

FRIDAY LETTER

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Goodbye and Good Luck!

On Thursday this week, we said a very sad goodbye to one of our longest serving Mid Day Assistants, Mrs Florence Glover, who is retiring after an amazing 35 years at Brook Acre. As well as a Mid Day Assistant, Mrs Glover has also worked as a Cleaner and a Kitchen Assistant during her time with us and, although we were all sorry to see her leave, we know she is looking forward to a very happy and relaxing retirement. The school dinner hall won't be the same without Mrs Glover but I'm sure she will pop in to see us all again soon.



Think Safety First!

Think before you POST; Think before you CLICK; BEWARE what you SHARE!

On Tuesday this week, the curriculum in classes focussed around the theme of Safer Internet Day. The children shared how they use the internet at home and then explored the dangers and risks when using the internet, particularly with regards to social media, You Tube, X Box Live and internet games. The children discussed how to keep safe and make positive choices and were encouraged to share what they found with their parents and carers and to always talk to them about what they are doing on-line. If parents and carers have any concerns or worries about safe internet use, please visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk or the NSPCC online advice pages.



Bike Right Sessions

On Wednesday morning, a group of children from Year 5 and Year 6 set off with enthusiasm, to take part in the first day of their Bike Right skills session. The children worked on bike safety, signalling and wheel and speed control. They enjoyed their lesson and showed great confidence on their bikes. Well done to you all!

We would like to remind parents/carers that children taking part in these sessions must have their bikes (in good working order) and helmets in school again on Wednesday 15 February to complete the second and final session.



Winter Warmer Residential

Earlier today, Year 4 children left school wrapped up warm and full of excitement as they began the final activities of their 'Winter Warmer' residential. The children will be involved in developing their teamwork skills along with experiencing new challenges, such as building a den for the whole class to fit into, going on a night hike through the forest and enjoying a chippy tea under the stars around a camp fire.

On returning to school the children will set up their tents and enjoy an indoor camping experience before continuing the adventures tomorrow morning.

We look forward to sharing the news of their experiences in next week's Friday letter. Watch this space!



Arts and Crafts Request

If you have any inner tubes from empty kitchen rolls, plastic lids or empty cereal boxes, Miss Clarke would be really grateful if you could send them into school with your child so they can be used in art and craft sessions.

WORD OF THE WEEK!

This week's word was: **'Fascinated'**

(strong interest - describing things as fascinating to a person)

'I was truly fascinated by the delicate wings of a butterfly' (Rhianna Ahmed, Y6)

'It's a baby and they're just fascinated by everything!' (Lillie-Paige, Y2)

The challenge is set to see how often we can use these words in our talking and in our writing, with the best examples shared in Friday's assembly.

STARS OF THE WEEK			
FS1 AM	Sophia	FS1 PM	Mehmet
FS2	Izzy	Year 1	Faith
Year 2	Jacob	Year 3	Ruby-Grace
Year 40'B	George	Year 4W	Phoebe
Year 5	Amileigh	Year 6	Evie

SEAL THEME			
"Showing Determination & Persistence"			
FS1 AM	Francisco	FS1 PM	Millie
FS2	Teagan	Y1	Caitlin
Y2	Lilly W	Y3	Burak
Y40'B	Liam B	Y4W	Lucas
Y5	Caitlin	Y6	Lauren



BEST ATTENDANCE



Year 3 - 98.7%

Well Done!

Congratulations to Lacey, in FS2, who was named as Birch Grove's Star of the Week.

Congratulations to our Stars, SEAL and Headteacher Award winners, who will all be invited to enjoy their lunch on the Captain's Table.



Congratulations also to Caitlin, Year 5, for receiving her Level 5 Certificate in Gymnastics.



Headteacher Award

The Headteacher's Award is given each week to children who have shown impeccable behaviour, outstanding attitudes and admirable learning skills.

This week the Headteacher's Award goes to:

Foundation Stage – Natasa (FS2) for making great progress in all areas of learning. Natasa is a polite, hardworking young lady and is a true delight to have in the classroom.

Key Stage 1 – Maisie (Y1) for such a superb attitude to learning. Maisie is constantly pushing herself, getting in her own zone and wanting to have a go at new challenges – you're a star Maisie!

Key Stage 2 – Jamie B (Y3) for growing such confidence and resilience to get stuck in and have a go at anything. Jamie is a determined young man who is showing wonderful independence in lessons and shining in everything he does!





Parents' Evening

We would like to remind you that Parents' Evening will take place next Wednesday 15 February and Thursday 16 February after school. Slips giving appointment times were sent out earlier this week but if you haven't received yours yet, please contact the school office.



School Closes next Friday 17 February 2017 at 3:10 pm for the Half Term Holidays



School Re-opens for all children on Monday 27 February at 8:55 am