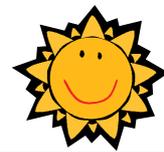


Castle Bromwich Junior School

June 2014



Forthcoming events

10th June. Charity Day. Each class will be devising enterprise activities to raise money for the charity to be selected by the school council.

17th June – Sports Day; Y3/4 am Y5/6 pm

23rd June – Assessment week

1st/2nd July – Y6 Performance – evening

4th July – Y6 to Drayton Manor

9th July – Reports sent home

11th July -Children meet their new teacher

11th July - Y6 Prom

15th July – Annual music concert

16th July –Y6 leavers assembly – afternoon

18th July –Term ends **at 3pm**

Volunteers Cream Tea

As a small way of thanking parents and friends who have regularly volunteered in school this year, the school council are holding a cream tea afternoon on July 9th. Volunteers will soon receive their invite. If you do not please contact the school office.

Further details of the above events will be sent soon.

office@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk
www.cbjs.co.uk

Governors' Awards

Governors' Awards are made up of four children per class [2 boys and 2 girls] and these will be awarded at a special assembly on **Friday July 18th at 9.30am** to which the parents of these children will be invited.

There will also be several special achievement awards made to Year 6 children to celebrate their success in our school over four years. Their names will be added to the Achievement Boards in the entrance foyer and the hall. We also have the Pauline Gray Award for Citizenship and the Gordon Griffin Special Achievement Award to present.



Mr Backhouse

Thank you very much for the donations received so far for Mr Backhouse's retirement gift. This is going to be presented to him at a special assembly next Thursday 12th June.

Organisation for September

Mrs Lewis, Miss Ingleston and Mrs Green will be leaving in July, Mrs Lewis on maternity leave and Mrs Green and Miss Ingleston to explore new horizons. We wish them all the very best. We have appointed 3 new staff to our team, Miss Law, Miss Beaumont and Miss Gibson.

The class teachers in September will be:

Year 6 Mr Hayer Miss Walsh Miss Law Mrs Bird with Mrs Evans [year leader]

Year 5 Mr Bird [year leader] Miss Callow Mrs Sterry, Miss Beaumont

Year 4 Miss Blomeley [year leader] Miss Rice Miss Wheeler and Miss Varnam

Year 3 Miss Pittaway [year leader] Miss Saleem Miss Hibbert and Miss Gibson

New Classes in September

In September we will be forming new classes from Y5 to Y6. Y3 and Y4 classes will stay as they are into the new academic year. Once classes have been notified to children and parents it is very difficult to change them.

Year 5 - Secondary Schools

Parents of pupils wishing to attend a grammar school or the CTC when they leave CBJS, should contact the schools directly with regard to entrance exams and open evenings.

Sporting Achievements

CBJS has taken part in more sporting activities this year than ever before. This is partly due to our involvement with the Unity collaborative but also as a result of the sports grant given to schools as part of the Olympic legacy. Events we have entered:



Netball Skills
High-5s Netball Tournament School
Sportshall Athletics North [Solihull Champions and County 4th place]
Quad Kids [runners up]
Girls 4-a-side Football
Boys 4-a-side Football [semi-finalists]
Girls 7-a-side football [quarter finalists]
Boys 7-a-side football [ongoing]
Mini-Red Tennis Year 3/4 [finalists]
Mini- Red Tennis Year 5/6
Indoor Rowing
UNITY Table Tennis competition
Wheelchair Basketball taster sessions
Year 5 Cricket Festival
Squash at Chelmsley Wood Onward Club



And still to look forward to we have: Tag Rugby, Year 3 and 4 Sportshall Athletics, Area Sports Athletics, Hockey, Rounder's and a Year 4 Cricket Festival

Dunfield Week



Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fantastic week at Dunfield. Pupils worked hard to produce the end of week show for their parents. The pupils behaviour was exceptional and they were a real credit to the school and their families. Year 5 pupils who remained in school focused on fashion and clothes during their creative week. As well as designing a new school uniform, they looked at fashion through the years and World Cup football kits. There are definitely some budding designers amongst the group!

Words of Wisdom

Attitude is everything, it decides your direction. It decides your future.



CBJS Football Team

The football team are looking for a sponsor for the next 2-3 years. If any parent has a business that would be interested in purchasing a new kit in exchange for your logo being printed on shirts, please contact Mr Bird:

s10dbird@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk

Cycle Training

Solihull council are running a new bespoke pilot course from **26th August 2014 – 29th August 2014** for pupils aged **9 to 11**. The course will run every day from **10a.m – 12noon** at **Arden School in Knowle** The course is to encourage parents and children to join together in a national standard accredited Bikeability course levels one and two. The course will enable parents to see what their children learn on our Bikeability courses and in turn give them the confidence to take their children out cycling also giving them first hand understanding of the skills taught.



If you have any questions or to book a place , please contact Lorraine Doran 0121 704 6511

Former Pupils

It is always fantastic to hear of past pupils. This month I have heard of a former pupil Richard Canning who is now a professor and head of the English faculty of Northampton University. Also former pupil Jessica Schofield has recently secured an apprenticeship with HSCB. If you know of other former pupils and their successes I would love to hear about them.

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Uniform

If parents wish to order new uniform for September through the school, orders must be placed by July 11th. Alternatively uniform can be ordered on line by visiting www.mapac.com

Mr Backhouse

After 18 years at CBJS Mr Backhouse retired as head teacher at half term. Under his leadership the school has developed in so many ways and he leaves behind a great legacy. His vision for the school has seen it grow and flourish and become a place where both staff and pupils are proud to be.

Mr Backhouse has always had a genuine interest in the well-being of all the pupils in our school. Whilst wanting the very best for them, he always wanted that achievement to be realistic and fair. But most importantly he wanted their achievement to be full, not just academic but to create a school where pupils felt safe, happy and well cared for, a place where they had a wide range of opportunities that would meet their differing needs and talents.

For Mr Backhouse the children and their families have always been very important to him. When I first started at the school I always remember being very impressed by the fact he knew the names of all the pupils in school. To Mr Backhouse this was crucial in developing such good relationships with pupils and their parents. Not only did he know their names but would often tell pupils that he remembered their siblings, knew their parents and in some cases grandparents. Even now when talking about past pupils he can recall names, families and achievements. To Mr Backhouse and hence the current leadership team and staff, every child matters and is important regardless of academic ability or behaviour needs. This is an area that has always been highlighted by outside agencies, including Ofsted as a real strength of the school.

The school site itself has changed dramatically. Play facilities have grown significantly, from an empty playground to the first agility trail to the now very impressive range of equipment designed to give our pupils the best play facilities. The fire of 2004 was a very challenging time for the school but from that point on the significant changes in the building began and have continued to develop. Our classrooms are now more modern and bright, additional teaching bases have been created which has enabled the school to accommodate the growing needs of our children.

Wider opportunities have been offered to our pupils. Parents and pupils will appreciate the many opportunities that have now become a regular part of our school calendar. These include residential visits for Y5 and Y6, our Youth Club, links with our partner schools in Sparkbrook and the Gambia. The links we have been able to maintain with China are as a result of Mr Backhouses commitment to this, seeing the value it has to both our pupils and those in China. 'The Arts' is an area that Mr Backhouse has always supported and developed – finding projects and opportunities for the children to take part in. He is always at the forefront - engaging other schools to take part in new ideas. He has ensured that CBJS is marked on the map; now being a school that is recognised in the borough for its high standards in this area. One particularly important legacy that the school will continue to maintain is the superb performances the school now puts on for each year group. The idea raised by Mr Backhouse has been taken on whole heartedly by staff notably Mr Simpson initially and now Mrs Timms. Our pupils thoroughly enjoy this opportunity to be on stage and for us as a school it offers a different side to some pupils. The Y6 performances always produce 'stars' that suddenly come to light when given this fantastic opportunity.

As well as getting to know parents, Mr Backhouse has always taken on board parents views as again their concerns are very important to us all at school. He has always made himself available to parents on the playground in the mornings and around after school. For myself, taking on this new role this is something that is especially important to me. I will endeavour to continue to be available to parents to hear their views and support them with concerns they may have with regard to their children.

The opportunity for all pupils to have a chance to shine and be celebrated has always been at the heart of Mr Backhouses vision for the school. As a result we have our weekly celebration assembly where each week 64 pupils receive a certificate to celebrate their achievements. It is also an opportunity for pupils to share achievements from outside of school. Mr Backhouse also set up the now well established achievement boards that are a lasting history of pupils from our school who have been recognised for their hard work over their 4 years at CBJS.

Mr Backhouse has always encouraged and supported the potential he has seen in his staff. It is as a result of this that he leaves behind a strong leadership team to take the school forward into the future. He has encouraged this leadership amongst all staff and children so that they have ideas that can be developed and responsibilities that lead to improvement and a superb team ethic. Visitors who come into school always comment on the happy and friendly nature of all the staff and the positive environment that is created for the children. This is of course the environment that Mr Backhouse has created and supported.

The school would like to take this public opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Backhouse for all he has done. Personally I am now exceptionally proud to take on the headship of CBJS. I will use the superb base Mr Backhouse and his team have created to ensure the school continues to go from strength to strength. Parents and pupils will still see Mr Backhouse in school as he will be working in a new role that will involve supporting the Year 6 team [each year groups has a linked member of the leadership team] providing some additional maths teaching in Y6 and helping with general organisation.

Mrs S Hobden
Headteacher