

BIRCHENSALÉ MIDDLE SCHOOL



2nd MAY NEWSLETTER

LONGBOROUGH OPERA COME TO BIRCHENSALÉ

On Wednesday 1st May, Birchensale, once again, welcomed Longborough Opera to run a workshop with Miss Dewstow and a select group of our wonderful Year 6 students. They worked with the pupils to teach them how to sing some Opera classics and tell the story of The Implausible Potions of Doctor Dulcamara, inspired by Donizetti's Opera "D'Elisir of Love".

During the workshop our students listened to a variety of pieces sung by professional operatic performers, plus got involved in various drama games and mimes telling the story. They also sung along with the professionals and learned some of their top singing tips and tricks!

We very much look forward to going to watch their live opera on June 4th and thank Longborough Opera for all the incredible opportunities they bring to Birchensale.



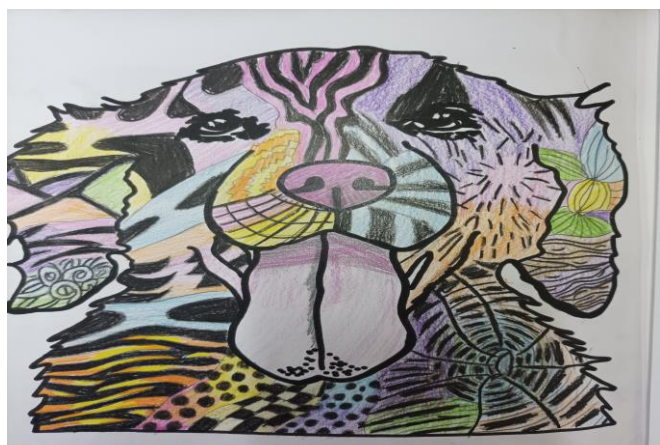
SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA

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.



YEAR 5 GET CREATIVE

Year 5 have been working on animal art in the style of Dean Russo. An example of Max's work from 5ROU, showing a wonderful piece with vibrant, energetic colours against the contrast of the black within. Superb work this week!



IMPORTANT DATES

6th May – Bank Holiday Monday, school closed
13th-16th May – Year 6 SATs
21st May – KS3 Apprenticeship Assembly
22nd May – Sports Day (provisional)
27th – 31st May – Half term, school closed
3rd June – Pupils back at school

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LIBRARY NEWS

Terms's Top quizzers:

Year 5 – Lily (5REV) – 22 books
Year 6 - Victoria (6APG) – 19 books
Year 7 – Tyler (7EBO) - 19 books
Year 8 - Rivardo (8SHE) – 23 books

Term's Top Word scorers:

Victoria (6APG) – 767,748
Sylwia (5REV) – 686,441
Izzah (5AGA) – 332,145
Mia (7NHO) – 234,012

YEAR 8 BOYS HOCKEY

Our year 8 boys hockey team had a successful tournament last week. They were outstanding throughout the tournament showing their determination and teamwork in every match they played. After beating all their opponents in the group stage, they claimed the win during extra time of the semi-final, but narrowly lost out on 1st place in the final, after conceding their only goal in the entire tournament, placing 2nd overall. Well done!



THEO'S RECOMMENDED READ

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo – (Zone 5.9)

For young Private Peaceful, looking back over his childhood while he is on night watch in the battlefields of the First World War, his memories are full of family life deep in the countryside: his mother, Charlie, Big Joe, and Molly, the love of his life. Too young to be enlisted, Thomas has followed his brother to war and now, every moment he spends thinking about his life, means another moment closer to danger.

Kindly read to Theo by Jack in 7GSN.



YEAR 8 REMINDERS

Year 8 Hoodie deadline - Thursday 6th June at 3:30pm.

Year 8 Drayton Manor - £5 deposit 10th May, £11 3rd June, £11 1st July.