 3pm for parents
Year 1 Phonic Screening	Monday 12th June - Friday 16th June
Year 5 & 6 Parent Workshop	Tuesday 13th June - 9am-11am
Friends Dress Down Day	Friday 16th June
Sports Day	Wednesday 21st June - KS2—9.30am& Rec & KS1—1.30pm
Year 5 Triathlon Event (details to follow)	Thursday 22nd June
Oakwood 2024 Meeting for Year 3 Parents	Thursday 22nd June @ 5pm
New Reception Parent Information Evening	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
Y3 Wilde Week Event	Wednesday 12th 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)