

BIRCHENSAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



9TH NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

ANTI BULLYING WEEK 13TH - 17TH NOVEMBER



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and this year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. On Monday we are asking for everyone to take part in Odd Socks Day, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Children will have the opportunity to take part in specific anti-bullying activities over the course of the week. More information can be found on their website - [Anti-Bullying Alliance](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/)

YEAR 5 PUMPKIN COMPETITION WINNER

Well done to Caleb in 5ROU for carving this amazing pumpkin.



YEAR 7 RE HOMEWORK

Year 7 have been studying the Trinity in RE and for his homework Jenson made a cake to show his understanding of the lessons. He was able to explain how the different layers of the cake and icing represented different parts of the Trinity.



IMPORTANT DATES

13th November – Odd Socks Day
13th November – Parent Ofsted Meeting
27th November – 1st December – Bikeability
27th November – Year 8 Parents Evening in school
29th November – Year 8 Parents Evening online
4th - 8th December – Year 8 Malvern Trip
12th December – Christmas Concert
12th – 15th December – Achievement Assemblies
15th December – Coffee Morning
19th December – Interhouse Swimming Gala
21st December – Last day of Autumn Term
9th January – First Day of Spring Term

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance this year is above the national average in England – Thank you to the whole Birchensale Community!

Our best attending year group this week is year 8. Well done year 8!

Well done to our best attending form classes this week 8ARO, 5ROU and 5SJO who each had 99% or better attendance.

Over two thirds of our pupils have 100% attendance for the academic year so far.



Birchensale PTFA need you!

We are currently planning our first event to be held in December.

If you would like to find out more information, please email PTFA@birchensale.bmat.co.uk or ring the school.

Everyone is welcome!

Please support us by following our social media accounts





YEAR 5 ART CLUB

Year 5 have been producing some excellent drawings during their lunchtime art club.



HANDI APP

HANDi App - Don't let bugs play on your mind

If your child is unwell, use the HANDi App to check their symptoms and get instant, NHS-approved medical advice. Developed and approved by local Paediatric Consultants, the HANDi App provides expert advice on how best to manage the most common childhood illnesses, including:

- Diarrhea and vomiting
- High temperature
- 'Chesty baby' illnesses, such as bronchiolitis, asthma and croup
- 'Chesty child' illnesses such as wheezing and asthma
- Abdominal pain
- Common newborn problems

The app is free and can be downloaded to any Apple or Android smartphone or tablet.

Why use HANDi?

HANDi is designed to help you know what to do when your child is unwell - whether that's looking after them at home, taking them to see a GP, using the NHS 111 service, or visiting an urgent care service.

MY FAVOURITE BOOK

Funnybones by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

"I remember many happy story times sat in a circle being told about a family of skeletons and their dog going on their night-time capers!" Mrs Poole

A copy of this book is available in the school library.

LIBRARY NEWS

Top quizzers for the week:

Year 5 – Zara (5JPE) – 28 books

Year 6 - Victoria (6APG) – 39 books and Nivin (6ADE) - 29 books

Year 7 – Ben (7NHO) - 11 books

Year 8 – Ellie-Mae (8MVA) & Laura (8CPO) – 6 books

Top 5 Word scorers:

Victoria (6APG) – 1,139,761

Laura (8CPO) - 472,005

Hollie (8KO) - 323,569

Norah (5ROU) - 299,527

Susan (5SJO) - 289,301

Please remember to bring your Accelerated Reader books into school every day.

THEO'S RECOMMENDED READ

Dog Man by Dav Pilkey

Howl with laughter with the first book in the hilarious full-colour illustrated series, Dog Man, from the creator of Captain Underpants! George and Harold (the co-stars of the enormously popular Captain Underpants series) are in big trouble again!





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