



# Weekly Newsletter

07 July 2023

## Welcome

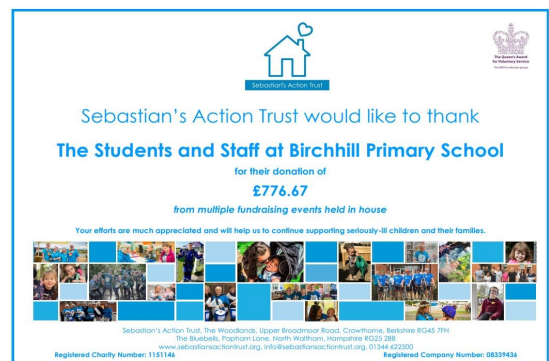
The children spent time this week in their new classes, meeting their new classmates and their teacher (s). We all know transition may cause the children some anxiety and worry, but please be assured, the team have been working hard to ensure these are as smooth as possible. At the same time, transitions and changes are an important part of growing up; it helps to build resilience and consequently confidence. This is the reason why we purposely swap classes every year (and also go on trips, do school performances, and go on residential). If needed, we also have the next 2 weeks to provide children with additional transition activities. As I mentioned before, due to National Education Union (NEU) strikes and some new teachers having commitments in their own schools, not everyone has been able to make both sessions. I recognise this is not ideal, but we are trying to organise all new teachers to come into school and meet their new classes. On that note, Miss Mustoe will be in on Monday 10th July to meet her new class.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 children who have spent 2 days at their new school this week – they all came to school very excited (if a little nervous) about the new challenge of Y7 in September.

Next week, we will start to send out End of Year Reports (Tuesday –Friday). The reports will be emailed out, and children will bring home an envelope with their Self Reflection Sheets, Transition Booklets, attendance certificate and any statutory assessment.

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Summer Fair last Saturday – it was lovely to see so many children and families – including some familiar faces and lots of new families joining who will be joining us in September. A huge thanks to all of the committee members who gave up their time to organise and run the event. As always, if you have any spare time and are interested in supporting Friends to run events, please contact the committee by email: [friendsbirchhill@gmail.com](mailto:friendsbirchhill@gmail.com) Also, another thank you and well done to Year 6 for all their hard work during their charity week! They raised an incredible £776.67! We have attached a letter from Sebastian's Action Trust for you to read. Thank you to everyone who supported the events.

**Michael Dillon - Headteacher**



## Message from the governors:

We were delighted to receive a letter from the Department for Education notifying us that they had given their approval for Birch Hill Primary School to become an academy and join Maiden Erlegh Trust.

We are all very excited by this opportunity as it will secure the long-term future of the school for many generations. A school where your children can grow, achieve and reach their goals whilst providing an excellent environment for the school staff and parents /carers

There is still a lot of work for Mr. Dillon, the SLT, Governors, representatives from Maiden Erlegh Trust, and the DFE to complete before the anticipated conversion date. This will continue throughout the summer holidays.

We will keep you updated with the process and if you have any questions please feel free to contact us. Please see the attached letter.

**Stephen Weeks**

**Chair of Governors on behalf of the governing board.**



## Kwik Cricket Tournament

Year 5 girls and Year 6 boys competed in a cricket tournament at Wellington College this week. During the day, they batted against strong bowlers along with extreme, tumultuous weather conditions. Both teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and played to a fantastically high standard. Well done, we are very proud of you.



## Children's Achievements

Florence, in Year 5, has raised £805 this month for Thames Valley Hospice by doing 100 skips every day for one month in memory of her Grandad who passed away in December of last year. Well done Florence!



On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Rosie and Jasper, both in Year 5, took part in their first Cub's District dragon boating tournament along the river Thames.

They showed real determination and teamwork throughout the competition and made it to the final, which is the first time the 9<sup>th</sup> Bracknell Cub group has ever done this.

Overall they came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 16 Cub teams. Well done to Rosie and Jasper!

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

Ethan - Y4	Triple Thank You
Stephanie - Y3	Triple Thank You
Archie - Y1	Triple Star
Nico - Y1	Triple Star
Ava - Rec	Triple Star

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Annual Reports being sent home to parents	Tuesday 11th- Friday 14th July
Y3 Wilde Week Event	Wednesday 12th July
End of Term 'Open Door' Parent Evening	Monday 17th July - 3.30pm-5.00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Festival	Wednesday 19th July @ 6.00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 21st July @ 2.00pm
<b>END OF TERM</b>	<b>FRIDAY 21ST JULY</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER</b>
<b>START OF AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023</b>