



Birchgrove Primary School

March 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking everyone for the lovely comments and best wishes I have received since announcing that I will be retiring at the end of the summer term. It has meant a great deal to me. Arrangements are well underway to find a suitable replacement and you will be kept updated once decisions have been finalised.

Each Spring I collect valuable data from pupils, parents / carers and staff which helps to form part of the school's self-evaluation. This is an opportunity for you to express your opinion in order that we can celebrate what is going well and look to improve further. If you haven't already done so please would you follow the link on the QR code below and complete the questionnaire for each of your children. Many thanks.



The questionnaire will close on Friday 14th March.

Please remember that cooked dinners must be ordered by 8am each day. We are having significant numbers of people who are forgetting and this is causing great difficulty in the kitchen. If you forget to order unfortunately we cannot guarantee that there will be food available or that there will be a choice. It is also possible that you may be required to bring in a packed lunch for your child.

We are in a critical situation regarding breakfast club. In order for this facility to continue with the numbers that we have, we must find new staff. If you know of anybody who would be interested please ask them to contact the office. The hours are 7:50 – 8:50 each morning but we are happy for people to commit to just a couple of days each week.

Yours sincerely
Sarah Morgan - Headteacher

Forthcoming Events and Further Information

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 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
- 11th March** Year 3 trip to St Fagans
- 13th March** Year 6 group trip Parc Bryn Bach
- 21st March** Reception trip to Cefn Mabley Farm
- 21st March** Year 2 storyteller
- 14th May** Class photos
- 3rd June** Cricket trip to see Glamorgan T20 match
- 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

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:**
Wednesday 2nd July
Monday 21st July

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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| 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.

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

Birchgrove Shining Stars

In my last newsletter I shared information about a Birchgrove Star still shining brightly. Since then I am delighted to have heard about 2 more Birchgrove Stars.

Finley Malpas, older brother of Jax, has gained a much sought after sports scholarship at Haberdashers Momouth School. He will start there at the beginning of year 9 in September 2025. Well done Fin – Wales need you!



Maisy Aubrey started teaching herself powerlifting but wasn't allowed to compete until she was 14. On her 14th birthday she competed at the Welsh Summer Cup. Six months later she competed at the British Bench Press Championships and won gold. She has now been selected for Team GBR 2025 to compete internationally. WOW Maisy a fantastic achievement.



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



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

Dojo Messages

Please remember that Dojo messages are for teachers regarding activities in the classroom. All absences and messages about different pick up arrangements should be sent directly to the office as teachers do not always see Dojo messages within the school day when they are teaching in class. Thank you.

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.

Cars which are found to be causing an obstruction are likely to be photographed and reported to the police.

Birchgrove Stars in the Community

Led by Mr Williams, a group of older pupils entertained members of the Goldies group who meet on a Thursday morning. They sang and performed before chatting to the members. A wonderful example of our shining stars developing confidence, life skills and bringing joy to others. Ardderchog.



