

# BIRCHENSALÉ MIDDLE SCHOOL



## 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH NEWSLETTER

### TESCO STRONGER STARTS FINAL PUSH

We are in the customer vote for a Tesco Stronger Starts. Tesco customers can vote in the following stores 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 Brmsgrov Exp B60 1DL
- 6447 Redditch Brockhil Exp B97 6PH



Please support us next time you shop at Tesco!

### THEO'S RECOMMENDED READ

**Heartstopper – Volume 5 by Alise Oseman (Zone 2.9)**

The next instalment of this much-loved book series - Nick and Charlie are very much in love. With Nick going off to university next year, everything could be about to change.

Kindly read to Theo by Sophie in Year 7.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- 8<sup>th</sup> April – Pupils back at school for Summer term
- 9<sup>th</sup> April – Year 8 careers assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday, school closed
- 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term, school closed
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Pupils back at school

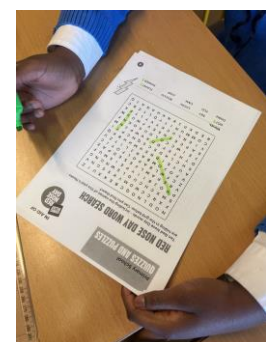
### SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on our social media sites. You will find lots of pictures of activities, trips and extracurricular clubs. There are also reminders of events.



### COMIC RELIEF

Birchensale had busy day celebrating Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March with lots of lunch time activities. Thank you to everyone who took part with wearing red accessories and giving a donation. The total raised was nearly £50.



### WELCOME

During this half term we welcomed Miss Cross (Science teacher and 8ARO form teacher). Miss Saunders is leaving us at the end of this term and we are welcoming Ms Perez (MFL) at the start of next term.

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### YEAR 8 LEADERS

Our year 8 leaders ran an event in partnership with Trinity High School as part of BMAT. 180 year 2 pupils were welcomed to the sports hall athletics challenge with all having a fantastic time. Huge credit must go to the leaders who ran the show!



### EASTER CONCERT

A huge well done to all the staff and children involved in the Easter concert Wednesday night. The performers all made us extremely proud-what a show!

### LIBRARIAN'S RECOMMENDED READ

**Beast Quest - Ferno the Fire Dragon — Adam Blade (zone 4.5)**

Strange things are happening in Tom's village. Everyone is terrified, but Tom is not afraid. He's always dreamed of a quest, a real quest, and vows to go to the king and bring help. Book #1 of the Beast Quest series.

Copies of these books are available in the school library.



### YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY

In Geography year 8 have been learning all about the UK's weather. They recently showed off all their new knowledge by writing and performing a weather forecast.



### LIBRARY NEWS

#### Term Top quizzers:

- Year 5 – Hayden (5JPE) – 48 books
- Year 6 - Victoria (6APG) – 61 books
- Year 7 – Tyler (7EBO) – 33 books
- Year 8 - Ojo (8MVA) – 21 books

#### Top 5 Word scorers so far this term:

- Victoria (6APG) – 1,891,062
- Sylwia (5REV) – 1,002,221
- Zunnurain (7SRO) – 695,599
- Noah (8ARO) – 446,301

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

From next term parents/carers will need to sign their children up to take part in after school clubs. You can do this in clubs on the MCAS app (available clubs), clubs will begin to be added from today for next term. You can go to clubs on the MCAS app to see what after school clubs are available for your child and what you have signed them up for. If your child doesn't want to attend the club anymore, please let the school office know so they can be removed from the club register and a child on the waiting list can be added.

If your child is unable to attend one of the sessions you have signed them up for, please let the school know either by a note in their diary or a call to the school office. Some clubs do have a limit on the number of places available. Club lists can be found on our website [School Clubs | Birchensale Middle School](#)



# PE Clubs and Fixtures



<b>W/C:</b> 08/04/2024	<b>Before school</b> 8:15- 8:45	<b>Lunch time</b> 12.40 – 1.10	<b>After school</b> 3.15 - 4.30
<b>Mon</b>		Year 5 Dodgeball Sportshall (ATA)  Year 8 Table Tennis (ASH)	Year 8 Girls SELECTED PUPILS Badminton Sportshall (HKH)
<b>Tues</b>	Year 8 SELECTED PUPILS Badminton 8am – 8:40am (HKH)  Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS Boccia DURING AM REG Dining Hall (ATA)	Year 7 Girls Indoor Athletics Sportshall (PHO)  Year 8 Table Tennis (ASH)	Year 8 Boys SELECTED PUPILS Badminton Sportshall (HKH)  All Years Netball Playground (ATA)
<b>Wed</b>	Year 8 SELECTED PUPILS Badminton 8am – 8:40am (HKH)  Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS Boccia DURING AM REG Dining Hall (ATA)	Year 5 SELECTED PUPILS Indoor Football Sportshall (ATA)  Year 8 Table Tennis (ASH)	Year 7 & 8 Girls Hockey @ Redditch Astro UNTIL 5PM (AWI, ATA)  Year 7 & 8 Rugby Field (JSP)
<b>Thurs</b>	Year 5 & 6 SELECTED PUPILS Boccia DURING AM REG Dining Hall (ATA)	All Years Netball Sportshall (AWI, ATA)  Year 8 Table Tennis (ASH)	Year 8 SELECTED PUPILS Netball Tournament @ Church Hill (AWI, ATA)  Year 7 & 8 Boys Hockey @ Redditch Astro UNTIL 5PM (PHO)
<b>Fri</b>	Year 5 SELECTED PUPILS Badminton 8am – 8:40am (HKH)  Year 5 & 6 SELECTED PUPILS Boccia DURING AM REG Dining Hall (ATA)	KSS Badminton Sportshall (HKH)  Year 8 Table Tennis (ASH)	Year 7 & 8 Girls Basketball Sportshall UNTIL 5PM (PHO)  Year 7 & 8 Rugby Field (JSP)
		Year 7 Girls SELECTED PUPILS Indoor Athletics – School Games @ Bromsgrove School 12pm – 3pm (PHO)	

Dear Parent / Guardian

**Trespassing on the railway network is extremely dangerous and endangers not only the lives of those on the track, but also passengers, railway staff and the general public**

Many people - especially young people - fail to understand the danger they put themselves and others in, when they make the choice to stray onto the rail network. As the Easter holidays approach, we are already seeing an increase in the number of incidents being reported and incidents we're seeing involve children and young people, these incidents include:

- Misusing level crossings by not paying due care and attention or acts of anti-social behaviour/vandalism
- Walking along the railway lines
- Sitting on train station platform edges
- Throwing stones at trains
- Placing objects on the railway lines
- Using the railway as a playground

I am sure you agree that all of the above activities are extremely dangerous.

The British Transport Police and Network Rail are seeking the support of parents, guardians and the local community to highlight the danger and implications of these activities to help us reduce the number of young people putting themselves and others at significant risk.

To assist with the conversation there are a number of online videos available and range depending on the age group of your child:

[www.switchedonrailsafety.co.uk](http://www.switchedonrailsafety.co.uk)

[www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/)

[www.youvstrain.co.uk](http://www.youvstrain.co.uk)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWVvjFqHOUE> (Harrison's Story)

#### Key Messages

- ✓ Always **STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN** before using a Level Crossing and follow the instructional signage
- ✓ Trains are **ALWAYS** running on the railway and can differ in times meaning that you can never predict when a train will pass
- ✓ Station Platforms are not a playground not every train will be stopping, be aware of your surroundings and **STAY BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE**
- ✓ The Electricity is **ALWAYS** switched on around the railway
- ✓ **DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?**

Trespassing on the railway is also a **criminal offence** which can involve your child obtaining a criminal record and a fine of £1000.

*If you wish to report any information to us, please call us on **Freephone 0800 40 50 40** or text the information to **61016**.*