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Well done Birch House!!!

Congratulations to Birch, the winning team for this year's house point competition. All year the children work hard to gain house points through good behaviour and conduct around school and in the classroom. We look for pupils following the school rules and who show respect for each other and adults.

We endeavour to listen to the opinions of our pupils as much as we can and respond to their feedback. Their input into policy making and the design and organisation of key events is very important to us. Traditionally, the winning house have been treated to exclusive use of a play centre with lunch included. Our older pupils felt that this was a little young for them and so their motivation wasn't as high. We have decided this year to hold a fun activity morning on the school field and have organised ice creams, inflatable games and bouncy castles, as well as an organised water fight! The morning will finish with a picnic on the field. Children in Birch have been given an invitation which gives further details about what they will need - please read this carefully.

As our house point system is behaviour led (the children are awarded merits in class for good work and effort), we have decided that children who have received a significant number of detentions over the year will not be invited to the treat day - even if they are a member of Birch. Our aim is to reward good behaviour and recognise those children who have worked together as a team to gain the most house points. Well done to all those children.



Bastille Day

Tuesday 14th July

Next Tuesday is Bastille Day - a very important celebration day in France. It is part of the New National Curriculum for KS2 children to begin to learn to speak a modern foreign language (we have chosen French) and for all children to become aware of French culture, customs and characteristics. For this reason, we are going to learn more about Bastille Day and French culture in school on Tuesday 14th July (next week).

As part of the day we would like all children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue colours. Any additional French theme is welcome but not necessary. During the day the children will take part in a range of activities which may include research on the ipads, playing boules, tasting French food such as croissants, dancing to French music as they did on Bastille Day and learning some new vocabulary.

Look out for photos on the website!



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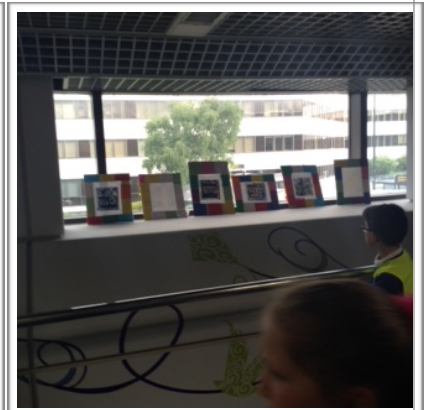
Your child will have brought home their End of Year school report with them today. As well as the report itself there is additional assessment information for Y1, Y2 and Y6. If you have any questions about the report or the new assessment procedures, please talk to your child's teacher at Open Evening. Please return the slip to show you have received and read the report and add any comments if you wish to. A very brief questionnaire is also included with space for additional comments to be written. We would be very grateful if you could fill this in and return to school. If you prefer to do this electronically, please find the word document attached to this news letter which can be completed and returned to the headteacher email address.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening is being held next Wednesday (15.07.15) between 5 and 7pm. Please come along to look at your child's work, talk to their teacher if you wish and go and meet their new teacher for September. Myself and Miss McDonnell (SENCO) will be available to talk to should you wish. Our governors will also be available to talk to during the evening. You will recognise them by a governor lanyard which will be worn. A feedback board will be available for you to make comments and ask questions on post-it notes regarding the governors' work in school.

4M Art at the airport!!

One of our Year 4 classes, 4M, have been fortunate enough to work with a local artist in partnership with Manchester Airport. The artist came in to school to work with the class to create their pieces of art and now they are being displayed at the airport. 4M yesterday went on a visit to the airport to see their work for themselves. They were treated to refreshments, a tour of some areas of the airport and were able to view their work like true professionals. Miss Morris said the children were impeccably behaved and represented our school superbly! Well done 4M!



We look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday evening.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

