



February 2023 Newsletter



Welcome back, we hope that everyone had a great Christmas break and is enjoying being back at school.

Attendance and Lates

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

Current Attendance = 94.56% (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. As not all parents agreed to photos being taken at events, **please do not take photographs during any assemblies, plays etc.** There will be time afterwards to take photos of your child.

Family Support Worker Role

Unfortunately, I must inform parents that Mrs Baugh, our Family Support Worker, is leaving Berrybrook.

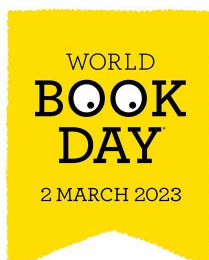
On behalf of the school community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Baugh for her hard work and dedication during her time as Senior Lunchtime Supervisor and Family Support Worker.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing her good luck in the future.

We are now actively seeking a replacement and will inform parents when we appoint.

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

Look out for our letter with more information on dressing up as book characters and the £1 book tokens.



School Uniform

It has been noticed that a growing number of children are once again wearing trainers to school, please remember that all children must wear school shoes.

Boys

Girls

Jumper – Royal Blue	Cardigan/Jumper – Royal Blue
Polo Shirt – Light blue	Pinafore – Grey
Trousers – Grey or black	Skirt/Trousers – Grey or black
Shoes – Black (No Trainers)	Blouse/Polo Shirt – Light Blue
Socks – Black/Grey/White	Shoes – Low heeled, black (No Trainers)
	Socks/tights – Black/Grey/ White

Important Dates

2nd February – Year 5 Visit to Oak House

6th - 10th February - Mental Health Week

8th February - Internet Safety Day

9th February - Year 1 and 2 Author Workshop

16th February - Cricket Engagement Day

20th - 24th February - Half Term

27th February - Inset Day



Nursery - Visit to Winter Wonderland

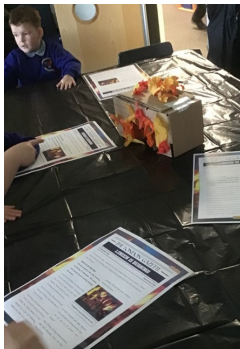


Just before Christmas, Nursery went on their first school trip, visiting Winter Wonderland. Despite the cold, the children had a wonderful time, even getting to meet the man himself - Father Christmas!



Year 2 - The Great Fire of London

This half term, Year 2 have been studying the Great Fire of London and have produced some fantastic homework projects! As part of the topic WOW moment, the class used black table cloths and newspapers from the Great Fire of London, as well as creating an old style oven like the one that started the fire. The children enjoyed learning about the song "London's burning!"



Girls Football Team

Berrybrook's first ever girls football team visited Perry Hall Primary School to take part in a competitive football match. Although they lost the match, they were in high spirits and really enjoyed the experience of playing football together. They will only grow stronger and more confident as they play more matches over the next few months.



Year 5 - A Victorian Christmas

Back in December, Year 5 took part in a whole day, Victorian Christmas experience. Children came into school dressed as Victorians and then took part in various activities, including: finding out about the traditions that were introduced by the Victorians, like the first ever Christmas card - making a Victorian inspired Christmas card for their families with a sketch of a Robin; listening to Christmas carols and playing parlour games and having a Victorian afternoon tea party.



Year 6 - Residential at Laches Wood

Along with children from five other PHMAT schools, Year 6 spent a week at Laches Wood taking part in a number of outdoor and adventurous activities. Whilst on the residential trip, the children worked together in teams as well as taking on individual fears and challenges. Included in the activities was: climbing, caving, BMXing, search and rescue, bushcraft, fire lighting, archery, high ropes and a very cold and tiring day walking on Cannock Chase. The children also took on duties (like sweeping/ tidying certain areas at the centre), made their beds and kept their dormitories tidy - so make sure they continue these at home!!

The children all had an exhausting but fantastic time and, as always, represented Berrybrook incredibly well. They should all be proud of everything they achieved over the week!

