

## Message from Mrs Gibson

I have been delighted with the children's efforts to make sure that they were working to achieve our attendance targets this week – we have 5 classes who have exceeded our 96% attendance target (see the attendance page below) so keep it up, Birley Spa!

We're delighted that Mr. Gibson, our new Caretaker, has now settled in since starting at Easter.

We've had a sporty few weeks for some of our Birley Spa community!

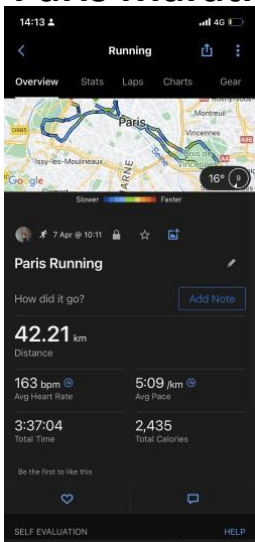
## Shout outs!

Recently, Ben Crosby, Y4, participated in Sheffield City Swimming Club's - Club Champ competition. During the annual presentation evening, he was awarded 4 x 1st place trophies for coming first in his age group for 4 races: 100m individual medley, 50m breaststroke, 25m fly And 50m backstroke. Well done Ben, who is proudly showing his trophies!



**Remember, if your child takes part in any competitions or events out of school, please let us know!**

## Paris Marathon



Well done to Miss King who raised £596 for Birley Spa pupils by completing the Paris Marathon – she did an amazing job and ran the race in great time! The children are busy deciding what they'd like to spend this money on ahead of the CREATE Collaborate meeting coming up soon.





# Safeguarding At Birley Spa

As you know, we take safeguarding our pupils very seriously at Birley Spa and have a range of experienced staff on our Safeguarding and Pastoral team. We're really grateful to Mrs. Connor-Evans who covered Mrs. Johnson's maternity leave for the first two terms this year and we wish her luck in her future work now that Mrs. Johnson is returning to her role.



Cathy Gibson - Head of School, Designated Safeguarding Lead and Advanced Designated Safeguarding Lead for LEAD Academy Trust



Melany Pemberton - Executive Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Safeguarding and Inclusion Team



Sarah Peck - Designated Safeguarding Person, EYFS safeguarding lead and teacher for



Rob Jones - Family Support Worker



Katherine Johnson - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



## Lifestyle Opportunity clubs

Each club will cost £10.00 (unless the club is on a Monday then this will be £8) for this term. This being a breakdown of a non-refundable £1.00 per session per child. This payment is required to secure a place and is required to be paid before the first session of the club. Clubs will begin the week commencing Monday 29th April 2024 clubs will run until Friday 12th July 2024.

All of our Lifestyle opportunity clubs run from 3:10pm until 3:40pm please see below in red for any exceptions. Parents are to collect from the allocated collection areas at this time please. Please note we have opened some clubs up to more year groups.

If you wish to sign your child up for any of these clubs please make payment on the school Gateway app.

Year group	Club	Adult	Day/time	Collect from
Year 1/2	Problem solving through Board games.	Miss Camm	Wednesday 3:10 – 3:40	Class C
Year 1/2	Design Club	Mrs. Kay	Thursday 3:10-3:40	Class A
Year 1-6	Art using story characters	Mrs. Myers	Thursday 3:10-3:40	Class A
Year 1/2	Creative club	Mrs Smyth	Monday 3:10-3:40	Class A

Year group	Club	Adult	Day/time	Collect from
Year 3-6	Art Club	Mrs. Hill and Mrs Williams	Monday 3:10-3:40	Class I
Year 1-6	Gardening club	Mrs Borrett	Monday 3:10-3:30pm	Class L
Year 1-6	Making Fresh Food	Ms. Stott	Tuesday 3:10-3:40	Class L
Year 3-6	Rugby and Tennis	Mrs. Horsfield and Miss Calvert	Tuesday 3:10-3:40	Class L
Year 1-6	Design Club	Mrs. Bradley	Wednesday 8.10am-8.40am	Class J

# STAR OF THE WEEK

## 22<sup>nd</sup> April– 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Class:		
A	Maisie – For her <b>empathy</b> and care for her friends and her <b>teamwork</b> in class.	Nellie – For her <b>independence</b> and <b>aspirations</b> and writing her name all by herself!
B	Eliza – For <b>aspiration</b> – really trying hard with her work and an amazing attitude to her learning.	Holly – For <b>empathy</b> – caring for her classmates and building relationships.
C	Anaya – For always showing <b>resilience</b> and having a positive attitude in class.	Ronnie – For showing <b>aspiration</b> in computing and showing a can-do attitude in class.
D	Anabelle – For <b>endeavour</b> in maths you always try really hard and stay positive.	Lily – For <b>resilience</b> in handwriting. Keep trying with your phonics!
E	Theo – For showing <b>endeavour</b> and <b>aspiration</b> in both your learning behaviours and your work. You have had a great attitude towards your learning.	Bella – For producing some super writing. You show <b>endeavor</b> in all your lessons but you have also shown <b>aspiration</b> with your writing about the Tadpole’s Promise.
F	Poppy – For your incredible attitude towards your learning and your amazing positive presence in class.	Thomas – For your amazing <b>endeavour</b> and your positive attitude towards your writing! Well done!
G	Louie – For <b>resilience</b> and <b>endeavour</b> – Louie has been pushing himself to work extra hard with things he finds tricky and is achieving great things.	Alina – For showing all the <b>school values</b> and being an amazing role model to the class and other pupils.
H	Jax - for showing <b>creativity</b> and <b>aspiration</b> in his writing.	Arianna - for showing great <b>aspiration</b> on TT Rockstars which has resulted in huge progress with her times tables.
I	Ebony – For showing respect, having a positive attitude and being an excellent role models to others.	Leo - For showing respect, having a positive attitude and being an excellent role models to others.
J	Grace – For being a really kind friend and <b>empathising</b> with others.	Logan – For showing <b>resilience</b> in his writing and really diving in deep with our topics.
K	Ronnie – For being confident and <b>resilient</b> when sharing your ideas to your peers.	Yousuf – For using ambitious vocabulary in your first-person recount.
L	Daniel – For becoming the first student in Year 6 to achieve Gold in Mathletics. Well done!	Hanna – For being a fantastic role model and team player by showing <b>empathy</b> to her classmates.
M	Gabriel - For showing real <b>empathy</b> and <b>teamwork</b> during yoga sessions.	Kayla – For showing <b>aspiration</b> and <b>endeavour</b> through excellent learning behaviours and a real focus on her learning.
N	Logan – For <b>endeavour</b> in phonics and showing <b>teamwork</b> in helping others.	

# Weekly Attendance

22nd – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

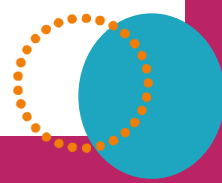
Whole School target: 96%



EYFS	A	93.2%
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Y1/Y2	C	95.7%
Y1/Y2	D	95.2%
Y1/Y2	E	91.5%
Y3	F	93%
Y3	G	96.8%
Y4	H	96.1%
Y4	I	88.8%
Y5	J	97%
Y5	K	97.1%
Y6	L	85.8%
Y6	M	92.7%
Y3/Y6	N	90%
<b>Whole School Attendance</b>		<b>93.7%</b>

At Birley Spa Primary Academy we are committed to helping all pupils to achieve their full potential. Good attendance is a key factor in raising pupils' attainment and supporting their personal development. **In line with DfE and Local Authority policy, we do not authorise holidays taken in school time and we work with families to do everything they can to support their child to attend school every day.** Whilst it is appreciated that children are ill from time to time, please think carefully before allowing your child to be absent from school. The chart below provides an indication of how just a few days absence can significantly impact a child's overall attendance percentage and impede their learning:

Description	Attendance	Whole Days Lost	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100 – 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	98 – 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	95 – 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	90 – 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	85 – 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 – 190



# Dates for the Diary

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	KS2 SATs week
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term Holiday INSET day – School closed
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	School Reopens for children
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Father's Day breakfast 8am, 8:30am and 9am
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Father's Day breakfast 8am, 8:30am and 9am
19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024	Y6 Kingswood Residential
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	School reports sent home
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Last day of the Academic Year
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	INSET Days – School closed