



PRIMARY WORD

We should be the best we can be for we are all God's Masterpiece

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Events for week beginning Monday 22nd January 2024

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday 22nd	15.30-16.15 15.30-16.30	Athletics Practice YR1-4 Freestyle Soccer	Main Hall School Field	Mrs Devereux Freestyle
Tuesday 23rd	12.15-13.00 14.00-15.00 18.15-20.00	YR4/5 Home Learning Club Young Voices Rehearsal Taekwon-do	Miss de Rossi's Room Small Hall Main Hall	Miss de Rossi Mrs Marsh Mr Bonfield
Wednesday 24th	09.00-11.00	YR3, 5/6 Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
Thursday 25th	09.00-11.20 09.00-11.30 12.30-17.10 12.45-13.05 13.10-14.10 15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30 17.30-19.45	YR3/4 Guitar YR4 Samba Drumming District Sportshall Athletics YR2 Choir Woodwind KS2 Choir YR1-4 Freestyle Dodgeball Taekwon-do	Library Small Hall Daventry Leisure Centre Mrs Walter's Room Library Main Hall School Playground Main Hall	Mr Smith YR4 Teachers Mrs Devereux Mrs Walter Miss Retford Mrs Marsh, Devereux, Varrier Freestyle Mr Bonfield
Friday 26th	09.00-10.20 11.15-22.30 12.15-12.45 12.30-15.00 15.30-16.30	Violin Young Voices Beginners Recorder Club Selected YR5 Swimming YR3-6 Freestyle Dodgeball	Library Resorts World Arena Miss Duckworth's Room The Mounts School Playground	Mr Ebrahim Mrs Marsh Miss Duckworth Mrs Reynolds Freestyle
Sunday 28th	10.30-11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams

Year 2 Candlemas Service

The year 2 pupils would like to invite you to their Candlemas service on **Friday 2nd February at 10.30am.**

The service is being held at **All Saints Church.**

If any parents are able to accompany the children walking to and from the church that morning please can you inform your child's teacher.



PTA Cookie Day

The PTA will be holding a cookie day on **Monday 29th January.** Cookies will be on sale for **50p per cookie.**

All funds raised will go towards the PTA's new upcoming project, a 'Mile a Day' track around the school field to encourage daily exercise whatever the weather.

Going forward all cookie days will now be held on a Monday. This will enable the bakers more time to prepare the cookies over the weekend.



Assembly Theme Week Commencing 22nd January 2024
Awe & Wonder

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who have won awards for consistently upholding one or more of the school values.



Academically

Bethany F
 Sophia L
 Ella C

Emotionally

Luke C
 Seth B

Socially

Theo N
 Mia J

Spiritually

Darcy W

Family Race Night



Who: Everyone is welcome

What: You can bet on a horse, win some money and raise funds for the PTA

Where: Brixworth Primary hall

Why: The PTA are raising funds for a Mile a Day track round the school field so regardless of the weather the children can still get their daily exercise.

When: Friday 16th February 2024

Time: 6pm – 8pm

How: Entry tickets will go on sale on Monday evening. A ParentMail will be sent out with the link to our online portal

There will also be a licensed bar, snacks and a small tuck shop



Teaching Assistant

**This position is 31.50 hours per week, 39 weeks of the year.
Salary £16600 pa**

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and dedicated Teaching Assistant with good interpersonal skills to join our team from February 2024. You will work with our teachers to raise the learning and attainment of our pupils, promoting their independence, self-esteem and social inclusion.

It is a requirement of this post that you undertake Lunchtime Supervision.

The successful candidate will:

- Have the safety and wellbeing of our children at the centre of all they do
- Have a commitment to supporting children
- Show empathy and compassion to the social, emotional and mental wellbeing of all our children
- To complement the teachers' delivery of the national curriculum and contribute to the development of other support staff, pupils and school policies and strategies.
- Support the school's Christian Ethos and work towards our vision of every member of our school family being the best they can be.

In return, we can offer you a great team of professionals, children and a supportive school community. We will provide you with excellent opportunities to develop professionally.

The selection process will consist of an interview with members of the senior leadership team and a short-observed activity with a group of pupils.

Applications should be emailed to the school at: office50@brixworth.northants.sch.uk by **9.00 am on Friday 26th January**. Interviews will take place week commencing **29th January**.

We are committed to safeguarding in our school and promoting the welfare of all our children and adults in our community and we expect all members of our staff to share this commitment.

For more information about our wonderful school, please look at our website: <https://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk/>

We recommend candidates phone the school and arrange for an informal visit with the Headteacher.

Application packs can be downloaded from our school website.

The Song of the Week
This Week is...

Party, Party, Party
By
Hans Zimmer



BRIXWORTH PRIMARY PTA NEWSLETTER

WINTER 23/24

So far this year we have raised...



2023/24
FUNDRAISING

OUR FOCUS; OUTDOOR RESOURCES

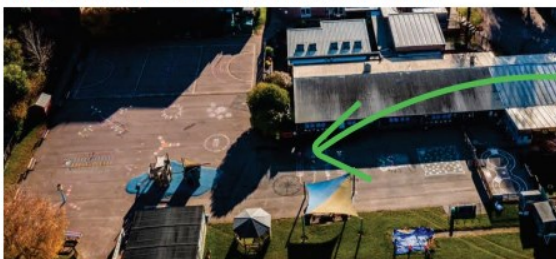
FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR THIS YEAR £18,000

MILE A DAY TRACK

To lay an all weather track to follow the perimeter of the field so it can be used at playtimes and for sports all year around.

QUIET GARDEN

The quiet garden was closed during COVID and had become overgrown and tired. The PTA have worked hard to make this space useable again. Thanks to Regan Snell (Sanderson Design) & Mark Devereux (Complete Exterior Cleaning) for their time & Welford Christmas Tree Farm for their donation of a tree! The garden was officially re-opened this week!!



PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

The playground markings have already been completed and were the first part of this years improvements! Thanks to Sean Goodhart for the images!

UPCOMING EVENTS

29th January
Cookie Day
Cookies for 50p.



16th February
Race Night
Family fun night!
Tickets go on sale
Monday!

4th March
Mothers Day Stall
The children will be
able to buy a gift
throughout the
school day.

Can you help us?

If you can bake a batch of cookies, run an errand, set up or run a stall...This could take a total of 2 hours per year but makes all the difference to our school. Please contact us!

Does your company pay ESV (Employee Supported Volunteering) or support charity volunteer days? We are a charity so you could volunteer and help us run our mothers day/fathers day/Christmas stalls and get paid!

Does your company sponsor, offer £4£/matched funding, or have grants that we could apply for? Not sure - please ask as it could be worth £100's or possibly £1000's in a donation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact us - brixworthprimarypta@gmail.com

Find us on facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/BrixworthPrimaryPTA>



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosey around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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