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star of tomorrow.



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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful Year 6 children. During SAT's they showed courage, resilience and maturity. Although these tests are set to look at overall attainment I would like to point out that in no way do they reflect the artistic, sporting, musical and dancing talent within this group of pupils. They do not show how they are considerate of others, have a thirst for knowledge and aim high in all they do. We are lucky at Brinsley to see them being so amazing each and every day. Again, well done Year 6 for giving your absolute best.

I would also like to acknowledge all the Year 2 children who have also taken their SAT's this week. Again they have worked hard and tried their best when they have been taken out in small groups to take these tests. When Year 2 were asked what they had enjoyed the most in assembly they said it was taking the tests. To the staff this is reassuring as we strive to convey that this is a time to shine and enjoy 'showing off' their abilities.

#### Attendance Figures:

FS2:

Since September: 93.90%

This half term: 94.33%

1B:

Since September 95.25%

This half term: 96.22%

2P:

Since September 95.64%

This half term: 96.88%

3C:

Since September: 93.59%

This half term: **98.36%**

4/5H:

Since September: 95.15%

This half term: 97.01%

5/6H:

Since September 94.54%

This half term: 95.85%

**Overall this year: 94.68%**

**Well done Class 3C, you  
have won an  
ice-cream party!**

#### School Sport News

##### Netball- Girls:

**A GOLD medal for Brinsley!!!! Well done to all the girls in our Netball team who played outstandingly at the District Finals on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. They played against 3 other schools and were the clear champions. Brinsley will now be representing the Ashfield District on the 7<sup>th</sup> July in Nottingham.**

##### Netball League- Girls and Boys:

**Well done to the team who got through to the County Finals but missed going to the Regional Final by just one point.**

##### Quicksticks Hockey:

**The new hockey team came 4<sup>th</sup> in their competition. The team did really well in the adverse weather.**

##### Sports Day

**Well done to WILLOW who won sports day this year. All the children had a fabulous time and every child was certainly a sporting hero for the day.**

#### *Sunny Weather*

*Can children please have a sun hat in school and come to school wearing sun cream.  
Please provide additional sun screen for them to reapply themselves during the day.  
Water bottles are available from the school office at a cost of £1.*



#### Year 5/6

This month we have been very busy. The year 6's have done their SAT's and enjoyed their bacon butties in the mornings.

Year 5/6 have taken all the weeds and roots out of the beds and then planted fruit and vegetables ready for our topic 'Allotments'. We will be cooking them at the end of the year.

By Georgia Richards Y6

#### Year 3

This term our theme was 'Predators'. We read the Minpins by Roald Dahl who was a famous author. We have written some paragraphs about different animals. We have read a haiku poem about a barn owl and then wrote our own Haiku. Year 3 have enjoyed going swimming and have practised lots of new strokes. In science we have been creating lots of food chains with predators and prey.

By Cay-Cee Fawcett-Faye and Sophie Parbutt

- Swimming will continue to the end of the school year.

## Year 2

This year has been packed full of new topics and investigations. This last half term we have been learning about minibeasts (insects etc.) in our topic 'Wiggle and Crawl'. We have been looking at their characteristics and classifying them. We have used the laptops to draw pictures of our minibeasts. These past few weeks we have been working extremely hard in our SAT's.

Mrs Patterson and Mrs Turner.

## Year 1

This half term we've been looking at 'Paw, Claws and Whiskers'. We have had a tiger round for tea and created our own tiger food labels to hopefully keep him full. We also used the laptops to draw our favourite animals. We will be having a pet in our class to talk about caring for animals this week and we are writing our own pet care leaflets which will be displayed in Pets at Home in Giltbrook.

Miss Birkin and Mrs Taylor

## Year 4/5

This half term we have been learning about 'Alchemy Island'. We wrote reports about gold and poems about crystals. Recently children have brought in crystals to show us. We have really enjoyed our science work, which included an irreversible reaction to create a 'fountain of gold'! We also loved searching around school for 'portals' which we photographed and wrote about - these transported us to the magical Alchemy Island.

By Betsy Moore and Hannah Bolam

**Foundation Stage 1** - This half term in Foundation One we have done lots of fun activities. We read 'The very hungry caterpillar' and have looked after caterpillars which have started hatching this week into beautiful butterflies. We have also learnt all about healthy foods and have tasted different types of fruit. Mrs Framji lent us her chocolate fountain and we've also made some chocolates too. Mrs Williams, Mrs Turner, Mrs Scrimshaw and Ms Cowlshaw.

**Foundation Stage 2** - What a fantastic half term we have had in FS2! We have done so many lovely and exciting things. We have enjoyed learning all about Africa! We have explored African culture, researched African animals and have made African masks. We have done lots of activities about Handa's surprise and Elmer! We loved our safari day and our fruit tasting afternoon. We have also been learning about being healthy and the importance of exercise. What a busy half term!

## INSET DAYS

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	School closed for half term. First day back is Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	FS1 Sports Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June- Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Phonic screening in Year 1
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June-Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	PGL residential for Year 6
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Film Night
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Fathers Morning event
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	FS1 Parents Evening
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July - Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Year 6 children -Selston transition days / Year 5 pupils transition days with an overnight stay in school (full details to follow)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Years FS2-Year 4 - transition day and meet the new teacher event for pupils and parents after school 3.20pm.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	School Disco
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm & Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm	Years 4, 5 and 6 summer performances
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Enterprise Event after school 3.30pm. The children will be making their own product to sell at the event.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July and Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Auditions for Brinsley's Got Talent will take place during lunch times
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Year 5s trip to Hall Park Academy
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	The house cup winners park visit
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Brinsley's Got Talent Event - this is for the pupils only
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of school - school reopens on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017