



Birchfield News

Our School Values: Determination; Respect; Curiosity; Ambition; Resilience; Empathy

Message from Mrs Thewlis

Dear Birchfield families,

It has been a very successful and busy half term at Birchfield. On 25.05.22 we had an external review of the school carried out by a team of five school leaders, two of which are serving Ofsted inspectors. When the report is sent to me I will provide a summary for parents but it was a very useful day for the Birchfield team. There were many positives including the ambition of the school curriculum, the high expectations of the school, the high quality of the learning environment and the behaviour of the children. The areas for development included attendance and punctuality which I have written about below.

The team remarked how well the children talked about their learning, how they were highly engaged in their curriculum and how well they knew and could discuss the school values. These values lie at the heart of the ethos and culture of the school and it is important that all members of the Birchfield school community know them. Please talk to your children about them at home and draw their attention to these values in action, in the way we speak and treat each others and in our attitudes to our work. *Our School Values are: Determination; Respect; Curiosity; Ambition; Resilience; Empathy.*

Have a lovely safe half term

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Attendance and Punctuality

Since we returned to school, after the lifting of all restrictions it is taking some time to get our attendance levels back to where they should be. I am aware that sometimes children need to be off school and this is unavoidable however we do need to improve whole school attendance. Please can I ask all parents to work with us to ensure that children are in full attendance as far as possible. All absences with reasons must be reported to the school office and children should return to school as soon as they are well enough to do so. If your child has a minor ailment please send them to school. We will always contact you if they are not well enough to continue with the day.

We also continue to have large numbers of children arriv-

ing late for school. All children need to be in school by 8:55 a.m. at the latest. At this point the gates are closed. Late children need to be signed in, and will receive a late mark before being taken to class. When they arrive in class, the lesson will have already started and they will then have missed out on important information and instruction. It can be very unsettling for children to be late as well as disruptive to their learning and to the rest of the class.

We will shortly be contacting parents whose children are regularly late for school. Please work with us to reduce the number of late marks we are seeing. And of course, a big well done and thank you to all those who are on time for school!

Curriculum Exhibitions for Parents

Curriculum exhibitions are an extremely important part of the Birchfield Curriculum. Not only do they demonstrate the immense amount of learning that has taken place over the term but they are also an invaluable opportunity for our children to learn to present to an audience and to celebrate their successes with teachers and parents. All exhibitions start at approx. 9 a.m. and are held in the school hall with access via the red door in the car park. Please attend if you can. See dates as follows:

Monday 20th June 2022 – Y6 Exhibition

Tuesday 21st June 2022 – Y5 Exhibition

Wednesday 22nd June 2022 – Y4 Exhibition

Thursday 23rd June 2022 – Y3 Exhibition

Friday 24th June 2022 – Y2 Exhibition

Tuesday 28th June 2022 – Y1 Exhibition

September 22

In term 3.2, we will inform you which class teacher your child will have for September 22. There will be a transition day in July where your child will spend some time with their new teacher in their new classroom in readiness for the new academic year.

Miss Fox has recently been appointed as an Associate Assistant Headteacher and will join the senior team to lead the school. She is currently responsible for the Early Years. Ms Fowler, Miss Nuygen and Miss Williams are

all taking up teaching and learning responsibilities in the school in September supporting the development of teaching and learning and the curriculum. Mrs Turner has taken up a position at another school and we thank her for her dedication and hard work and wish her the very best for the future. All other new appointments and any other changes to staffing will be shared later in the Summer term.

Parent Feedback

Thank you to all parents who have responded to previous parent feedback questionnaires as well as those who provide feedback through informal discussion with teachers and leaders. Some parents have said that they are not always receiving school letters from their children. Now that we have almost all parent email addresses we will be emailing out letters so that you have these for your reference. If you have not provided us with an email address, or yours has changed, please see the school office. We will also put letters on the website.

Parents have also told us that they want to be involved

with school and have more information about their child's learning and progress. Thankfully we are now back to usual practice and hopefully almost all parents attended the face to face parents evening in the school halls. We have relaunched our parent exhibitions and workshops and will continue to share knowledge organisers, homework and home learning projects with parents.

If you ever want to discuss a concern or have a question about your child's learning, please see their class teacher in the first instance. Senior Leaders are also always available to parents and if you need to discuss anything, please let us know and we will make time for you.

Diary Dates

Please note dates are provisional and may change. We will update you as needed. For individual year group events e.g. workshops and trips you will receive separate and additional information related to that event.

06.06.22 Term 3.2 starts for all pupils
13.06.22 Y2 Parent Workshop
17.06.22 Fathers day Coffee and Cake
27.06.22 School Photos
29.06.22 Y1 Parent Workshop
27.06.22 Nur Parent Workshop
04.07.22 Rec Parent Workshop
06.07.22—08.07.22 PA High School Transition days
08.07.22 Morning Sports Day at King Edwards playing fields.
11.07.22 Nursery parents open morning
12.07.22 Reception parents open morning
13.07.22 Nursery graduation AM 9.10am and PM 2pm
14.07.22 Y6 End of year performance
15.07.22 Y6 Graduation AM
15.07.22 Summer Fete PM
20.07.22 Last day of Summer term for all pupils

Trip Dates:

28.06.22 Y6 RAF Cosford
21.06.22 Y2 The Sea Life Centre
06.07.22 Y1 Cadbury World
11.07.22 Y5 Space museum
11.07.22 Y4 Conkers
18.07.22 Y3 Umberslade

Dates for EYFS will be confirmed as soon as possible.