

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer 2021

Ever since we undertook the parent survey during lockdown, we have known of the very strong need to boost the wellbeing and physical activity of our children. During the parent 'Zoom' meeting, also held during lockdown, views were almost unanimously expressed by parents and school members of staff alike that a range of extra-curricular clubs being offered was an excellent way of achieving this. We started this mission before Easter by prioritising sports clubs for our children in Years 5 and 6, whose parents reported had been the most affected by lockdown restrictions. The participation rates were very high and, although the children were pretty tired by the end of these sessions, there was much enjoyment had too. Our parent volunteers also massively added to the strong community feel, alongside of the many staff volunteers who helped run the clubs.

This summer, our aim is to extend the extra-curricular offer to the majority of children across the school. We also want to ensure that our offer goes beyond sports activities to include creative opportunities including the visual and performing arts. However, there are several significant limiting factors and other considerations which I feel it is important for parents to understand: -

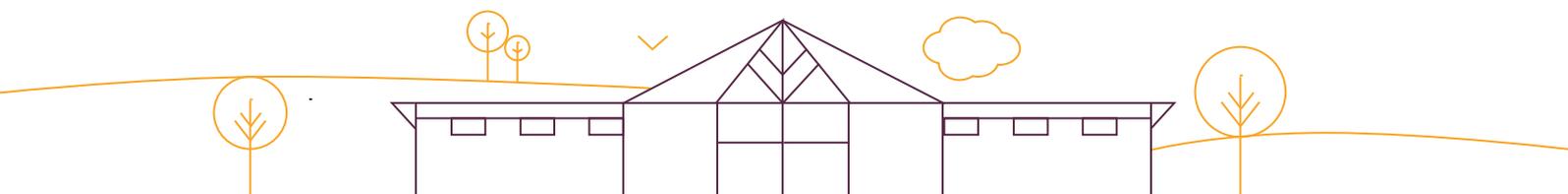
- These clubs are largely dependent on very hard working members of staff being able to give their time to organise and run. There are some clubs being run by external organisations, but the majority are courtesy of Berrywood staff.
- Parents pay the charges issued by external agencies running clubs directly to them. This process does not involve the school. There are no charges for clubs being run by Berrywood staff this summer.
- For Coronavirus track and trace purposes we are organising clubs on a year group basis, whereas previously some clubs were for multiple year groups.
- It is simply not possible or appropriate to replicate the same offer across all year groups.
- We have clubs being run and supported behind the scenes by members of staff from across the school, including providing opportunities for children not in their year group. This is a real team effort to help with the recovery of our children post lockdown.
- Our staggered school finish times and limited locations for clubs to take place do present some logistical difficulties.
- We are a big school with lots of children and we may need to place limits on club sizes, which could result in some children missing out. Obviously, we will do everything possible to avoid this happening.

EXTERNAL AGENCY clubs

Extra-Curricular Club	Year Group	Day & Time	Organisation	Location
Football	2	Fri 3.30 – 4.30	Tecnico Football	School field
Football	3	Fri 3.30 – 4.30	Tecnico Football	School Field
Karate	3	Mon 3.15 – 4.15	Sama Karate	School hall
Karate	4	Mon 3.15 – 4.15	Sama Karate	School hall
Drama Club	1	Fri 3.30 – 4.30	Pyjamadrama	School hall

Parents will need to book places in these clubs directly with the organisations using the following contact details: -

- 'Sama Karate' by email: www.sama-southwest.com or by telephone on: 07764 478507
- Tecnico Football by email: barbara@tecnico-coaching.com or by phone or text 07979 803484
- Pyjamadrama by email: kirsty@pyjamadrama.com or by telephone on 01489 854434



BERRYWOOD STAFF run clubs

Extra-Curricular Club	Year Group	Day & Time	Member of Staff	Location
Construction	1	Mon 3.30 – 4.15	Mrs Sheath & Mrs Hounsham	Room 14
Kwik Cricket	1	Mon 3.30 – 4.15	Mrs Fryer and Mrs Paterson	School field
Drama	2	Thurs 3.30 – 4.15	Mrs Hunter	Room 17
British Sign Language	3	Wed 3.15 – 4.15	Miss McFarland	Room 8
Bakery	4	Tue 3.15 – 4.15	Miss Wareham	School kitchen
Nature	5	Thurs 3.00 – 4.15	Mr Roy	School grounds
Ultimate Frisbee	5	Tue 3.00 – 4.00	Mr Reilly	School field
Alice in Wonderland	5	Wed 3.00 – 4.15	Mrs Ainsworth, Miss Lowe & Miss Spencer	School hall
Alice in Wonderland	6	Tue 3.00 – 4.15	Mrs Ainsworth, Mrs Pitter & Miss King	School hall
Rounders	6	Mon 3.00 – 4.00	Mr Rolfe	School field

In order to apply for places in any of these clubs you will need to complete the Google Form linked below, by noon on Tuesday 27th (next week). If your child is given a place in a club, then the specific details regarding that club will be provided soon after. Most of these clubs will begin in week 3 (Tue 4th May – Fri 7th May). However, the clubs which run on a Monday will begin in the following week due to the Bank Holiday. Most clubs will run until the end of the summer term, but this will not be the case for the Year 1 clubs which will have a different pattern (details will be provided once we are certain of the numbers applying).

The Alice in Wonderland clubs for Years 5 & 6 are being run with the intention of holding an End of Year performance for parents if the lifting of restrictions permits. We will have two mirror casts, one from each year group who will each learn and perform a different half of the play. If the performances go ahead as intended, it will be on the courtyard where we will be able to use our fantastic new audio equipment donated to us by our fabulous BSA.

The Google form will also provide an opportunity to state whether or not as parents you are interested in volunteering to help with any clubs. We are trying to build on the excellent community spirit generated during the Year 5 & 6 sports clubs run before Easter. The clubs are not dependent on parents volunteering in order for them to run (although, it will certainly help), we just feel it would be lovely to offer the opportunity to those parents willing and able to be a part of proceedings.

Kind regards,

Chris Reilly

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/bzJAnKrbqXwg9LPB9>