



Weekly Newsletter

23 June 2023

Welcome

It's been another hot and busy week. Well done to everyone who competed in Sports Day. The children were great and many thanks to all the staff who worked hard on the preparation and setting up the day. Can I remind parents not to post images or videos of other children on social media.

Yesterday Year 5 children participated in the Brownlee Foundation Schools Mini Triathlon. They all absolutely loved it. This involved a swim, bike ride, and run around the leisure centre – well done everyone.

Last night we also hosted our New Reception Parents Evening. It was lovely to greet some current parents and also give us an opportunity to welcome lots of new families who will be joining us in September.

National Education Union (NEU) Teachers Strike

You have probably seen in the news that the NEU is planning industrial action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July.

This may well impact our transition days – with the current Y6 children due to go off to their secondary schools and children spending time in their new classes. It may also affect new teachers coming for their induction days. I will keep you updated as soon as I have more information.

Staffing

After more than 20 years at Birch Hill Primary, Mrs Sharon Kelf has decided it is time for a rest (she assures me she's not retiring!) but wants to spend more time with her family. I am pleased to welcome Mr. Jack Holgate as our new Site Controller. Mr Holgate will start next month and will bring a range of expertise and skills to the role and we are pleased to welcome him to the team.

Hot Weather

Can I please remind parents to ensure children come to school with hats, sun cream, and named water bottles that contain water only.

Michael Dillon - Headteacher



Year 3

On Thursday 15th June our newly formed Year 3 multi sports team walked to Great Hollands Recreational park and participated in a multi sports tournament against other Bracknell Forest schools.

The aim of the tournament was to encourage children to put their skills they had learnt in their outdoor PE lessons to practice. It was a pleasure to take all 10 students. All of them applied themselves brilliantly and put in some major effort to help each other in every activity.



Also, good deeds pay off. The children of Birch Hill school are very honest, especially the 10 children from year 3 who found a phone at the event and handed it in so the owner could be found. The lovely lady was so pleased she repaid all of them with a kind gift that will be going towards their golden time.

Year 4



This half term, year 4's topic is the Ancient Egyptians. We have been fascinated to learn about their pyramids and lifestyle, some of their Gods and goddesses and mummification. We used this learning to either write the script for a tourism company persuading people to visit Ancient Egypt, or to take on the roles of a journalist or archaeologist, like Howard Carter, and dramatise an interview.

In Art, we have also made our own scarab beetles from clay and learnt about their importance in Ancient Egyptian culture.

Children's Achievements

Theo is hiking Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the UK, he is fundraising for Dementia UK

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/little-theo-ben-nevis-hike-for-dementia?](https://www.gofundme.com/f/little-theo-ben-nevis-hike-for-dementia?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer)
[utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/little-theo-ben-nevis-hike-for-dementia?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer)



Mini Triathlon

On Thursday, Year 5 competed in a triathlon event at Bracknell leisure funded by the amazing Brownlee Foundation. The children thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to swim, run and cycle their way across the finish line and represented the school exceptionally. What an action packed, brilliant afternoon for Year 5.



Sports Day 2023



This week's Triple Thank You and Triple Star Awards



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
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)

KOOSA Kids are delighted to invite you to our Summer Holiday Clubs (24th July to 30th August) where we'll be hosting a sun-sational summer filled with six weeks of fantastic themed games and activities! Our holiday club programme is jam-packed full of sporting, creative and enriching FUN, guaranteed to delight your children! All from just £25.50 per child for a standard day (10.00am to 4.00pm) with AM and PM extension zones available (8.15am to 6.00pm). Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club or call 01276 21884. Bookings are open now!

01276 21884 [LOGIN](#) [BOOK NOW](#)

[Why us](#) / [School Services](#) / [Work for us](#) / [News](#) / [Contact](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
BREAKFAST CLUBS
HOLIDAY CLUBS