

TESCO STRONGER STARTS

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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

- 6th – 9th February – Achievement Assemblies
- 9th February – Last day of school for half term
- 12th – 16th February – Half Term
- 19th February – Pupils back to school
- 4th March – Talent Foundry visiting Year 8
- 6th/7th March – Worcestershire Skills Show Year 7
- 7th- 9th March – Careers Week activities
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 11th - 15th March - Bikeability

KS2 AND KS3 PANATHLON

Last Friday our KS2 and KS3 Panathlon teams competed in the Panathlon Challenge at Arrow Vale. They all did extremely well and everyone came away with a medal.



Please support us by following our social media accounts



ROAD SAFETY

Just a reminder that if you park near school, please drive and park responsibly, do not double park or block driveways in the local area.

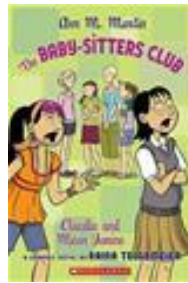


THEO'S RECOMMENDED READ

The Babysitters Club – Graphic novel series (zones 2.2 – 2.9)

This book series follows the adventures of Kristy and the other members of the BSC as they deal with crank calls, uncontrollable two-year-olds, wild pets, and parents who do not always tell the truth.

This book was kindly read to Theo by Zara from 5JPE.



MY FAVOURITE BOOK

The Smeds and the Smoos by Julia Donaldson – (zone: 4.1)

The Smeds and the Smoos don't get on until a young Smed and Smoo fall in love and have a baby.

“This is another great rhyming picture book from Julia Donaldson, an inventive and quirky way to tell a story about tolerance and accepting difference.”



Copies of these books are available in the school library

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

At Birchensale we have lots of extra-curricular clubs on offer during lunchtimes and after school. These provide a wide range of opportunities to nurture, develop and stretch pupils' talents and interests, promoting their wider personal development at school. You can find an up-to-date list of clubs on our website. The sport club list is updated weekly.

Year 8 STEM club is starting on Tuesday after school 3.15-4.15 with Miss Rowlands. Please sign up for this club on MCAS as places are limited.



LIBRARY NEWS

Top quizzers so far this term:

Hayden (5JPE) – 20 books
Victoria (5APG) – 18 books
Ben (6EBE) – 12 books
Freddie (7SRO) - 11 books
Karol (8SHE) – 5 books

Top 5 Word scorers so far this term:

Alfie (8ARO) – 429,999
Victoria (5APG) – 353,319
Zunnurain (7SRO) – 345,224
Isis (5JPE) – 211,111
Izzah (5AGA) – 256,732

A PLEA FROM DT

DT are collecting kitchen roll tubes for a project they are completing with pupils from one of our local first schools. If you have any please send them into school (DT department) with your child.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

February 6th is Safer Internet Day. At school we promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology.

As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help your child stay safe online.

Please see the link below with some useful advice and resources.

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

LIVE BAND PERFORMANCE

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024



**ALL CHILDREN WHO ARE IN SCHOOL
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
WILL BE INVITED TO THE PERFORMANCE ON
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024**