



'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'

Friday 23rd September

Our sporting activities started in earnest this week with all of our Key Stage 2 girls going to a Football event on Wednesday. The Year 3 and 4 girls in the morning took part in a coaching session with girls from other schools then finished the morning with a game. Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the afternoon playing friendly small sided games against other schools. Well done to all the girls who took part with such enthusiasm.

On Thursday our boys played their first match of the season against Great Chesterford. They had a great start and played really well as a team but the final score was 2-1 to Chesterford. Well done to all the team.

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 30th September – Hedgehogs Class Year 1 /2

Friday 7th October – Owls Class Year 5 /6

Friday 11th November – Ladybirds Class Reception

Friday 2nd December – Badgers Class Year 3

Next week our children in Year 5 and 6 will set off for their weeks residential at the Kingswood centre in Norfolk. I know they are looking forward to this week of activities including high ropes, climbing and tech challenges. Also next week our Year 3 and 4 children are going on a visit to Barleylands to take part in a 'Stone Age' day connected with their topic – tasting nettle pudding and stone age stew!

Sports For Schools

We are very excited that on Monday 3rd October we will be visited by a GB athlete through the sports for schools scheme. Sam Brearey is a GB dinghy sailor who, amongst other titles, won the world championships in 2014. During his visit all the children will take part in an exercise circuit and discuss the health benefits of training and exercise. Children are invited to be sponsored for this activity, forms have been sent home this week if you wish to collect sponsors but all children will take part regardless of sponsorship. After the activity session, Sam will talk to the school about his inspiration, motivation and achievements. Parents are invited to join us for this presentation at approximately 2.30pm.

Uniform

The children look really smart in their uniform. Please make sure all items are named – we already have a growing pile of lost property! If your child brings home the wrong item, please return it to school asap so we can get it back to the right family.

Long hair should be tied back please. This makes it easier for children to focus on work, is essential for PE and also avoids spread of any little creatures we may have! Please avoid elaborate hair bands - simple black, blue or white hair ties and bands are preferred.

Clubs

As the hall is in use, children will change in the following classrooms and you can collect them from there at the end of club or children will go to the office and wait to be collected there.

Boys football – Badgers Class (small demountable)

Girls Football – Owls Classroom (large demountable)

Netball – Squirrels Classroom (next to Reception Class)

We are always looking to offer children a range of different clubs and are very grateful to parents who currently run netball and science clubs. If any parent is interested in running an extra-curricular club I would be very pleased to hear from you. For example could you share your interest in gardening, chess, sewing, knitting, art and craft, photography

Have a lovely weekend

Helen Coop