

Newsletter

7th July 2022

Executive Headteacher Update

Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the final few weeks of the school year, I wish to thank parents for all their incredible support and valuable feedback throughout the year. In the next academic year there will be many opportunities for you as parents alongside our pupils to give your feedback, following the many events we have planned.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to Birley Spa's whole staff team. Their dedication and commitment to our pupils' educational experience is uncompromising, and through cohesive team work, I believe our staff provide pupils with a wonderful school life experience: superb teaching and learning opportunities; delicious school meals; excellent midday supervision, cleanliness around the site; and a wonderful office service.

In order to ensure our children receive the greatest support ahead of joining their new classes and teachers, pupils will have an opportunity to take part in transition activities which will take place on Tuesday 13th July. These transition activities will provide pupils with an opportunity to explore a range of learning tasks, games and activities, in preparation for the Autumn Term.

The Summer Fayre is our biggest fundraiser event of the year and we are sure you appreciate that it takes a tremendous amount of work to make it successful. If you would like to donate raffle prizes, cakes, or books please do this through the school office by Thursday 7th July. In the meantime, pupils and staff will be working hard behind the scenes to bring you a fun-filled afternoon of stalls, events and entertainment...we look forward to seeing you all there!

We would like to thank you for your continued support.

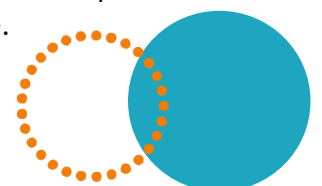


Mrs. Pemberton
Executive Headteacher

Update from Ed Wydenbach Chair of the AGB

On Friday 17th June of June I made a formal visit as part of the Safeguarding arrangements and as well as speaking with the Executive Head, Melany Pemberton, I carried out a tour of the school and the school grounds. I was very impressed by the work in the Foundation area, the general calmness and sense of purpose around the school and in classrooms. It was particularly encouraging to see the quality and variety of displays including the safeguarding noticeboard as you enter the school. I also walked round the grounds and the Forest School provision for use in September is very impressive. A big thank you to LEAD and all the staff involved for improving the opportunities for Birley Spa pupils.

The AGB has its last formal meeting early in July and we are all looking forward to working with our new Head of School, Cathy Gibson, and new Director of Schools Karole Sargent in the new academic year. We have a full compliment of AGB members who are determined to support further improvements at Birley Spa. When working as one team, there are no limits to what we can achieve.



Interim Head Of School Update

Dear parents and carers,

I find it hard to believe that we now only have two weeks remaining in this academic year! Where has the year gone? As an academy, I believe that we have made so much progress this year and it really is a joy to walk into classrooms throughout school and to see children engaged and enthused about their learning. This year, we have really worked on developing our wider curriculum and it is clear, from looking at the displays in school and the work children produce, that there is a real buzz in terms of teaching and learning at Birley Spa. We will no doubt look to build on this further over the remaining weeks and during the next academic year.

As always, the final few weeks of any school year are packed with exciting events and opportunities. I know that each class is all set for their Enterprise week and looking forward to selling their produce at our Summer Fayre (Friday 8th July: 2:30-3:30). Furthermore, we look forward to welcoming parents back to our school Sports Days over the coming weeks. These occasions are usually really memorable so hopefully the weather is kind to us. Our whole school transition day this year is on Tuesday 12th July. This is an opportunity for each child to meet their new class teacher(s) and spend the day together getting to know one-another, ready for September.

I'd like to finish my update by taking this opportunity to thank you once again for all your help and support this academic year and to wish you all a relaxing break when the time comes.

Mr. Smith (Interim Head of School)



DAY	Active Breakfast Club	After School Sports Club
MONDAY	Dance, Music & Games	Gymnastics
TUESDAY	Football/Handball	Dodgeball
WEDNESDAY	Dodgeball	Basketball
THURSDAY	Multi sports	Football
FRIDAY	Balance - Gymnastics	Multi sports
	(This will be a different sport every Thursday)	(This will be a different sport every Friday)

Mr Haddon, Mr Scally and Mrs Graham are delighted to provide you with the Sports Mania breakfast and afterschool club timetable. The activities will be the main theme of the session however, they are not the only games /activities that will be taking place during the session. If you would like your child to attend a session, please book their place via the School Comms Gateway App, the cost of each session is £4. If you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be happy to help.

S12 Helping Hands

Who are we & what do we do?

We are a small local Charity whom work with residents in the S12 area

Some of the services we can offer are by pre loved School uniform & clothing for Children at a drastically reduced cost or in some circumstances for FREE , emergency food parcels , The Sheffield Foodworks scheme & our annual Christmas Gift appeal

*We may need a referral form filling in on request for sections of this of this help

How you can help us

We take donations all year round of tinned and dry food , toiletries and unused gifts , clothing and also school uniform and bric a brac

Help us with our Christmas appeal which is widely advertised on Facebook

S12 Helping Hands

How can we help you and your Families

We can provide Families with everyday clothing and plain school items . All items provided are donated to us and we will freshly launder them before bringing for your Families

We can provide Families with an emergency food parcel that will cover the whole Family for 3 days .

We can provide your Families with a Christmas gift (and possibly a Christmas dinner) and a Christmas Eve Box . This will be for all Children in the Family (even those not at your school)

We may also be able to provide a toiletries or household cleaning pack for extenuating circumstances

S12 HELPING HANDS EVENTS LIST 22/23

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

WE HOPE TO HOLD EASTER AND CHRISTMAS FAYRES EACH YEAR FOR YOU TO SHOWCASE YOUR TALENTS & HAVE AN ANNUAL EMERGENCY SERVICES FUN DAY EACH SUMMER

CAR BOOT /
TABLE TOP SALE

HOGS HEAD PUB
3RD JULY 10-1

July

ARMED FORCES DAY
FRECHVILLE CRICKET
CLUB 28TH AUG

RAFFLE & TEDDY
LUCKY DIP

Aug

OUR CHRISTMAS
APPEAL IS
LAUNCHED...

Oct

CHRISTMAS FAYRE &
SANTAS GROTTO WITH
THE CRAFT DEN &
SWEETPEA CABIN

NOMINATIONS OPEN
FOR THE APPEAL

Nov

GIFTS ARE DELIVERED
ON SAT 18TH DEC

XMAS DINNER
DELIVERY DATE TBC

Dec

EASTER FUN DAY
DETAILS TBC

March 23

EMERGENCY
SERVICES
FAMILY FUN DAY
DETAILS TBC

July 23

CHRISTMAS
FAYRE &
GROTTO DETAILS
TBC

Nov 23

S12 Christmas Appeal

We have a challenge for each class .
Can you design and put together 2 boxes for our charity to give to people who live near school for Christmas
Box 1 can be for a Boy or Girl
Box 2 for an older Lady or man
Have a think about if you was to receive a gift the size of a shoebox for Christmas . What would you like to be inside the box ?

Would you like some warm socks ? Maybe some Christmas sweets or biscuits ? How about a small toy or a book to read ? The boxes can be filled to the top with treats and presents for your chosen person .

We need all boxes ready to be collected by Friday the 10th December

Upcoming Dates for the Diary

Jul
8th

Enterprise / Summer
Fayre (2:30pm – 3:30pm)

Jul
22nd

Inset Day – School closed to
children

Jul
11th – 13th

Y6 Transition Birley
Academy

Sept
1st

Inset Day – School closed
to children

Jul
12th

Birley Spa Transition
Day

Sept
2nd

Inset Day – School closed to
children

Jul
13th

EYFS Sports Day (am)

Sept
5th

School reopens to children
– Autumn 1

Jul
14th

Sports Day:
Y1 & Y2 (am)
Y3 & Y4 (pm)

Oct
21st

Last Day of Term
Wear it Pink

Jul
15th

Sports Day:
Y5 & Y6 (am)

Oct
31st

School reopens to children
– Autumn 2

Jul
21st

Y6 Leavers Celebrations

Jul
21st

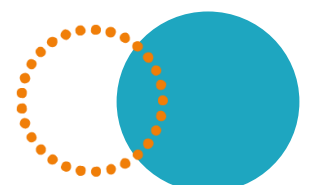
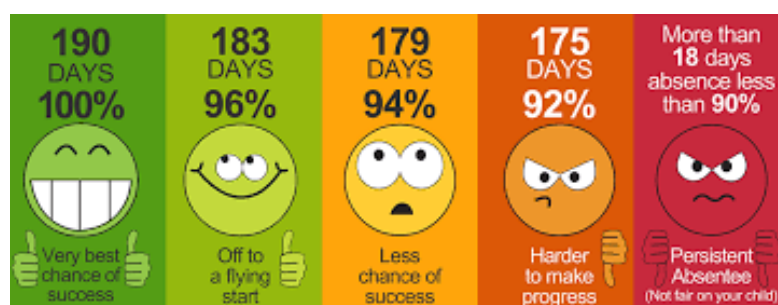
Last Day of Term

Attendance Figures 27th June – 1st July 2022

Class	Attendance %
Whirlow	90.5%
Heeley	90.4%
Sheaf	92.1%
Endcliffe	93.5%
Norfolk	92.2%
Crucible	94.6%
Lyceum	91.4%
Kelham	90.5%
Weston	90.9%
Millennium	91.2%
Graves	92.3%
Bolsover	93.5%
Peveril	92.1%
Shirebrook	92%
School Total	91.9%

Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please do remember – excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

This week we have achieved 91.9% attendance as a whole school. Crucible class are our overall attendance winners this week with 94.6% Well done Crucible!



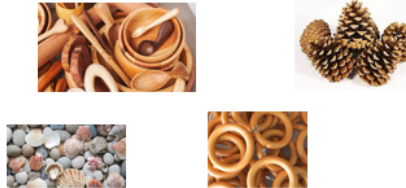
EYFS Curiosity Approach



The team in EYFS are working hard to create an environment for the children which promotes curiosity and provokes children to develop their learning with confidence and wonder. Now we need your help! If you, or any family or friends have any of the items listed that you want to rehome, we would be very grateful for any donations. These can be taken to the school office or to the EYFS base. Many thanks to those who have already helped us with our collections.

Natural materials

We use cones, sticks, shells and stones for counting and pattern making so please encourage your child to make collections to bring into school. We can also use more or less anything made from wood or other natural materials eg curtain rings,



Cushions , Throws and Rugs

We are looking for rugs or cushions that will enhance our cosy areas. We also need any pieces of fabric- either plain or patterned but preferably muted colours rather than bright colours.



Pots, Pans and kitchen utensils

We are redesigning our role play areas and playdough areas so we only use real authentic resources. We can use any dishes, plates, bowls, spoons, jugs or teapots made out of wood or metal. We would **really** like to find some old style telephones!



Baskets and boxes

We would like to collect natural baskets and wooden boxes to store resources so that children can access them independently when they need them



Cable reels and strong tubes

We are really hoping to source some cable reels that we can use to make tables. Strong cardboard tubes eg from carpets would also be useful. If you know anybody who has access to them through their work please ask them to help!



Class Round-Up

EYFS

FS1
& 2



In EYFS last week we have been Explorers! Our exploration last week sent us into space. We have turned our role play areas into a space theme and we have been building space ships from the blocks. We have made them from cardboard boxes too, just like Baby Bear in our story 'Whatever Next?' by Jill Murphy. We have been learning all about Neil Armstrong, who landed on the moon, as well as Helen Sharman, who went to Space and came from our home town of Sheffield. We will be finding out more about the planets and using our imagination to describe aliens.

The exciting news in EYFS is that a tiny wren has made it's nest in the outdoor pavilion in Whirlow garden. We have been watching the mother bird feeding the babies in the nest and finding out more about wrens by searching the internet.

What a wonderful year of learning in EYFS have had. We are so proud of every one of the children!

Ms. Peck & Mrs. Thomas



Year

1/2

So far this half term, KS1 have thoroughly been enjoying their learning around our topic 'Why Do Boats Float?'.

In our wider curriculum work, we have been learning all about famous pirates and their jobs. We have researched Grace O'Malley, William Kidd, Captain Blackbeard and Anne Bonney. We began by fact finding all about them and we are now creating our own non-chronological reports all about the famous pirates.

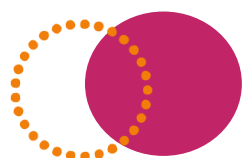
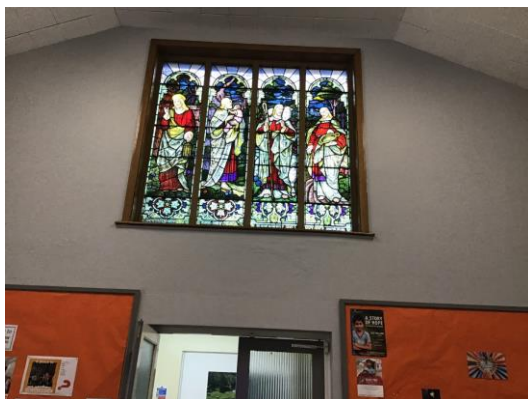
For maths, year 1 have been learning about money, using their existing knowledge of counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to find a total amount in both pence and pounds. We have now moved onto the division and multiplication. However, year 2 have been looking at addition and subtraction as well. We have been focusing on fact families along with the link between number bonds to 10 and number bonds to 100.

In our English lessons, we have thoroughly enjoyed our first story 'The Pirate Cruncher' in which Captain Purplebeard and his crew are greeted by an old fiddler who sings them a song all about treasure on an island, but he does warn them about the monster! The greedy pirates set sail across the sea to find the treasure however are suddenly eaten by a monster! Year 1 and year 2 have enjoyed putting themselves into the shoes of one of the pirates and writing a diary entry all about the journey. We even made up our own pirate names! This week we have moved onto our new story 'The Secret of Black Rock' where we have been immersed into the book.

It was a pleasure to take the children on an educational visit to Birley Spa View Church on Thursday 23rd June in which we explored the church and the different things that happen there. This linked to our current RE topic where we are looking at different religious places of worship. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Jeavons and his team for making this such a great experience. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time and showed impeccable behaviour!

Keep up the hard work KS1!

Miss Wilson, Miss Whitworth, Mrs. Horsfall and Mrs. Allan



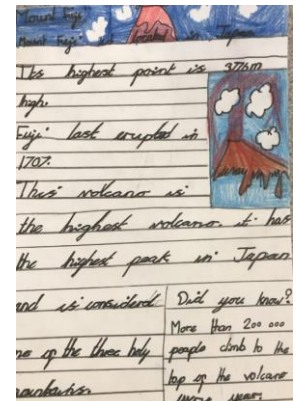
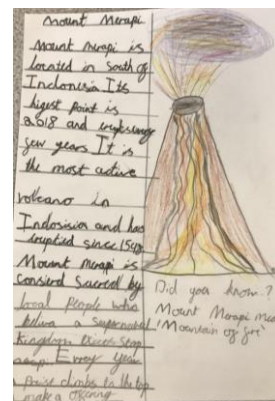
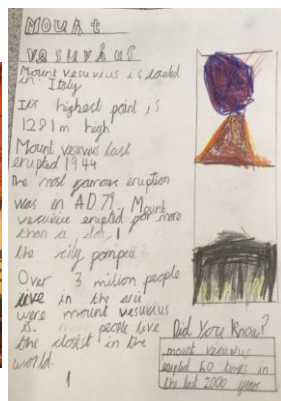
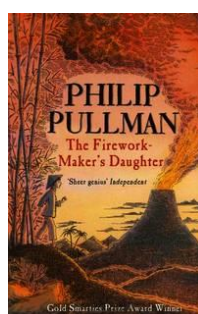
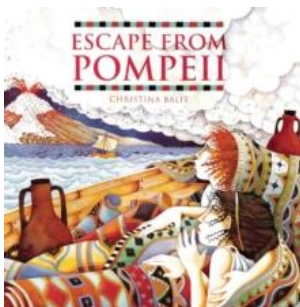
Year 3

Year 3 are really looking forward to the Summer fayre and making our products to sell. We have been creating some decorated rocks and some keychains so please come and support us tomorrow.

Year 3 enjoyed their volcano day on Friday the 24th of June. They found out about some of the most famous volcanoes in the world. We then made some fantastic fact cards about what they had learnt. Mount Vesuvius and Mount Merapi will feature in our books, and we are going to read about them in English lessons. Mrs. Roberts is also visiting Mount Vesuvius on her holiday in the summer and can't wait to come back and share some photos with the year group.

Here are the texts children will be reading over the coming weeks.

Mrs. Roberts and Miss Gostelow



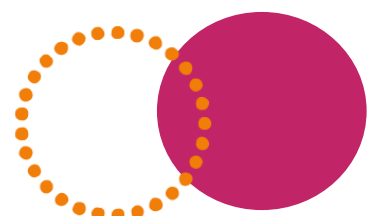
Year 4

It's been a busy week as always in year 4, but the highlight has undoubtedly been our brass performance to the year 3 children and over 50 parents. The children have worked hard all year with Mr. Horscroft from the Sheffield music hub and have progressed from not being able to read music or play any type of instrument, to them performing five pieces of music that sounded absolutely fantastic. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend, as by having you in school really gave the children the impetus and enthusiasm to put on such a wonderful show.

Another well done from the year 4 team to all the children who completed their end of year assessments last week; they approached them with the maturity and resilience we have come to expect from our children.

Well done everyone!

Mr Jackson, Mrs Landowski and Mrs Powell-Ferguson



Year 5

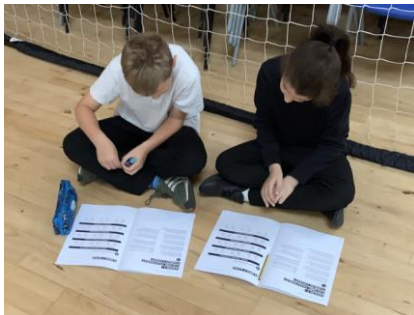
Year 5 have had a brilliant week this week! We have been independently planning and writing information leaflets all about the Alps in Europe. Before the end of term, we are going to spend some time, one afternoon with year 4 and present these to them, which should be fantastic!

In Science, we are continuing to learn about how our bodies change as we grow up. The children especially enjoyed working in groups to match teachers to their baby photos!

In Art, we have researched and found out some facts about Claude Monet and his painting style. We have just completed our end of term assessments and everyone has done fantastically, so well done! The children are really enjoying improving their reading, grammar and maths knowledge.

Please continue to support your children with home learning and accessing Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

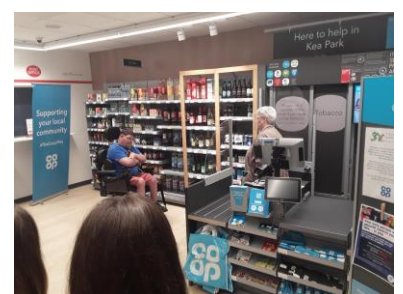
Miss Ambler and Mr. Walsh



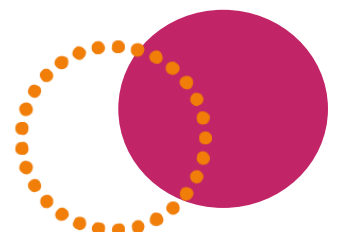
Year 6

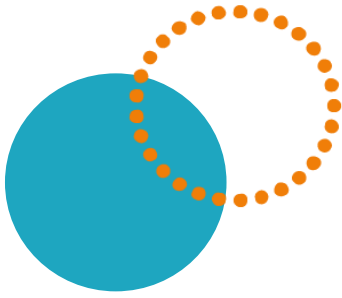
What an exciting week this week! Year 6 have been completing a range of investigations in maths, including exploring how maths is used in art. We've used our knowledge of geometry to create a piece of art inspired by Wassily Kandinsky, practised our angle measuring skills by drawing mystic roses and analysed consecutive numbers and numbers on dice. In addition, we have had our trip to Crucial Crew this week, where the children have been learning about a range of ways to stay safe and keep others safe: fire safety, road safety and travel safety. They also got to experience a magistrate's court and a number of children took on roles within the court such as; prosecutor, court usher and youth offending team officer. Throughout the day, we were blown away by the children's excellent engagement and behaviour - the activity leaders at Crucial Crew said they were an absolute credit to our school.

Well done!



Miss Harper and Mr. Litherland





Shirebrook 3-6

In Shirebrook, so far this term, we have been very busy looking at the layers of the earth, volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. We have learnt how they are caused and how they affect people. We have made a seismograph to measure an earthquake. We made a layer dessert and baked rock cakes, molten lava cakes and earthquake tarts. In Maths, we learnt about, and measured, temperature and now we are learning about time.



Mrs. King and Mrs. Miller



Star Pupils of the Week

27th June – 1st July 2022



Whirlow	Harleigh - for her impressive progress in reading.	Piper - for her magnificent maths using the rekenrek.
Heeley	Noah - for amazing concentration during yoga.	Amelia - for amazing concentration in yoga.
Sheaf	Darcy - for always listening and contributing lots of fantastic and thoughtful ideas in every subject.	Calvin - for his hard work and positive attitude in the classroom during the last few weeks. Keep it up!
Endcliffe	Gabriel - for showing great enthusiasm in class towards our learning and trying his best in PE getting ready for sports day.	Isla - for demonstrating impressive performing skills when acting out our class story 'The secret Black Rock in our role play lesson.
Norfolk	Remarni - for great participation in Yoga this week.	Jacob - for showing great mathematical understanding when adding two 2 digit numbers together.
Crucible	Yousuf - for fluent, expressive reading.	Oliver - for making an effort to form new friendships.
Lyceum	Jenson - for trying his best and having a great attitude to learning.	Lucas - for always trying hard with his presentation across all subjects.
Weston	Riley - for super enthusiasm and focus during his assessments.	Keavy - for really challenging herself during our independent writing.
Kelham	Joshua - fantastic comprehension skills, particularly good knowledge about the River Nile.	Archie - overcoming his anxieties to take part in the Y4 Cornet concert
Millennium	Jake - for his amazing attitude to learning during English over the past week. He has worked fantastically on his information leaflet.	Ellie - for always being ready to learn, working well with her peers and for always trying her best.
Graves	Max - for his improved concentration and behaviour in class. Well done!	Layla - for her lovely geography work on The Alps.
Bolsover	Pharrell - for his excellent sportsmanship and effort during PE this week.	Holly - for her fantastic independence when using her research skills.
Peveril	Kayla - for always listening, being respectful and ready to learn.	Amelia - for always listening, being respectful and ready to learn.
Shirebrook	Finlay - for always completing his work.	