

Weekly Newsletter

30 June 2023

Welcome

Congratulations to the school choir who performed at the Junior Musical Festival in Reading's Hexagon on Tuesday night. The whole event was brilliant and the children were amazing. Many thanks to Mrs Davis and Mrs Kerslake who supported the choir and gave up their lunch breaks over the last year to run the choir.

I've spent the last two evenings, and today on the Year 4 residential at the Oakwood Centre. The children are all having a wonderful time; doing High Ropes, Low Ropes, Orienteering, and the Leap of Faith, to name a few things! Everyone is looking forward to being back in their own beds and some home comforts. We will post all the photos on the school website next week.

We are all looking forward to the Friends of Birch Hill Summer Fair tomorrow. Many thanks to the Friends Committee for all of their hard work in organising the event. We look forward to seeing you there between 11-3pm.

National Education Union (NEU) Teachers Strike

You will know by now that the NEU is planning industrial action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. All classes will be open on Wednesday 5th. On Friday 7th July – Nursery and 3HD will be CLOSED. Please note that teachers are not obliged to let us know until the day, so please keep an eye out for a text message regarding closures on the day.



Class Transitions - Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July

All Y6 children will be going off to their new Secondary Schools on Wednesday and Thursday and the other children will be having the class transitions on Wednesday (AM) and Thursday (PM). This will be an opportunity to meet their new classes and their new teachers. For further information on how we rebalance classes see the link below.

Most of our new teachers will be available to meet the children - however, due to their current school commitments, Ms. Mustoe (2MA) will not be available, so Mrs. Attrill will take both sessions and Mrs. Moore (3M) will only be available on Wednesday.

Michael Dillon - Headteacher

Junior Music Festival - Hexagon

On Tuesday, our Lower Junior Choir took part in 'The Show Must Go On', the Berkshire Maestros' Junior Music Festival which took place at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading.

The children have spent the last term learning a range of songs from different shows in a programme designed to



celebrate the important role music plays in our lives. The concert was a huge success.

The children behaved beautifully and sang with enthusiasm and passion.

Well done to all.

Mrs Davis



This week's Triple Thank You and Triple Star Awards

Gabriela - Y5

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Liam - Y5

Haimey - Y5

Sareena - Y4

Harley - Y3

Ellie - Y3

Jessica - Y3

Chloe - Y2

Eden - Y2

Sophia- Y2

Willow - Y1

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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)