

Birchensale Headlines



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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year at Birchensale.

It is time to say 'goodbye' to the 111 Year 8 pupils who are off to High school. I have really been impressed with them this year and must admit..... I may even miss them when they have gone!

We also say goodbye to our Teaching Assistant, Miss Robbins, who is about to begin her teacher training course. I would like to thank her for all of the hard work she has put in during her time at Birchensale and wish her all the best in her new career.



Mrs Willshaw and Mrs Brazier are also reducing their hours and will be teaching part-time

at Birchensale from September.

We welcome Mr Garwood, Miss Savva, Miss Edwards and Mrs Oulmain on to the teaching staff and no fewer than 164 new Year 5 pupils in Year 5.



Diary News

1&4/7/19: Miss Hewitt took two groups of Year 7 pupils to The Herbert Art Gallery in Coventry.

2/7/19: Our Year 8 Sports Leaders attended the Sports Day at Tardebigge First School, helping to organise and run the events.



3/7/19: PC Bennett and his Police Dog visited our Year 6 pupils.

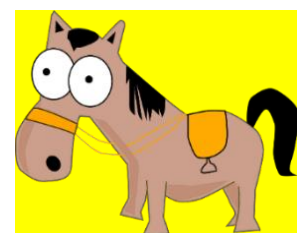
4/7/19: New Intake evening took place with parents and pupils from Year 4 joining us for the evening in preparation for them joining BMS in September.

5/7/19: The Year 8 Girls received their second HPV vaccination.



5/7/19: The District Athletics Finals took place at The Abbey Stadium.

8/7/19: The last reward trip of the year took place with the top 10% of pupils going to Weston Super Mare.



9/7/19: Awards Evening

Form prizes for Endeavour and Achievement;



5OCO; Oliver Glover

Lacey Ridge

5EHO; Marie Parkes

Priscila Bustamante-Gonzales

5AE; Chloe West

Harry Bacon

5ECA; Liberty Bowkett

Hailey Best

5SD; Jessica King

Lewis Mallin

6SHO; Daniella O'Hagan

Kamran Hussain

6SHE; Christian Burford

Kesiah Ebanks

6SRO; Katie Seager

Gracie Jones

6ABE; Raheeb Imtiaz

Isobel Wood

6RE; Georgia Eaton

Jayda Cotterill

7AG; Subhan Shahab

Nikki Danks

7AS; Jacob Dacej

Luke Duffin

7MV; Olivia Croft

Raul Videneau

7NM; Dominic Bogdanowski

Esther Perkins

7BW; Maja Banas

Kaja Linda

8PHO; Archie Cleary

Lauren Parkes

8LCA; Zoya Zahid

Kristina Pecenakova

8EW; Arisha Israr

Aqsa Mohammed

8CNE; Heather Rigby

Szymon Pitula

The 2019 subject prizes were awarded to;



English; Maddison Dreslin

Maths; Alex Hilton

Science; Anna Filip

Art; Pijus Tvardauskas

Music; Jude Tostevin-Green

Geography; Zara Kayani

History; Henry Bussey

Spanish; Klaudia Kroplewska

PE; Atlantis Shuck

RE; Josh Martin

ICT; Liam Emms

Drama; Milly Darby

DT; Taher Ahmed

Life Skills; Sophie Fitzpatrick

ECO; Owen Guest

Progress; Lucas Perkins

EAL; Tamara Zelenyanski

Head teachers' Award;

Maria Constantinescu



I also thanked our out-going head boys, James Clarke and Josh Martin, and head girls;

Heather Rigby and Anna Filip and found out who next year's would be. Congratulations to Jack Glover, Subhan Shahab, Cerys Dearman and Iraj Iman.

10&11/7/19: During these two days, we met the Year 4 students who will be joining us in September and our Years 5, 6 & 7 spent the days in Years 6, 7 & 8. Our Year 8 pupils joined their new High schools for their transition too.

15&16/7/19: Year 7 are visiting The Aztec Centre at Upton Warren experiencing a number of outdoor activities.

15/7/19: Year 8 are spending the day at Drayton Manor.

16/7/19: Sports Awards

Our sports teams continue to perform to a high standard in their District, County, Midland and National Competitions.



District Champions;

Year 5/6 Boys Athletics

Year 5/6 Girls Athletics

Year 5 Girls Rounders

Year 5 Boys Indoor Rowing

Year 5 Girls Indoor Rowing

Year 6 Boys Indoor Rowing
 Year 6 Girls Indoor Rowing
 Year 6 Girls Netball
 Year 7 Boys Indoor Rowing
 Year 7 Boys Athletics
 Year 7 Boys Indoor Football
 Year 7 Girls Hockey
 Year 7 Girls Indoor Rowing
 Year 7 Girls Netball
 Year 7 Girls Athletics
 Year 7 Girls Indoor Football
 Year 8 Boys Hockey
 Year 8 Boys Athletics
 Year 8 Boys Cross Country
 Year 8 Boys Table Tennis
 Year 8 Boys Indoor Rowing
 Year 8 Girls Rounders
 Year 8 Girls Basketball
 Year 8 Girls Hockey
 Year 8 Girls Indoor Rowing

and individual District

Athletics winners;

Hailey Best, Isobel Cooper, Lola Darby, Zabeeh Faheem, Kian Kelleher, Riley Butler, Jaidon Lee, Jaydon Bryant, Vincent Padanyi, Dave Bulley, Sophie Fitzpatrick, Szymon Pitula, Heather Rigby and Emily Laing.

County Champions;

Year 5/6 Boys Athletics team
 Year 7 Girls Indoor Rowing
 Year 7 Boys Indoor Rowing
 Year 8 Girls Indoor Rowing
 Year 8 Boys Indoor Rowing
 Year 8 Boys Athletics team

The Sports Awards 2019 were awarded to the following pupils;

Football; Josh Martin

Netball; Anna Filip

Rugby; Henry Bussey

Hockey; Reo Veness & Elena Harris

Basketball; Naqeeb Mahmood

Cricket; James Clarke

Rounders; Amelia Chew

Athletics; Szymon Pitula

Rowing; Tamara Zelenyanszki

L/ship; Sophie Fitzpatrick

Outdoor Ed; Klaudia Kroplewska

Commitment; Evie Willis

Dance; Lauren Parkes

PE Prize; Atlantis Shuck

Progress; Kristina Pecenakova

Junior Girl; Isabelle Wadlow

Junior Boy; Riley Butler

Senior Girl; Heather Rigby

Senior Boy; Dave Bulley

Congratulations to all of the above pupils, all pupils who participated in sports this year and the PE staff for their commitment. Birchensale are proud of your achievements!



17/7/19: Mrs Roberts took a group of pupils to

Birmingham School of Jewellery.

18/7/19: The Year 8 Leavers Ball took place. Pupils arrived in different modes of transport and dressed up for the highlight of their year.



19/7/19: Pupils break up for summer holidays and return on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

Attendance

The school attendance rate is currently 95.5%. The best attending classes are 5EHO (97.4%) and 5OCO (97.3%). Government targets are 95%.



Head Teacher Awards

The latest awards went to; Alfie Dawson, Mariam Ali and Alexis Hadley in Year 5 for their fantastic fairy tale stories.

They each received a certificate and 50 achievement points. Well done!



House Competitions

We are looking at increasing the number of 'In-school' house competitions and changing how they are run. To begin with, each house has a new 'Head of House' for September. Beoley; Mr Mills, Bordesley; Miss Vaughan, Ipsley; Mr Cooke and Studley; Miss Horsley.

Sports

Our sports teams have produced more outstanding performances this month.

As well as winning 14 individual titles at the District Athletics finals (as mentioned previously), our indoor rowers continued to impress. The following pupils were all crowned Worcestershire Team County Champions; Dave Bulley, Alex Hilton, James Clarke, Tamara Zelenyanszki, Courtney Matthews, Alfie White, Kacper Cioch, Brooke Stanton, Emily Laing, Maja Szymko and Grace Davies. Tamara and Dave were also crowned as Individual County Champions.

So far this year we have won 25 District trophies and 6 County trophies in Indoor Athletics, Indoor Rowing, Hockey, Football, Cross-Country, Table Tennis, Netball, Rounders and Basketball. Altogether 117 different pupils have been crowned as District or County Champions, winning 238 gold medals.

Fund Raising

We have been collecting loose change in 'form' moneyboxes for four weeks and raised £175.00 for Matt's Mission charity.

We have now raised £3,988.25 for good causes so far this year.



Drafts Challenge

After months of closely fought matches, two players fought their way to the finals, due to take place in the last week of term. Unfortunately, due to an operation, Andrzej Kierski is unable to play Michael Braby this week. However, we look forward to

the final taking place when we return in September.



KS2 SAT'S Results

We have received our latest KS2 SAT'S results and were very pleased that the efforts of the children have been rewarded with some excellent results. Our scores of 78% for Reading, 78% for Writing, 76% for Spelling and Grammar, 76% for Maths and 69% for Combined, compare favourably with all local schools, County schools and are above national scores. Well done to everyone!

I hope you have enjoyed reading the latest 'Headlines'.

I hope you all have an enjoyable break, remain safe and return on Wednesday September 4th 2019 for another exciting year at Birchensale.

Tim Jones, Head teacher