

BIRCHENSAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



17th MAY NEWSLETTER

Who can get free school meals?

As well as meals, *school get money to help your child*. We can help with other things too, like uniform or trips.

[Citizen Portal - Sign in \(worcestershire.gov.uk\)](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk)- **We can help you apply.**

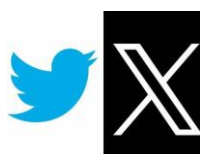
If you get one or more of the following you can get free school meals:

- Universal Credit, and your annual household income is £7,400 per annum (£616 per month) or less after tax, and not including any benefits.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income is less than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



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.



SPORTING NEWS

Year 5 & 6 Rowing

Congratulations to everyone involved in the recent KS2 rowing competition. Our teams placed 1st in 3/4 categories, with all 8 teams finishing within the top 3, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done!

Year 7 & 8 Rowing

Our KS3 rowing teams put on an impressive performance in their competition last week. Their hard work and dedication to practice paid off with all 4 teams placing 1st in their categories. A fantastic achievement, which they should all be very proud of. Well done!

Cricket Leadership

Our year 8 leaders have been helping out with a range of cricket festival and tournaments. They have developed their knowledge of coaching activities, scoring and umpiring, with many schools commenting on how fantastic they were!

Trampoline Leadership

Some of our trampolining team were recently asked to help out with a year 4 trampolining afternoon. Some helped with spotting to ensure students were safe and gave some brilliant coaching tips on how they could improve, while others were leading stretching and exercises on the mats. You were amazing and incredibly helpful well done!

Year 7 & 8 Rounders

Last week a mixture of our year 7s & 8s went to play in a rounders festival. It was incredible to see those who had played a lot of rounders supporting those who hadn't. They showcased some amazing batting and fielding skills and everyone had a fantastic afternoon.



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LIBRARY NEWS

Term's Top quizzers:

Year 5 – Shahbaz (5REV) – 33 books

Year 6 – Victoria (6APG) – 28 books

Year 7 – Tyler (7EBO) - 27 books

Year 8 - Oluwajomiloju (8MVA) – 34 books

Term's Top Word scorers:

Victoria (6APG) – 1,085,809

Sylwia (5REV) – 1,013,095

Hibah (6ADE) – 463,917

Izzah(5AGA) – 390,227

THEO'S RECOMMENDED READ

Where the World Turns Wild by Nicola Penfold (zone: 3.9)

Juniper Greene lives in a walled city from which nature has been banished, following the outbreak of a deadly man-made disease many years earlier. While most people seem content to live in such a cage, she and her little brother Bear have always known about their resistance to the disease, and dream of escaping into the wild. To the one place humans have survived outside of cities. To where their mother is. When Juniper learns they are the focus of a sinister plan, they must leave and go out into the Wild. Soon they discover the sometimes brutal realities of life outside the city.

Kindly read to Theo and Mr Pearson by Isis in 5JPE.



IMPORTANT DATES

21st May – KS3 Apprenticeship Assembly

24th May – Coffee Morning

27th – 31st May – Half term, school closed.

3rd June – Pupils back at school

6th June Sports Day (provisional)

17th & 19th June Year 7&8 Parents Evening

9th July – Summer Concert

10th/11th July – Transition days

11th July – Awards Evening

12th July – Year 8 Drayton Manor Trip

17th July Sports Awards Evening

18th July – Year 8 End of Year Party

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Coffee Morning

9am to 10am

FRIDAY 24TH MAY

COME JOIN US FOR A COFFEE, CAKE AND
FRIENDLY CHAT

SEND STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TALK TO
DURING THE MORNING