



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 29th April 2024

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday 29th	15.30-16.30 15.55-18.25	YR1-4 Freestyle Soccer Mrs Stiles/Hancock's Parents Evening	School Field KS2 Classroom	Freestyle Mrs Stiles/Mrs Hancock
Tuesday 30th	12.15-13.00 15.30-16.15 18.15-20.00	YR4/5 Home Learning Club YR3&4 Athletics Club- Group 1 Taekwon-do	Miss de Rossi's Class School Field Main Hall	Miss de Rossi Mrs Devereux Mr Bonfield
Wednesday 1st	09.00-11.00 15.50-18.30 16.30-19.00	YR3, 5/6 Guitar Mrs Elston's Parents Evening Mrs Stiles/Hancock's Parents Evening	Library KS2 Classroom KS2 Classroom	Mr Smith Mrs Elston Mrs Stiles/Mrs Hancock
Thursday 2nd	09.00-11.00 12.45-13.05 15.30-16.30 15.30-16.15 15.30-16.30 17.30-19.45	YR3/4 Guitar YR2 Choir YR5/6 Football Club KS2 Choir YR1-4 Freestyle Dodgeball Taekwon-do	Library Mrs Walter's Room School Field Main Hall Playground Main Hall	Mr Smith Mrs Walter Mrs Reynolds Mrs Marsh,Varrier,Devereux Freestyle Mr Bonfield
Friday 3rd	09.00-10.20 12.15-12.45 15.30-16.30 15.30-16.00	Violin Beginners Recorder Club YR3-6 Freestyle Dodgeball PTA Tuck Shop	Library Miss Duckworth's Room School Playground Bandstand	Mr Ebrahim Miss Duckworth Freestyle PTA
Sunday 5th	10.30-11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams

PTA Wine and Cheese Night

Tickets for the PTA Wine and Cheese night go on sale via the link below at 7pm this evening. Tickets are sold on a first come first serve basis.

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

Instrumental Tuition - September 2024

In September, children currently in **Year 2** will be able to apply for violin, cello or guitar. **Years 3, 4 and 5** may apply for violin, cello, guitar or woodwind.

The termly charge for lessons will be approximately £85.00 per term but this is subject to change.

If your child is interested please email office50@brixworth.northants.sch.uk with your child's name, year group and what instrument they would like to play by Friday 17th May 2024.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

If you are planning on purchasing a hoodie for your child, please ensure you place your order and make payment by **Wednesday 1st May**.

Year 4 Ascension Day

The Year 4 pupils invite you to join them at All Saints Church on **Thursday 9th May** at 10.30am for their Ascension Service.

END OF KEY STAGE 2 NATIONAL CURRICULUM TESTS

Year 6 pupils will be sitting the National Curriculum tests in English and Maths on **Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May** inclusive.

It is imperative that all Year 6 pupils are present for the tests during this week.

Year 5 & 6 Football Club

The year 5 & 6 football club will now run until 4.30pm, instead of 4.15pm.

PTA Tuck Shop

The PTA will be holding a Tuck Shop in the Bandstand after school next Friday - 3rd May.

Assembly Theme Week
 Commencing 29th April 2024 is
Courage - to face a challenge

Celebration Assembly

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



Socially
Thomas S

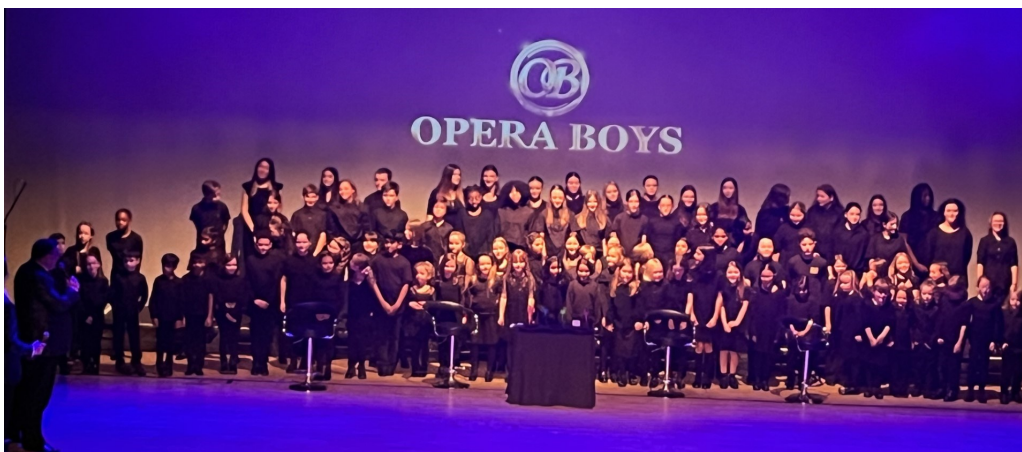
Academically
Albie B
Toby R-J
Archie S
Sienna F

Spiritually
Bonny W

Emotionally
Eddie A

Opera Boys

On Thursday April 18th, Anaya, Isla and Claudia from year 2, had an amazing chance to perform on stage at the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough alongside The Opera Boys. They performed as part of their performing arts academy, The Pauline Quirke Academy. They all did an amazing job and showed such confidence. Well done girls, what an amazing opportunity.



Foundation Stage Topic

Once Upon a Time

During the summer term Foundation Stage children will respond to stories with questions and tell a story using story language such as 'happily ever after'.

Last week they received a letter from Jack, along with some magic beans. Jack provided the children with instructions on how to plant the magic beans. The children took it in turns to plant them and as the days go by they eagerly watch as their beanstalks grow taller and taller!



Year 1 & 2 Topic

Island Explorers

To launch the new topic 'Island Explorers', the children in Years 1 and 2 came to school in their summer holiday clothes for our WOW day last week. After assembly they needed to get their passports and check in for their flight.

Boarding passes were given out by Mrs Hancock, their flight attendant. The children then went to their boarding gate and entered the aircraft. Each class had a good flight and landed on their Caribbean Island safely. During the day the children learned about their Caribbean Island and had fun preparing for the carnival parade at the end of the day.



Year 3 & 4 Volcano Topic

This week, years 3 and 4 have been learning about volcanoes. Today, the children entered their classes to find a volcano had erupted !

The area had to be secured to keep the children safe.

The smell around the school from the eruptions was explosive!

The children were taught about the different stages of a volcano and layers of the earth.

They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Year 5 & 6 Chocolate Topic

On Monday morning, lots of the year 5 and 6 teachers put on an amazing performance of Willy Wonka! Mr George was Willy Wonka and invited everyone into his factory! Once we got back to our classrooms, we got to try lots and lots of chocolate! Everyone went crazy! We had to try and find the real Mars bar and the real Twix! Once we had done that, we held a chocolate button on the palm of our hands and watched Michael Rosen reading us a poem all about chocolate! After this happened, we got a sheet of paper with a snippet of chocolate brands and we had to guess the brand! It was so fun! After that, we all brought in a chocolate bar of our own and in our art books, we drew the packaging of our chocolate bar. We were encouraged to make it as detailed as possible and when I looked at everyone else's, they were amazing! We all had such an amazing day! - **Maisie L, Year 6**



By Olive R, Year 6



By Harry L, Year 6



By Ava M, Year 6

Hi **Freddo**

Are you excited to go on the **Galaxy 3000** to **Mars** next week? Remember to pack your extra space suit and energy **BOOST** ers. I will meet you on the **AerO** -plane where we will fly to America and get a **Double Decker** bus to NASA, stopping for a **Picnic** on the **MilkyWay**.

Love From



By Sophie and Tilly U, Year 5

Sports News

On Thursday 18th April, 12 year 5 children went to Moulton School for some Sports Leader training. This involved planning activities that they can carry out in school with other children to encourage more children to be active for 60 minutes each day.

This idea comes from Northamptonshire Sport and is in recognition of the Olympics. The concept is that as a school we try to cover the miles it would take us to get to Paris by doing different activities which will then be converted into kilometres to go towards this target.



On Tuesday 23rd April, 64 children from KS2 attended the Cross Country Competition at Daventry Sports Fields.

All of the children competed well and represented our school perfectly in their event.

Everyone ran their very best and as a team we finished in 3rd place.

A special mention goes to Max H and Elsie R who both came first in their respective races as well as George J, Niamh D and Vesper M who came second and Annie W and Archie S who came third. Well done to all of the children who took part.



Song of the Week

Fantasia No. 3 By Mozart

DYNAMITES



childrens club



Friday nights
5-6PM

At Brixworth Library
and community centre

Run by Brixworth Community Church for Children of Primary School age (5-11yrs). Fun, safe place for children to enjoy. All leaders are DBS checked and have a real heart for the children to have fun while learning more about Jesus.

Please contact our Community Worker Mark (and Dynamites Leader) on 07917 573784 for more details. Only 50p a session.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TOWNSHIP



(on the App Store; 'Everyone' on Google Play)

Despite launching in 2011, Township remains popular with children and adults alike. A city-building game with farming elements, it tasks players with developing their settlement and unlocking new features along the way. Aimed at the more casual gamer, it's mostly child friendly – but there are still some related risks to be mindful of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISLEADING PUBLICITY

Township's developers have previously faced criticism for advertising the game on social media by using clips of gameplay which can't actually be found in the final product. This may well lead to a child or young person downloading the game with severely misplaced expectations of what they'll be playing.

IN-GAME ADVERTS

While it's common for mobile games to feature in-game advertisements for other products and services, Township employs a particularly egregious strategy seen in several similar products. It offers users in-game currency in exchange for watching such adverts, which can obviously encourage young people to willingly expose themselves to marketing material.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game's core concept of building up a settlement to increase its population and income can feel slow paced at first – and players are incentivised to spend real-world money to move things along more quickly. That can mean handing over anything from £1.99 to £19.99 for these in-game boosts; amounts that can rapidly add up to a considerable sum if left unchecked.

TIME-CONSUMING GAMEPLAY

Township's gameplay loop of acquiring resources and reinvesting them into your little community is a fun one – but this rewarding sense of making progress can lead to players spending far more hours staring at the screen than they realise. There are also special in-game events which run for a limited time, designed to entice players into even longer gaming sessions.

ONLINE MULTIPLAYER MODE

After reaching level 19, players in Township can form a 'co-op' and unlock the option to exchange goods with up to 30 other users. Online multiplayer modes are nothing new, of course – but neither are the potential risks they pose to children and young people. Chances are, youngsters will be interacting with complete (and possibly much older) strangers within the game environment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS THE GAME IN ADVANCE

While older children may notice and understand that Township might be marketed in a potentially misleading way, it could be worth explaining to prospective younger players how and why the game differs from what's been advertised. This will help them to manage their expectations and avoid any possible disappointment if they do decide to download and play it.

MONITOR SPENDING AND SCREEN TIME

More modestly priced in-app bundles can be a welcome treat for a child wanting to speed up their progress in Township, but it's wise not to leave a linked payment method active in case a youngster gets carried away. Likewise, to prevent Township from causing an increase in screen time, parental controls on most devices allow limits to be placed on how long a game can be played each day.

BE WARY OF EXTERNAL SITES

Township's makers state that all in-game ads are age-appropriate: children won't be shown adverts recommending more violent titles, for instance. Even so, clicking on these adverts can take players out of the game and onto external sites that have nothing to do with Township or its developers: this raises the risk of children encountering inappropriate content or being tempted by online purchases.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE STRANGERS

Township's online multiplayer mode (as with any game which includes that functionality), is an avenue through which a child could be contacted by people who they don't actually know. It's worth reminding young Township fans, therefore, not to give out any personal information to strangers online – whether that's within the game itself or in the social networks associated with it.