

Year 6 Newsletter



THE BAIRD
PRIMARY
ACADEMY

Term 1

Key Dates for the Diary

13th Sept 3.30-4.00pm	Meet the teacher
18th October	Celebration afternoon
19th October	Inset Day
29th October	Inset Day
31st October	Visit from school nurse
31st October	KS2 Parents evening

MEET THE TEACHER

To enable parents to meet their child's teacher, we will be offering a 'Meet the Teacher' session. Parents are invited to come into the classrooms after school on **Thursday 13th September at 3.30pm**. Teachers will be there to share information and answer any questions!

CELEBRATION AFTERNOON

Join us in our classrooms on **Thursday 18th October at 2.30pm** to see what we have

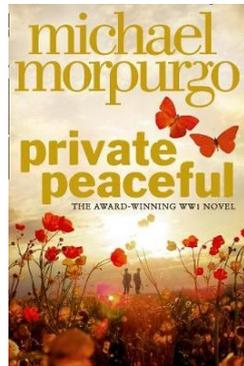
PE DAYS

PE Sandpipers
Monday and Thursday
PE Avocets
Monday and Tuesday

All children need to have appropriate kit and there is the expectation that all children participate every lesson.

Breaking the code

Welcome to the first Year 6 newsletter! The year 6 team are looking forward to a **fantastic year**.



Year 6 will start the academic year by looking at World War II and both Power of Reading and Destination Reader (a new reading scheme) will be focused around this topic. The books we will get stuck into are *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne and *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo. We will explore the history of the war, how code breaking was effectively used and how it ended, providing opportunities for drawing, painting, poetry and story writing.

**The Boy
in the
Striped
Pyjamas**

JOHN BOYNE

READING AT HOME

This year the children will all have lovely new reading records to record all the reading that they do at home. The books are designed for 'new readers', 'working towards independence readers' and 'independent readers'. Inside each book there are helpful hints on how to complete the reading records and the best ways to support your children with word reading and comprehension. The most exciting bit is that there are opportunities for the children to contribute to the reading log and stickers in the middle for either them or you to use (only one sticker for every time they read though) We hope that this will be a great incentive for the children to read to you at home every day, along with the weekly treats that classes win through Buster's Book Club.



HOME LEARNING

This term we would like your child (and you) to build a **spy gadget**. This should be something that could be useful in the war, maybe a secret code device, hidden writing instrument or something that comes together to create a larger item. Please provide instructions for use and any supporting diagrams. We would like to present these before the end of term.



New gym equipment

We have some wonderful new equipment for all pupils to use outside the year 6 classrooms. Pupils will initially be given guidance on the equipment before trying it out for themselves. This will build stamina, maintain fitness, increase co-ordination and provide hours of fun!



And finally...

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and coat as the weather starts to change. If you have any questions about the above or anything else, please come and talk to a member of the team at the start or finish of the day.