



Birchgrove Primary School

January 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of staff and Governors I would like to wish all members of the Birchgrove community a Very Happy New Year.

"Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!"

Despite a great deal of illness towards the end of the autumn term it was lovely to be able to celebrate and share with so many of our families through events such as the Christmas concerts, fayre and Carol service. Thank you for all your amazing support once again to make these occasions so special and especially to the PTFA who managed to rearrange the fayre and also hold a mini fayre on the Friday afternoon.

Attendance in school is extremely important to ensure that children achieve their full potential. Our school target for this year is to have attendance of at least 96% across the school. For the autumn term the figures for each class were as follows:

RJ	95.3%
RN	96.3%
1O	95.2%
1BC	96.5%
2P	96.7%
2B	96.4%
3G	94.3%
3V	94.9%
4W	96.6%
4L	95.5%
5M	95.6%
5D	96.5%
6B	97%
6J	94.9%

CONGRATULATIONS to 6B for being at the top of the league table at the moment. The figure for the whole school was 95.9% which is very slightly up on last year but still just below our target. Hopefully we will see this improve through the spring term and move to over 96% with less illness and fewer holidays being taken.

Please be honest with us, your children and their friends are, and contact the school office either by ringing and leaving a message on the absence line or by email on the first day of any absence. Holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and it is likely holidays of more than 5 days will be subject to a fixed penalty notice.

Yours sincerely
Sarah Morgan - Headteacher

Forthcoming Events and Further Information

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 8th January** Little tree Yoga session for Yr 2
- 22nd January** Reception Health survey
- 21st February INSET DAY**
- 24th – 28th February Half Term Holiday**
- 6th March** Eisteddfod celebrations Rec, Yr1 & Yr2
- 7th March** Eisteddfod celebrations Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
- w/b 10th March** Year 6 residential trip to Morfa Bay
- 14th May** Class photos
- 9th June** KS2 sports day
- 12th June** FP Fun morning
- 25th June** FP Fun morning reserve date
- w/b 30th June** Expressive arts week
- 10th July** Transition day

Wednesday 19th + Thursday 20th February
Parents' Evenings - in person, in school –
more details to follow in a couple of weeks

Last day of spring term **Friday 11th April**
The last day of school in the summer term will be **Friday 18th July**.

Please note INSET days for this academic year:
Friday 21st February
Wednesday 2nd July
Monday 21st July

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

5M	Thursday 23rd January
5D	Friday 24th January
4L	Thursday 13th February
4W	Friday 14th February
3G	Thursday 20th March
3V	Friday 21st March
2P	Thursday 27th March
2B	Friday 28th March
1O	Thursday 10th April
1BC	Friday 11th April
Rec	Thursday 19th June
Rec	Friday 20th June

Assemblies begin at 9am and parents, friends and family are very welcome to join us.

Reception Intake September 25

ADVANCE NOTICE

If you have a child due to start reception in September please note these dates:

Tuesday 17th June – New Intake meeting

23rd June and 26th June – New Intake meet the teacher meetings

10th July – New Intake play date

Cooked school dinners

A reminder that cooked dinners must be ordered by 8am each day. This is to ensure that the correct number of dinners are cooked without wastage. If you forget to order unfortunately we cannot guarantee that there will be food available or that there will be a choice of food.

Birchgrove Shining Star

We were delighted to hear recently of the success of ex pupil Kobe Hazel who has been selected as part of the Welsh Basketball National Academy Squad. This is a fantastic achievement as Kobe is still only 12 but the squad is for players aged 13-17. Many congratulations to him.

If you know of other Birchgrove Stars still shining brightly we would love to hear from you.



Spare PE kit

If you have any old PE kit or trainers that you would be willing to donate to the school we would be extremely grateful to receive them.

This would enable pupils who have forgotten their kit to participate in lessons.

Please place any donations in the doorway by Mrs Morgan's office.

Choir Fundraising

Our wonderful choir had a busy festive period helping to spread joy and also raise money for worthy causes including Noah's Ark and City Hospice. Thank you to everyone who supported this and the staff who work hard to make it happen.



Snacks

For those children who bring their own snacks, mainly in older classes, please remember that it should be fruit or vegetables only. This does not include e.g. fruit strings or cereal bars. These items can be kept for consumption at lunch time.

Sports Days

Monday 9th June am - KS2 Sports Day at Cardiff Met

Thursday 12th June am – FP Fun morning

Wednesday 25th June FP Fun morning reserve date

Parking around the school

Once again, I need to remind a small number of parents to ensure they park safely and legally. We must show consideration to our neighbours when collecting and dropping off children ensuring the safety of all our families. Please do not park on the yellow lines directly adjacent to the school.

Leavers' Events for Year 6

Thursday 10th July – Transition day at WHS

Monday 14th July – Disco 6pm

Tuesday 8th am and Wednesday 9th July pm – Leavers' concert

Thursday 17th July – Awards night 6pm



