

# THE GRIFFIN

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## WELCOME

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Kathryn McGarry (Head of Music) who has joined the teaching staff and Mrs Annette Ackerley who has returned to Birchfield School to once again take up the post of Head of Geography.

We were delighted to greet and welcome pupils at the start of the new academic year on Wednesday and would particularly like to welcome the new pupils who joined us; 23 in total.

## HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

We are delighted to announce that Jack Sheldon has been appointed Head Boy and Erin Mathieson Head Girl. Congratulations to them both.

## STATUS

We are pleased to announce that Alexander Hartland, Ollie Thompson, George James, Hermione Heath, Lauren Chambers and Ed Pass have been awarded status. Congratulations.

## MUSIC SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following for their music achievements:

Ferrari Catalano	Grade I	Singing	Pass
Esther Hurford	Grade I	Violin	Merit
William Jones	Grade I	Saxophone	Distinction
Erin Mathieson	Grade V	Musical Theatre	Merit

## YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

At the end of last term, Mrs Johnston's Year 5 English class entered the Young Writers Crazy Creatures mini saga competition. We are very proud to announce that all the entries were chosen for publication. Congratulations to; Thomas Corbett, Jacob Williams, Gabriel Hartland, William Jones, Isaac Ahmed, Matilda Felton and Catherine Clews. A copy of the published mini sagas will be available to view in the school library later on in the year.

## HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Libby Ross—Maths  
Isaac Ahmed—Geography  
Ollie Thompson—Art  
Ed Pass—RS

## SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT!

Our next Autumn Open Day will be held on Saturday, 7 October 10:00am to 12:30pm and our Working Open Morning following half-term on Thursday, 9 November 10:00am to 12:30pm. We are looking for your help to spread the word and we would be grateful if you could **like** and **share** both the events on the Birchfield Facebook page.

### **WINTER UNIFORM**

Due to the cold weather please can all children come to school in their winter uniform from **Monday, 18 September**. Boys up to and including Year 4 should wear long grey woollen turnover socks and long-sleeved grey shirts. Boys in Year 5 should wear short grey socks with long grey trousers and long-sleeved grey shirts. Caps and hats should be worn to and from school.

Girls in Pre-Prep should wear long-sleeved gold shirts with a tartan pinafore with either long bottle green knee socks or bottle green tights.

In Years 3 to 6 girls should wear long-sleeved gold blouses with tartan skirts and bottle green knee high socks or bottle green tights.

Boys and girls in Years 7 and 8 should wear white shirts and **V-necked jumpers**.

### **BIRTHDAY CAKES**

Please note that children can only bring a birthday cake into school when their birthday falls on a school day.

*In order to comply with our allergy policies please ensure that any cakes brought into school are labelled with a full list of ingredients if home made or in their original packaging if bought commercially. If you wish the School Kitchen to produce a cake then please contact Mrs Coglianese with a minimum of 3 days' notice.*

### **SEA LIFE CENTRE**

There are a number of lost property items which were left behind following the two sleepovers at the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. They are available for collection from the School Office.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CALENDAR**

Monday, 18 September—Colts Football v Heathfield (h) 15:30 **NOW** 14:30

Wednesday, 20 September—Colts A Football v Moreton Hall (h) 14:45 **NOW** 15:00

Wednesday, 20 September—1st XI Football v Heathfield (h) 14:45 **NOW** 14:30 start

Thursday, 21 September—U9 Football v Moreton Hall (a) - **CANCELLED**

### **CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

Libby Ross  
Jack Thompson

### **TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS**

**Senior:** Arthur Squire  
**Juniors:** Georgia Halliwell-Paget, Fleur Jarvis, Harriet Sherwin

### **INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The individual school photographs will be taken on Thursday, 21 September in the morning. Boys and girls must wear their blazers and should look smart. All pupils with siblings will have individual and group photographs taken with their brothers/sisters.

## GOLD SPORTS MARK RECOGNITION

We are delighted to announce that Birchfield has received a Gold Mark Award for the sporting provision it offers. This national award recognises the extremely strong sports programme offered across all areas of the award, in particular the amount of PE and games opportunities within the curriculum. The PE department's delivery was highlighted for the high standard and the verifiers were impressed with the number of pupils engaged in leadership, management and officiating activities. We are already working on achieving this award this academic year.

## CAPTAINS OF SPORTS

Luke Bahia                      -      Captain of Football  
Lauren Chambers           -      Captain of Hockey

## SPORTS RESULTS

**1st XI Football v Shrewsbury High Prep**

WON

**Colts A Football v Shrewsbury High Prep**

LOST

**U9A Football v Shrewsbury High Prep**

LOST 2—1

**U9B Football v Shrewsbury High Prep**

WON 6—0

**U13 Hockey v Bromsgrove**

WON 10—1

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Time	Event
Monday	13:30	Years 1 and 2 trip - Air Ambulance, Cosford
	14:30	U12/11 Football v Heathfield (h)
Wednesday	11:30	Years 6-8 Malvern St James Lacrosse Festival (a)
	14:30	1st XI Football v Heathfield (h)
	15:00	Colts A Football v Moreton Hall (a)
	19:30	FOB Meeting
Thursday	09:00	Individual school photographs
Friday	11:30	Year 7 & 8 Sports Tour to Derbyshire

### **Letters sent out last week and this week:**

Activities and clubs—all pupils  
Pupils' Log Upkeep book—Years 3 to 8  
Sporting weekend fixtures—named pupils  
Instrumental Tuition letter—new pupils  
Pre-Prep Information Evening letter—Pre-Prep  
Wrekin College Mathematics Challenge—year 6  
Pre-Prep Collection letter—Pre-Prep  
Letter about Years 7 & 8 Sports Tour—Years 7 & 8  
Lamda Tuition letter—all Lamda pupils  
Invitation for Sports Tour—Years 7 & 8  
iPad Agreement to be signed and returned—Years 1 to 8  
Autumn Cookery form—all pupils  
Friends letter—Reception and new pupils