



'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'

Friday 4th November

Multicultural Week

This week all the classes have had a joint learning theme for multicultural week. Each class chose a country and did research to learn about the geography and landmarks in their country. We also had a story telling session in house groups and children made food from different countries to taste in our 'World Café' on Tuesday. On Wednesday a visiting dance teacher worked with each class to learn dances from different countries. The showcase at the end of the day was enjoyed by everyone and it was great to see such enthusiasm from all the children. Our school meals were also on our theme and the kitchen decorated the hall and tables with flags each day.

Class Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us in our Friday assembly each week at 2.50pm when we celebrate the achievements of the children. Class assemblies will take place on the following dates, starting at 2.45pm

Friday 11th November – Ladybirds Class Reception
Friday 2nd December – Badgers Class Year 3

Sporting Events

There are a few inter-school sporting events this half term before the weather and dark afternoons close in. Today all the children in KS2 took part in the Cross Country races held at Manuden Sports Field. Next week is the turn of Year 1 and 2 children who do a fun cross country event, running with children from other schools over a short course. There are usually a few adults running alongside and parents are welcome to cheer everyone on.

Healthy Schools

The Healthy Schools Award looks at a wide range of school provision – PE and active lifestyles, healthy food, emotional health and wellbeing, learning opportunities about relationships, keeping safe, health and hygiene, financial awareness.

In October, two Health Improvement Practitioners visited the school to audit our work in this area. The visit was very successful and we are pleased that we have been awarded Healthy Schools Status with a very positive report:

'Four pupils gave a brilliantly informative and passionate guided tour, sharing their views about the school from the pupil perspective.'

'The children are very keen to celebrate each other's successes, and classroom displays reinforce this mutual support and encouragement.'

'The children are very aware of the benefits of good PSHE and recognise that the school is helping them learn to make sensible choices and make safe decisions.'

'As a result of the successful moderation visit Birchanger Primary School have achieved the Foundation Stage Healthy Schools Award in particular recognition of PSHE education, P.E. and the growth mindset'

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Abigail, Olivia, Johnny, Olly, Tom, Connor, William, Jack, Jennifer, Freddie and Holly who celebrate their birthday this month.

Diary Dates – more details to follow

- Parents consultation meetings - Wednesday 16th November 5 – 8pm and Thursday 17th November 3.30 – 5.30pm.
- e-safety evening workshop for parents – Wednesday 23rd November

We have also set dates for some Christmas Events:

- Ladybirds and Hedgehogs Class Nativity Play – Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December at 2pm
- Christingle Service in Church – Thursday 15th December at 9.30am
- School Visit to the pantomime Monday 19th December at 1pm
- PTA Christmas Fair – Tuesday 20th December at 3.30pm

Have a lovely weekend

Helen Coop