



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 12th February 2024

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday 12th	15.30-16.30	YR1-4 Freestyle Soccer	School Field	Freestyle
Tuesday 13th	12.15-13.00 18.15-20.00	YR4/5 Home Learning Club Taekwon-do	Miss de Rossi's Room Main Hall	Miss de Rossi Mr Bonfield
Wednesday 14th	09.00-11.00	YR3, 5/6 Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
Thursday 15th	09.00-11.00 09.00-11.30 12.45-13.05 13.10-14.10 15.30-16.30 17.30-19.45	YR3/4 Guitar YR4 Samba Drumming YR2 Choir Woodwind YR1-4 Freestyle Dodgeball Taekwon-do	Library Small Hall Mrs Walter's Room Library School Playground Main Hall	Mr Smith YR4 Teachers Mrs Walter Miss Retford Freestyle Mr Bonfield
Friday 16th	09.00-10.20 12.15-12.45 12.30-15.00 15.30-16.30 18.00-20.00	Violin Beginners Recorder Club Selected YR5 Swimming YR3-6 Freestyle Dodgeball PTA Race Night	Library Miss Duckworth's Room The Mounts School Playground Main Hall	Mr Ebrahim Miss Duckworth Mrs Reynolds Freestyle PTA
<u>School Closes - Reopens Monday 26th February</u>				
Sunday 18th	10.30-11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams

No Choir

Please be advised that there will be no choir practice next Thursday - 15th February.

PTA Race Night

Tickets for the PTA Race Night on **Friday 16th February** are still available to purchase and will be on sale until Monday 12th February at 8pm.

If you would like to purchase tickets please use the following link:

[Brixworth CEVC Primary School PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Brixworth CEVC Primary School PTA (pta-events.co.uk))



Parents Evening

We will be holding our spring term parents evening on the following dates:

Monday 18th March
Wednesday 20nd March

A ParentMail will be sent out in the coming weeks to enable you to book your time slot.

PTA Mothers Day Stall

The PTA will be holding a Mother's Day stall on **Monday 4th March**.

They have sourced some lovely gifts ranging from £1 up to £10.

All children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mother / primary care giver.

If you would like your child to buy an item(s), please send their money in a named envelope along with a carrier bag to carry the gift home safely (and secretly).



Assembly Theme Week Commencing 12th February 2024 Belonging & Lent

Celebration Assembly

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



Socially

Tommy B

Academically

Ivan Y
Riley J
Jack S
Sienna R
Charlotte B
Brooklyn D

Spiritually

James B

Emotionally

Daelyn H

Well Done Elsie

Elsie, in year 6 had the honor of representing Northampton in the prestigious Anglian Schools Cross Country Championships at Burghley House this past weekend. Competing in a beautiful setting against a field full of talent, Elsie delivered an outstanding performance. She finished 31st overall, which included competitors from Year 6 and 7, and impressively placed as the 3rd fastest Year 6 runner. This fantastic result places Elsie in the Top 5 Under 13 girls in Northampton.

To qualify for the Anglian championships, Elsie competed in the Northampton district race at Corby, representing the South Northants district, where she finished 4th overall — again, competing against Year 6 and 7 students.

We're lucky to have Moulton athletics track in such close proximity, which is where Elsie trains with Rugby and Northampton Athletics club Tuesdays and Thursday nights if any other students are interested.

Well done Elsie, what a remarkable achievement!



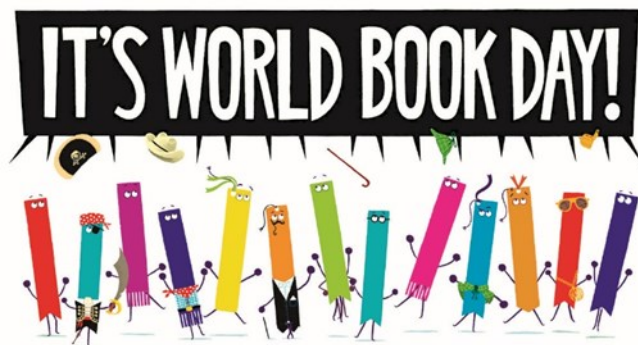
Year 2 Candlemas Service

Last Thursday, Year 2 visited All Saints Church to celebrate Candlemas.

Candlemas is a time to celebrate Jesus being the Light of the World.

People often put candles and lights in their windows to help remember that Jesus is the Light. The Candlemas service consisted of children sharing the poems they had written and showing the art work they had created. They sang hymns and reflected on Jesus being the Light of the World. See below a selection of the children's beautiful artwork.





Thursday 7th March 2024

World Book Day is fast approaching. Due to the success of the book swap last year, we have decided to run this again. We invite children to bring up to 3 books into school on World Book Day that they have read/no longer want so that they can then swap and bring a new book home with them on the day. This was a great success last time, as many children were able to enjoy a new book that they had not read before.

Dressing Up

As previously advised, we are allowing children to dress up as their favourite book character this year, however, we can not stress enough that this is not compulsory.

The Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Company will be in school from **Thursday 7th March to Tuesday 12th March** in the main hall. Before the Book Fair begins, each child will receive a book token which we are able to accept against any book purchased at the fair.

Payment:

There will be two desks to accept payment at the Book Fair. One will be for cash (we encourage you to please bring change if you can) and the other will be for online payments. If you are planning to pay online, **please make sure you bring your bank card with you as Apple Pay does not work and you will need your card details to secure the payment.**

The Book Fair will open from **3:15pm – 4:00pm Thursday – Tuesday.**

We have decided to open the Book Fair to different year groups on different days. However, if you have a child in more than one year group, you can visit on either day. Therefore, the Book Fair will run as follows:

Thursday 7th March – Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.

Friday 8th March – Year 3 and 4.

Monday 11th March – Year 5 and 6.

Tuesday 12th March – Open to all. This is the final chance to purchase any books.

The Song of the Week This Week is...

Centuries
By
Fall Out Boy



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about PERSUASIVE DESIGN ONLINE

'Persuasive design' refers to the techniques that companies employ to influence our thoughts and behaviours when we're on the internet. These approaches can be spotted on websites, in apps and even as part of some video games. Persuasive design means that this content has been deliberately presented in a way that's intended to encourage you to spend your time or money (or both). These methods often prove highly effective at keeping people engaged and invested for longer than we might expect.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POTENTIAL ADDICTION

In the digital world, persuasive design can make certain activities more addictive and harder to walk away from: some people may begin to feel anxious or irritated without access to their device or their favourite app, for example. It can also often leave users feeling isolated, as – if they spend most of their time on social media – they may start to find it difficult to talk to other people in real life.

MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Scrolling online or gaming without regular breaks is proven to be harmful to our mental health. The constant bombardment of news stories (many of them negative), images and influencers' posts can create sensations of unease, uncertainty and FOMO (fear of missing out). Young people can get so immersed in this environment that they become less likely to spot misleading posts.

PROLONGED SCROLLING

Social media can draw any of us – regardless of age – into a continuous pattern of refreshing our screen, following posts and links down rabbit holes or reading countless comments made by others. This aimless scrolling can eat up time which could have been spent on more productive activities. It could also lead younger users into areas of the online world which aren't age appropriate.

SENSORY OVERLOAD

Repetitively scrolling, clicking on links or playing games can create an unending stream of new information and visual stimuli. Put it this way: social media isn't exactly renowned as a carefree, chilled-out environment. Such overstimulation can become too much for young people to handle, resulting in sensory overload and causing them to feel stressed, overwhelmed and exhausted.

COSTLY ADDITIONS

Video games sometimes display offers for downloadable content or loot boxes which can be bought with real money. While these 'microtransactions' temptingly promise to improve a player's gaming experience, most of the time they are money sinks. Young people in particular, excited by the chance of enhancing their game, could spend quite a sizeable sum very quickly indeed.

PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

Hours spent sitting and scrolling means far less time moving around and getting exercise: hardly ideal for a young person's physical health. Additionally, prolonged exposure to the light given off by a phone's screen can lead to eye fatigue and discomfort, especially if viewing it in the dark. Extended phone use before bed can also impact on sleep quality, affecting mood and energy levels over the following days.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ESTABLISH LIMITS

Talk to your child about setting some time limits on how long they can use their phone, tablet or console in the evenings or at weekends – or perhaps how often they can go on a specific app, game or website. You could also decide to involve the whole family in creating this shared screen time agreement, making things fair (and healthier) for everyone.

NIX NOTIFICATIONS

Stop knee-jerk responses at the source by turning off push notifications and alerts. Whether it's a gaming notification or a social media update, these not-so-gentle reminders are designed to catch our attention and lure us back to our device. Switching them off – or even deleting any particularly intrusive apps – can help prevent your child from being reeled back into the online world.

ENCOURAGE MINDFULNESS

Acknowledging any addiction is key in overcoming it – and compulsive scrolling is no different. If anything mentioned in this guide sounds familiar, it could help to have an honest, open chat with your child about how much time they spend online. Get them to think about how often they scroll through social media aimlessly or habitually open it up whenever they have a spare moment.

MAKE A CHECKLIST

Considering a list of relevant questions can be an effective way of helping children figure out why they're scrolling on certain sites or consuming particular pieces of content. A checklist can prompt young people to ask themselves if they're learning anything or benefiting from this activity – or if they're wasting their time. Taking a step back can sometimes help us to see things more clearly.

Meet Our Expert

Rebecca Jennings has more than 20 years' experience in the field of relationships, sex and health education (RSHE). As well as delivering workshops and training for young people, parents and schools, she is also a subject matter expert on RSHE for the Department of Education.



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NEW THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED £7.99

Date: Thursday 7th March - Tuesday 12th March 3.15 - 4.30pm

Main Hall - Brixworth Primary School

Scan the QR code to pay online!

LibraryPlus Brixworth Library

HOGWARTS HALF-TERM

free drop-ins | cash donations welcome

FEB 17 SAT Construction Club 10:00-13:00 | 0-12yrs

19 MON Herbology: plants 12:00-16:00 | 5-12yrs

20 TUE Charms: wand & games 12:00-16:00 | 5-12yrs

21 WED Transfiguration: crafts 12:00-16:00 | 5-12yrs

22 THU Potions: kitchen science 12:00-16:00 | 5-12yrs

TICKETED 23 FRI Care of Magical Creatures 14:00-15:00 | 5-12yrs | donation

24 SAT Construction Club 10:00-13:00 | 0-12yrs

Rhyme Time International Mother Language Day 10:00-10:30 | 0-4yrs **21 WED**

Under Ones Fun bubbles 10:30-12:00 | 0-1yr **22 THU**

Pre-School Play potions 10:00-11:00 | 0-4yrs **23 FRI**

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West Northamptonshire Council

0300 126 7000 (option 11, then 1, ask for Brixworth Library)
brixworth.libraryplus@westnorthants.gov.uk
@BrixworthLibrary

SATURDAY ATHLETICS COURSE

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club are pleased to announce a new 5-week athletics course for young athletes in Northampton and surrounding areas. It runs from **Saturday March 2nd to Saturday March 30th**.

This course will give an introduction to the track and field events – running, jumping and throwing and is suitable for all – from total novices to more seasoned athletes – no experience required – just lots of energy. The emphasis will be on fitness, skills and fun with all sessions led by qualified club coaches.

When
Saturday mornings 10-30 until 11-45.

Where
The sessions will take place at the Moulton College athletics track.

Who
The sessions are open to both club and non- club athletes
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

Costs
R&N members – free
Non-club athletes – £15 per 5 week block

Ages – MINIMUM AGE is Yr. 3 at school (aged 7+) – MAXIMUM is Yr. 10 at school.

On completion – all course members will be invited to participate in the MOULTON EASTER OPEN EVENT to be held on Saturday 6th April.

Places are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

To register – please complete this google form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLScOR93lenkxHroYKN6p9eusA2hNetkRaQjf6i0AE2gZqIzFQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

If you have any further questions about the course or the club, please contact us at:

contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org



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WORLD BOOK DAY

To Celebrate **World Book Day** on Thursday 7th March we are holding a special Themed Menu.

Order a meal for your child in the normal way for that day to be in with a chance to win a Gruffalo Cookbook.

Main - Gruffalo Terrible Tusks
Served with Owl Eyes and Brave Beans
(Pork Sausages with Saute Potatoes and Baked Beans)

Vegetarian - Poisonous Warts Pepper and Cheese Frittata
Served with Owl Eyes and Brave Beans
(Pepper and Cheese Frittata with Saute Potatoes and Baked Beans)

Plant Based - Knobbly Knees
Served with Owl Eyes and Brave Beans
(Vegetarian Nuggets with Saute Potatoes and Baked Beans)

Packed Lunch - Mouse's Favourite Cheese Roll, Mouse Droppings, Orange Eyes and a Log Pile House
(Cheese Roll, Sultana and Raisin Bag, Cocoa Brownie and a Satsuma)

Pudding - Snakes Smoothie
(Strawberry Smoothie)

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