



STOP PRESS! U13 6-a-side Football Tournament at Prestfelde—Birchfield IAPS champions. *Report to follow.*

REPTON CHALLENGE

On Sunday, 8 October eight prep schools visited Repton for the annual Repton Challenge.

This year's event centred around an espionage theme with pupils being tasked with the challenges of creating spy gadgets, code breaking and designing and making rocket cars. The first activities were team building exercises and involved the children working together to solve a variety of puzzles. There was also the opportunity for target practice with paintballs and a 'baddie hunt' which involved catching some 'Evil Villains' who had stolen some secret plans.

After an awesome roast dinner the pupils constructed rocket powered model cars which were launched in front of a huge crowd of onlookers. Overall it was an extremely tiring day but the children stepped up to the plate and their behaviour was exemplary. Well done!

STAFF v PARENTS HOCKEY

Last Friday the Staff versus Parents Hockey match took place. The staff scored first and anticipation of a win was short-lived as the Parents soon racked up the goals to a resounding victory.

This was a fantastic evening of hockey; thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff who gave up their time to support this annual event.

U9 FOOTBALL PRESTFELDE TOURNAMENT

Building on what was a good performance on Tuesday at the Heathfield tournament, we set off for Prestfelde on Wednesday with confidence. We were placed in a group with Shrewsbury High Prep, West House, and the hosts, Prestfelde. Our first game was against Shrewsbury and despite having the ball for most of the game, a counter attack from Shrewsbury gave them a late goal and we lost 1-0. The next game against Prestfelde was tougher but the same story, and despite a heroic sliding block by Will, the hosts managed to score twice in the second half to win 2-0. We dominated the final match against West House, but still couldn't find the goal, meaning we moved on to the Plate competition to face Edenhurst.

Unfortunately, we experienced similar problems in this game, playing some great football across the front three of Edward, Jack and Olly and defending superbly with Will, Freddie, Ranvir and Sebastian, but a late goal meant we once again lost 1-0. We went into the final game of the day against Packwood determined to score, knowing a win would see us leave with a medal. We conceded early but once again had all the possession, and through lots of pressure we finally found the breakthrough after the ball fell to Miles in the area who finished well. The game finished 1-1 which meant we had to play one more half of golden goal. We started very quickly and within 30 seconds we attacked the goal and the ball fell to Amar who finished into an open goal which caused a big celebration and lots of relief as we won 2-1.

Good performances which the results didn't reflect in the end, but an enjoyable day despite the rain; well done everyone.

ISI U11 & U9 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT—WYRE FOREST LEISURE CENTRE

The U11 and U9 Football Tournament took place on Tuesday at the Wyre Forest Leisure Centre in Kidderminster.

The U9 team were up first and comfortably won their first two matches. Drawing in the final group game saw them finish as group winners. Moving into the next round they found their next match a real challenge, losing 6—2. Despite a further win and a draw, the loss of the first game meant they were unable to play in the final and finished 7th out of 16 schools.

The U11 team played some brilliant football winning their first four group tournaments on the trot. Unfortunately the U11s saved their worst game for the most important game losing 4—3 in the quarter final. This was a disappointing end to the tournament but all the boys represented the School with pride and determination.

TERMLY CHARITY

Our termly charity is Winston's Wish which is the UK's childhood bereavement charity. They support children and their families after the death of a parent or sibling.

GRIFFIN AWARDS

Bronze Griffins:

Brelades: Erin Mathieson, Oliver Thompson, William Western, Major Evans, Catherine Clews, Tristan Garratt, Gabriella Marshall, Edward Flynn, Rory Corbett, Georgia Halliwell-Paget, Fleur Jarvis, Luca Marshall

Brown: Tom Ross, Harry Spear, Eme Day, Darcey Spear, Robyn Duke, Sri Hari Krishna, Finlay Norton, Paddy Butwell, Charlie Harding, Charlotte Ross, Harriet Sherwin

Watson: Edward Pass, Jason Hodnet, Esther Hurford, Freya Heath, Frankie Gautier, Isabel Tierney, Amar Gill, Imogen Newbery, Maximiliano Parkhouse, Freddie Box, Ellen Cambridge, Otilie Heath, Kitty Porter, Jenson Bridges

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

Seniors: Jaya Dosanjh, Tom Ross

Juniors: Sri Hari Krishna

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Robyn Duke

SPORTS RESULTS

1st XI Football v Yarlet

WON 8—3

Colts A Football v Yarlet

WON 9—1

U11 Hockey v Packwood/Bromsgrove

LOST both matches

U10 Hockey v Bromsgrove

LOST

1st XI Football v Tettenhall College

WON 2—1

Colts A Football v Tettenhall College

WON 7—3

FRIENDS OF BIRCHFIELD BONFIRE NIGHT

Following half term, the Friends of Birchfield will be hosting Bonfire Night on Friday, 3 November at 6:00pm. Please remember to return your slips as soon as possible.

<u>WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK</u>		
Date	Time	Event
Monday	All day	Year 3 parents' evenings - by appt - all week
Tuesday	08:40-09:00	Yr 7 Class Assembly - Parents welcome to attend
	18:30	Year 5 Parents' Evening - Hall
	09:00	Pre-Prep Trip to Think-Tank Birmingham
Wednesday	14:30	1st XI and Colts A Football v Packwood (h)
	14:30	U9 A and B Football v Packwood (a)
	14:30	U13 and U11A Hockey v Yarlet (Aldersley)
	14:30	U9 Hockey v St Bede's (h)
Thursday		Clubs and Activities Programme as normal
Friday	All day	Inset Day

Letters sent out this week:

Parent Meetings & Parents' Forum letter—all pupils

Letter from Interim Head, Paul Reynolds—all pupils