

BIRCHENSAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



19TH JANUARY NEWSLETTER

TESCO STRONGER STARTS

Stronger Starts

We are in the customer vote for a Tesco Stronger Starts. Our project is to provide shelter on the playgrounds enabling pupils to enjoy the outdoor space regardless of the weather. It's a scheme which gives community projects like us grants of up to £1,500. Tesco customers can vote in the following stores from mid-January 2024 until the end of March 2024 to decide how much funding we get:

2504 Barnt Green Bham Exp B45 8NE
3084 Redditch Extra B98 7RU
3262 Lodge Park Express B98 7LB
5000 Marlbrook Brmsgrv Exp B60 1DL
6447 Redditch Brockhil Exp B97 6PH

So please support us next time you shop at Tesco!

IMPORTANT DATES

22nd January – Year 5 and 6 Parents Evening (in school)
24th January – Year 5 and 6 Parents Evening (virtual)
9th February – Last day of school for half term
19th February – Pupils back to school

YEAR 5 ART

5AGA have designed a pinch pot that looks like a creature. The class took their time to carefully make their design out of clay. They used many new techniques to enable the clay to stick together and fulfil their ideas. They are now at the stage of painting their pinch pot and it will soon be ready to use in whichever way they choose! Great effort 5AGA!



THE DIANA ANTI BULLYING AMBASSADOR TRAINING



Some pupils from year 7 and 8 took part in anti-bullying training to be our school ambassadors. Pupils were given the skills to support peers who may be experiencing bullying behaviour. They also had the chance to take part in campaign planning and have come back to school with lots of practical ideas to implement in our school. Well done to all the pupils who took part in the training.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to our best attending form classes this week: 5AGA, 5ROU, 7GSN, 7ABE and 8ARO.

Best attending form class this year are: 8ARO and 7ABE. Well done!



STEAM DAYS

The children had a super end to their Autumn term with three days of STEAM-focused activities. They took part in a range of activities, working together to improve their skills in science, technology, engineering, art, and maths.

Throughout the week visitors came into school and shared information about their careers. The fire brigade talked to year 5 and 6, the veterinary surgeon spoke to all year groups and the Royal Institution held an interactive display to all year groups. Workshops were run by Severn Trent for year 7, the Talent Foundry (Dell Technologies) for year 8, and the Redditch Business Leaders for year 7. This helped the children to understand that STEAM reaches further than the classroom.

Finally, at the end of the week, we held a celebration assembly where the children had the chance to share their own successes from the week.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated their recycling materials.

WELCOME

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to Mrs Bennett, Miss Rowlands and Miss Bourne. This term we have welcomed new teachers into school: Mrs Lawrence and Mr Shuttleworth (science), Miss Saunders (MFL), Mr Connor (English, history and 7ABE form teacher) and Mr Pendino (Head of maths and 8ARO form teacher).

We have also welcomed Miss Rowlands back as a DT and science technician.

Please support us by following our social media accounts



SPORT

On Friday, the year 8 girls badminton team competed in their district competition. After beating 3 other schools and winning all of their games, they finished 1st in their group. They are now through to the finals, which will take place in a few weeks. Good luck girls!



LIBRARY NEWS

Top quizzers so far this term:

Harkeerat (5JPE) – 9 books
Victoria (5APG) – 5 books
Camran (7NHO) – 2 books
Tyler (7NHO)
Tyler (7EBO)
Reegan (7EBO)
Riley (7ABE)
Ben (7NHO)
Mason (7SRO)
Ojo (8MVA) – 1 book
Natan (8MVA)
Olivia (8MVA)
Ellie-Mae (8MVA)

Top 5 Word scorers so far this term:

Isis (5JPE) – 211,111
Alfie (5REV) - 198,227
Victoria (6APG) - 125,417
Florence (6MVE) – 95,022
Lily (6BTU) – 92,304

WHAT IS SUPER 1s?



Super 1s gives young people with a disability aged 8+ the chance to play regular, competitive cricket.

Super 1s is a fantastic opportunity for participants to take part in fun, safe and engaging softball cricket sessions. No experience needed!

**For more information
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SUPER 1s WINTER SESSIONS

**Worcester Hub
Mondays 17:00 - 18:00
Perdiswell Leisure centre**



**Kidderminster Hub
Wednesdays 17:00 - 18:00
Wyre Forest Leisure centre**



**Old Swinford Hub
Fridays 18:00 - 19:00
Redhill School**



**Redditch Hub
Wednesdays 17:30 - 18:30
HOW College Redditch**

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