



October 2022 Newsletter



We hope that all of our children and families had a safe and enjoyable half term.

Don't forget to read page 4 to find out more about another school in PHMAT.

Attendance and Lates

Although our attendance is currently better than last year, figures are not as good as they should be:

Current Attendance = 94.66% (National Average = 96%)

Remember that gates **close promptly at 8:45am** and any children coming to school after this time receive a late mark in the register.

Punctuality is extremely important, please bear in mind that if your child is:

5 minutes late every day they lose 3.4 days education a year

10 minutes late every day they lose 6.9 days education a year

15 minutes late every day they lose 10.3 days education a year.

Photographs

Please remember that **no photographs** should be taken of other children whilst on the school site, no matter the relation.

Christmas Performances

The run up to Christmas is always a very busy time in school, especially with all classes trying to get into the hall to practise for Christmas performances. We are also aware that having children in a number of different year groups means that parents are asking their work place for multiple amounts of time off in order to ensure that they can attend each performance. Therefore, this year, we have taken the decision to **split the performances over the whole academic year: with Early Years and Years 1 and 2 performing at Christmas, Years 3 and 4 at Easter and Years 5 and 6 in the summer term.**

This change will also help to ensure that rehearsals take as little time as possible away from the children's learning, especially in PE (with fewer in hall rehearsals at one time).

Dates for Christmas Productions

EYFS - Monday 12th December 11am

Tuesday 13th December 10am

Years 1 and 2 - Tuesday 13th December 2pm

Wednesday 14th December 9:30am

School Uniform

We are really proud of our uniform at Berrybrook and of how smart the children look; however, please remember that **trainers are not part of school uniform.**

Boys

Jumper – Royal Blue

Polo Shirt – Light blue

Trousers – Grey or black

Shoes – Black (**No Trainers**)

Socks – Black/Grey/White

Girls

Cardigan/Jumper – Royal Blue

Pinafore – Grey

Skirt/Trousers – Grey or black

Blouse/Polo Shirt – Light Blue

Shoes – Low heeled, black (**No Trainers**)

Important Dates

31st October- Inset Day

3rd November - Year 2 at the Children's Bookshow

8th November - Digital Ambassador Training

9th November - Flu Vaccine Day

11th November - Remembrance Day

14th –18th November Maths Week England

14th –18th November Anti-Bullying Week

14th November - Odd Socks Day

16th November - Parents' Evening

18th November - Timestable Rockstars Day

22nd November - Individual School Photos



Black History Month

During October, all of the classes at Berrybrook celebrated Black History Month. During these weeks, the children learned about significant historical figures and why they are important. From what they learned, the children then wrote biographies and non-chronological reports.

The classes focused on:

Reception - All Are Welcome

Year 1 - Mary Secole and Beverley Knight

Year 2 - Bessie Coleman and Wilson Samuel Jackson

Year 3 - Rosa Parks, the Bristol Bus Boycott and Joe Clough

Year 4: Martin Luther King and Nicola Adams

Year 5: Marcus Rashford and Benjamin Zephaniah

Year 6: The Mayor of Wolverhampton (Sandra Samuels OBE) and John Kent.

We were also very lucky to welcome the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Sandra Samuels OBE into school. The Mayor visited every class to speak to the children before spending an extended session in Year 6, answering questions they had created in order for them to find out about her life and write a biography about her in English.



Year 4 - Stone Age

During their Stone Age experience at Kingswood, Year 4 made a campfire and baked bread on it! They also made shelters and became real Stone Age hunters (using spears and bow and arrows) and gatherers (searching the grounds at Kingswood Trust for fruits and nuts).



Terrific for Twos

In Terrific for Twos, staff have linked the children's learning to some of their favourite nursery rhymes, including Old Macdonald had a farm and Five little speckled frogs. This encouraged repetitive language, counting and the beginning of number recognition. The children also looked at Autumn, exploring outside, weather, colour and changes of seasons.



Year 2 - Wellbeing Friday

On wellbeing Friday, Year 2 really enjoyed taking part in team building activities. The children had to work as a team to turn over as many cones as they possibly could and the team with the most cones turned over won the challenge. The children were also introduced to expressionism art, where they listened to a piece of music and drew a picture which resembled their thoughts and feelings at the time. Year 2 got very creative and we had some brilliant pieces of art!



Year 6 - America Day and PCSO Visit

On Tuesday 18th October, Year 6 participated in America Day which involved the children completing a range of activities such as line dancing, a presidential debate, food tasting and pop art!

Our local PCSO's also came into Year 6 to talk to the children about County Lines. This involved the children thinking about risk taking and the importance of looking out for suspicious activity and how to report it.



Year 5 - Settlements and Spanish



As an assessment at the end of their topic, the children in Year 5 planned and designed their own towns (settlements). They made 3D models of buildings that would be found in a town (hospital, shops, police station, houses, fire station etc.) and, using their previous learning, considered where buildings were best to be placed.



In Spanish, the children have learned how to say what pets they have, their ages and names. They then used connectives to join two sentences together and wrote their sentences in Spanish.



In the parent survey, parents and carers expressed their wishes to find out more about other schools in PHMAT.
Continue reading to find out more about Mesty Croft Primary School in Wednesbury.



Mesty Croft Primary School, Wednesbury

Mesty Croft Primary is a large, two form entry primary school in the heart of Wednesbury in the West Midlands. The school was originally built by the Wednesbury School Board in February 1880. It was later extended in 1931, before being replaced by a new build in 1981. The school converted to an Academy in April 2012 and merged with Perry Hall Multi Academy Trust on 1st October 2021.

The school's vision is to create a forward-thinking school which develops a hunger for knowledge and a thirst for learning. The creative and innovative curriculum will provide a wealth of enticing, exciting and adventurous learning opportunities. Children will make outstanding progress and gain skills for life.





Our School Values

'We are all branches of the same tree'

B	R	A	N	C	H
Balance	Reflection	Aspiration	Nurture	Communication	Health
Seeing both sides	Evaluate	Aim high	Kindness	Writing	Physical
Work and play	Self-assessment	High expectations	Taking care	Oracy	Mental
Try new things	How I am perceived	Positive future	Growing	Express feelings	Diet
Curriculum	My next steps	For all	Relationships	Feedback	Awareness

At Mesty Croft, children work together every day to learn about our wide and wonderful world- about its past, present and future; its great people; its great places; its wonder and beauty. Children grow in confidence and resilience to reach their potential so that they may have choice, skills and fulfilment. Staff work in collaboration with parents and capitalise on the expertise of others via visits, visitors and extra-curricular activities that enhance and deepen learning.



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