

Spruce, Sycamore and Walnut

Friday 9th June 2023

News and Reminders

The children have had a busy first week back and we can't believe that we are in the final half term of this year.

Year 6 Leavers: We can't believe that we are heading towards the Year 6's final few weeks at Bierton. We would like to thank FOBS for organising their leavers hoodies - the children love them! We are busy planning the Year 6 party day and information and updates will be sent via ParentMail. The children are also busy preparing for their production which will take place on the last day of term (**Friday 21st July**).

Year 5 - Skern Residential: It was wonderful to see so many of you at the meeting about Skern yesterday. If you would like to reserve a place on the residential, a payment of £40 is needed by **Monday 3rd July**. The residential will occur when the children are in Year 6 and will be from Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May 2024.

Art/DT week: Next week, the children will be taking part in various Art and DT projects. On **Thursday 15th June** at 1:45pm one parent per family is invited to come into school to support their child with their DT project: *Making Memories*. Children will be planning their memory boxes before Thursday. They will be filling a small box with 'memories' these can include photos, pictures that they can draw or paint or small sculptures they can make. Your child will need a small cardboard box for the project and we ask that these are brought into school by Wednesday 15th June and some photos to put in if they wish. Photos can be of anything which remind of the children of memories they have. This could be photos of friends, family, their time in school or places they have visited. They can be real photos, or print outs/photocopies.

Homework

Year 5: Year 5 homework will continue as normal on Purple Mash for the remainder of the year until Monday 10th July.

Maths: Weekly arithmetic set on SeeSaw and regular practise on Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots.

SPaG: Weekly activity set on SeeSaw.

Spellings: Spelling ladders have been uploaded to SeeSaw as well as suggestions on how to practise and learn the spellings.

Spelling Test: The children's final spelling test for this year will be on **Monday 10th July 2023**. They will need to score at least 18 out of 20 to move onto the next ladder.

Reading: Regular reading and quizzing. The website for Accelerated Reader quizzes is: <https://ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196>

Year 6: For the remainder of the year, Year 6 should continue to read and quiz on accelerated reader. They should also be learning their spellings for the end of year spelling test. Finally, we ask that they spend the rest of their time learning their lines and songs for the play. Please can we ask that you support your child in this as once the children know their lines they can then focus on their acting in rehearsals.

Our Learning

Literacy: This week the children have been busy writing the ending to a short animation film they watched called 'Francis'. The film stopped at a crucial point and we are excited to read what the children think will happen next. The main objective of the writing was to create suspense and tension throughout using various writing techniques. Next week, we will be writing a biography about a sports person, linking into this week's 'Sports week.'

Science: The children are continuing their 'Light' topic. Over the next couple of weeks we will be looking at the splitting of white light and investigating light colour mixing.

Year 6 Skern Residential: It was wonderful to see the cooperation shown by the children during their residential to Skern. Whether the children were at school taking part in Forest School and various projects or undertaking activities at Skern, all children learnt new skills and demonstrated team work and resilience.





Sports Week: The children thoroughly enjoyed Sports Week and tried different sports, including: football, rugby, basketball, yoga and bootcamp. We would like to thank all of the volunteers for providing amazing opportunities and activities for the children. On Tuesday, we all came together to do a large game of year 5/6 rounders which we all enjoyed.

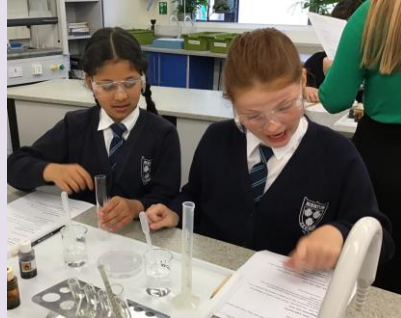




Y5 trip to the Grammar School: A couple of the Y5 children have written about their experience at the Grammar school on Tuesday.

Millie: On Tuesday 9th June we went to the Grammar School. We did 2 lessons: Biology and Chemistry. In Chemistry, we did experiments using acids and alkalis. First, we had to put the acid into a boiling tube then we put a piece of magnesium in the boiling tube, the acid started to fizz! Next, we did biology. We were finding and extracting the DNA of a strawberry. It was fun morning!

Flo: We did lots of stuff like finding the DNA of a strawberry, learning what DNA is and mixing acid and alkali together to make colours. My favourite experiment was in biology, where we were finding the DNA and we had to extract it into a test tube,



Superstar Learners

Christian Values Certificates:

We've been so busy with sports week and Skern that we haven't had time to hand out all of the certificates in assembly but we will be able to update this section in our next newsletter!

Diary Dates

W.C 12th June: DT/Art week

Thursday 15th June: Parent DT/Art event at 1:45pm

Friday 16th June: Sports day (KS2 event is in the afternoon)

Saturday 17th June: School fete

Friday 30th June: Summer reports go out

Thursday 6th July: Y6 games

Monday 10th July: Spelling test

Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th July:
Bikeability

Monday 17th July: Y6 leavers party

Friday 21st July: Leavers play and assembly