

SPORTS TOUR

Birchfield 1st XI

Last Friday the Birchfield 1st XI set off to Derbyshire for their weekend tour based in Hope Valley, Derbyshire. They managed a comfortable victory in their first game against the Old Vicarage School. Boosted by their win they took on the U14 Langold Juniors, a tough streetwise U14 Club team from Worksop in Nottinghamshire. The opposition were older and played a more physical game, but this did not deter our players who matched them with spirit and quick-fire attack. At half-time we led by 3 goals to 2. Sadly in the second half the opposition came out all guns blazing and we conceded two late goals and lost the game.

Despite the loss we learned so much and our young brave players can stand tall and be very proud of their performance.

U13 Hockey

The U13s first match was also against the Old Vicarage School. They played two 5-a-side matches which they won comfortably. The team tried out different positions to create a greater challenge which they thoroughly enjoyed. On the return journey home on Sunday we played another 5-a-side match. Unfortunately we did not win this match despite Ferrari Catalano, standing in as goalie and acquitting herself extremely well, making some excellent saves with her feet and body.

Other highlights of the weekend included bowling, Laser Quest, an evening meal at McDonalds, and a tour of the Blue John Cavern.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, the Reverend Mary Thomas delighted both pupils and parents with her Assembly on the corners of God's love for our Harvest Festival celebration. She brought in a big square of paper and surprised all when she revealed that if you cut a corner off a square, you in fact, end up with more corners; therefore in sharing God's love, we create more love in the world. She invited pupils to cut a corner off her square and share their corners with someone else in the assembly.

We were delighted by the donations we received and would like to thank all pupils and parents for their contributions which have been sent to Telford Food Bank.

FUTURE SCHOOLS EVENING

Thank you to all the parents who have responded to our Future Schools evening invitation for Wednesday, 4 October at 6.30pm.

We expect to have a very worthwhile evening introducing parents to the many future educational choices available to them and their children; hearing about scholarships from teaching staff with insights from current and past parents.

This is an opportunity that Birchfield parents should not miss, with the chance to ask all those burning questions about your child's future options and come away with a comprehensive pack detailing all of the schools with whom we have a relationship for the benefit of your child.

Please return your reply slip or let the office know if you would like to join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

PRE-PREP TRIP TO FIRE STATIONS

Pre-Prep visited Stafford and Stafford Park Fire Stations this week where they learnt about fire safety. They had the opportunity to sit in a fire engine and explore the equipment; some children even had the opportunity to squirt the hose! This was a valuable and educational trip which was enjoyed by all the children.

HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Lauren Chambers—Art

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Erin Mathieson
George James

Lexi Day
Libby Ross

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

Seniors: Amelia Grant-King, Freya Heath

Juniors: Phoebe Johnston

FOOTBALL MASTER-CLASS

On Wednesday afternoon the 1st XI were privileged to enjoy a football master-class session with Ryan from 1—8 Coaching. Ryan is an academy coach working closely with several premier league and championship clubs. The session focussed on scanning and releasing the ball into space to create an overload in attack. Jack Sheldon and Ethan Bishop were chosen to receive outstanding awards for outstanding performance on the day. Many thanks to Mr Squire for helping to organise the event.

OPEN DAY—Saturday, 7 October

All pupils from Years 3 to 8 are expected to attend Open Day next Saturday, 7 October. Letters will be sent out early next week detailing what activities the children will be undertaking.

CUPS AND TROPHIES

A reminder to everyone who won cups at this year's Speech Day to ensure they are engraved and returned to the School no later than **Monday, 2 October**.

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair: Travelling Books has a display in the Library next week from the afternoon of **Thursday, 5 October until lunchtime, Wednesday, 11 October**. Pupils will visit the Fair during their English lessons and will be able to choose books. Parents/guardians are welcome to visit the Fair on **Thursday, 5 October from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, Tuesday, 10 October from 3:00pm to 4:30pm** and each morning from **Friday, 6 October to Wednesday, 11 October 8:30am till 9:00am**. In addition the Book Fair will be available throughout Open Morning on **Saturday, 7 October**.

SPORTS RESULTS

Colts A Football v Hallfield

LOST 5—4

U9 A Football v Yarlet

CANCELLED

U13 Hockey v Bromsgrove

LOST 7—3

U11A Hockey v Shrewsbury High Prep

WON 6—1

U11B Hockey v Shrewsbury High Prep

WON 7—0

U9 Hockey v Packwood

DRAW 1 –1

U8 Hockey v Packwood

WON 1—0

U9 Hockey v Shrewsbury High Prep

WON

STAFF V PARENTS HOCKEY

Parents are reminded to sign on the list on the Office Notice Board for the Staff and Parents' Hockey match on Friday, 6 October.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK		
Date	Time	Event
Monday	All day	North of England Golf Championships - Formby Golf Club (a)
Tuesday	08:40-09:00	Scholars Assembly - Parents welcome
Wednesday	18:30	'Future School Choices' Evening - parents welcome
	14:30	Colts A Football v Ellesmere College (h)
	13:45	Old Hall Improvers Football Festival (a)
	14:30	U12 & U9 Hockey v St Bede's (a)
	14:30	U10 Hockey v Shrewsbury High Prep (h)
Thursday	14:30	U9 A & B Football v Hallfield (h)
	15:30	U13 Hockey v Wolverhampton Grammar School (h)
	15:00-16:00	Book Fair arrives - Library
06/10/2017	17:00	Staff v Parents Hockey

Letters sent out this week:

Individual photo proofs—all pupils

Travelling Book Fair letters—all pupils

Gum Shield letters for boys—Years 2 to 8

Friends of Birchfield newsletter—all pupils