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Dear parent/carer,

I hope you are all well. The next edition of our CEIAG newsletter is available this week and is attached – please have a look through at everything that is going on.

We still have a couple of House events running in school for this half term – the Easter Eggstravaganza and the World Poetry Day competition. Please encourage your child to get involved!

Well done to Evie Whitehead in Year 9 for winning the Knowsley Safari Park pass and to 9SI for winning the Domino's lunch.

It has obviously been a sad week in school with Brianna's funeral on Wednesday, there were lots of staff and students there to say goodbye to her. Her mum had asked if part of a letter I sent her could be shared at the funeral and we were honoured to have our tribute as part of the service. For those who would like to see the tribute it is below:

At school, we will all miss Brianna's bravery and courage. We will miss her determination and grit. We will miss her wit and her humour. We will even miss her insults and her putting us all in our place as she so loved to do.

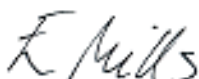
We are so glad that Brianna came to join us at Birchwood – we are so glad that she was part of our school community as we learnt so much from her. We learnt so much about strength and determination to be one's true self – and that is something that we will all carry with us. She was a true-on off, unique and truly unforgettable. What a privilege it was to know her.

Thank you to everyone who has left messages for Brianna – you can view them here on our website <https://www.birchwoodhigh.org/in-memory-of-brianna/> These messages will all be made into a book for Brianna's family too.

We are planning a memorial day on the last day of term to remember Brianna and to raise money for the Mindfulness in Schools Project as requested by Brianna's family. This is to train staff from across Warrington schools in mindfulness practices to benefit all young people across the town. More details about the day will come out at the start of next week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes and take care,



Emma Mills
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:-

Monday 27 March – Wednesday 29 March Year 7 residential -Kingswood

Friday 31 March – School closes for Easter Holidays

Monday 17 April – school reopens for summer term.