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Brinsley Primary and Nursery School

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Newsletter

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**Year 2** had a great messy afternoon to start their topic of Muck, Mess and Mixtures! They have also loved reading George's Marvellous Medicine and writing about their own wonderful concoctions.



We have had a great start to 2017 with some amazing activities going on around school. The year 6 children have started their Mexico topic with a bang, or should I say with tacos and sangria (non-alcoholic). The FS2 children have been learning all about healthy eating and looking at lots of stories around food. The FS1 children have loved 'Exploring' in their role play area and outside. The year 3 have made a fantastic 'Iron Lady' after reading 'The Iron Man' book.

All the children are loving their weekly music lessons with our qualified music teacher, Mrs Carter.

### School Sport News

This half term the children have been training for the Year 5 and Year 6 Futsal tournaments. We had both a boys and a girls team who went and represented the school. Well done to all of the pupils who took part in very tough competitions. The boys made it to the district finals and came 4<sup>th</sup> overall and the girls came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their competition.

### Young Ambassadors

In January the Young Ambassadors have organised many events during lunchtimes. Thank you to the Ambassadors for organising the activities for the children.

### Year Groups Attendance figures:

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| FS2    | 96.6% |
| Year 1 | 94.7% |
| Year 2 | 97%   |
| Year 3 | 97.4% |
| Year 4 | 96.5% |
| Year 5 | 97%   |
| Year 6 | 94.6% |

Overall this year: 96.4%  
Well done Year 3, you are in the lead!

### Brinsley British Values

This month the children have been looking at 'Teamwork' both in assemblies and in class.

**Year 4** had an amazing WOW day. They came dressed as scientists, witches or a character from Alice in Wonderland!

They made Fizzing Potion, Magic Slime and looked at an experiment called 'How to Restart a Heart'.

They also made clay potion bottles which they painted. Some children have brought in an old, big white t-shirt to use as a 'lab coat' to add information onto over the topic.



## Year 1

What a great start to the New Year! The year 1 children had a surprise when they found a crashed alien spaceship in the playground! They made a lovely poster telling everyone about the crash which can be found throughout the school building. This was the start to their space topic this half term.



It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that one of our school governors, Keith Longdon has passed away.

Keith was a very dynamic governor who frequently came into school to take an active part in monitoring our progress. He was especially passionate about getting children involved in all aspects of politics, working closely with our school councillors over the past few years. His wonderful sense of humour and his immense passion to support all the children of Brinsley came through in all he did and he will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

## SWIMMING VOLUNTEERS

Swimming starts after the February half-term for Year 3 as well as some Year 4, 5 & 6 children. If you can spare Friday afternoons, Mrs Framji and Miss Pollard would greatly appreciate your help. Please contact them directly or through the school office, as you will need to undertake a DBS check. Thank you.

## Year 5 Selly Manor Trip

The children loved going around an authentic tutor house, learning what each room was used for and how they used to cook. They learnt how the houses were built in that period and especially enjoyed dressing up in costumes from that era and playing Tudor games. The year 5 children are thoroughly enjoying their topic.

## Diary Dates

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| Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 | Safer Internet Days  |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018   | Reading Workshop from 2.45pm and opening of the new classroom - letter to follow |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018                                      | Valentines School Disco  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018   | <b>INSET DAY - school closed</b>   |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018     | School closed for half term  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018   | Year 1 and Year 3 performance 2pm  |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018   | Year 1 and Year 3 performance 10am   |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018  | Sports Relief Day  |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2018   | Easter Class Swap Day  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018   | Easter Bonnet and Decorate an Egg Competition                                    |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018              | School closed for Easter holiday   |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018   | May Day bank holiday   |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018                 | Year 6 SAT's week  |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018   | Sports Day 9.15am start  |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018               | School closed for half term  |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2018  | Last day of the school year  |