



TRANSFORMING OUR LIBRARY SHELVES

A massive thank you to all parents and pupils for supporting this year's Book Fair. We are delighted to report that it was a huge success and that as a result, Birchfield has over £1,400 to spend on new books for our library that will make a significant difference to all our pupils.

Every teacher and year group within the school will be given part of this generous budget to select reference and fiction books to support this year's curriculum, and our library will look wonderful with so many exciting titles gracing our shelves.

PRE-PREP TRIP TO THINKTANK—BIRMINGHAM SCIENCE MUSEUM

On Tuesday Pre-Prep pupils put on their scientific hats and visited the Thinktank Museum in Birmingham. Pupils explored artefacts, role-play areas and hands-on exhibitions to enhance their learning based around the human body, healthy eating and animals in their habitats. Pupils also had opportunities to explore other areas of the museum including; space, robots and all topics 'futuristic'. Finally pupils took part in forces experiments in the outside playground working individually and in teams to explore forces at work. A fantastic educational day which was also a chance to showcase our best Birchfield behaviour with members of staff and public commenting on our pupils' kindness, behaviour and smart appearance. We would also like to thank all the adults who volunteered their support for the trip.

IAPS MIDLANDS U13 SIX A SIDE FOOTBALL

Birchfield School excelled in the IAPS Midlands U13 six-a-side football tournament held at Prestfelde School last Friday. Playing against schools over four times their size, including Beaudesert Park School and Beachborough School, Birchfield dominated, and with goals from Cameron Smith and Luke Bahia, saw them qualify for the National Finals which will take place at King's School, Taunton on Sunday, 5 November. Congratulations to the U13 team.

U11 SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT ELLESMERE COLLEGE

Having consistently improved over the last few weeks we were disappointed to start the tournament with a draw and a loss. This meant we had to beat Shrewsbury High Prep to make sure we qualified as one of the top two teams. We turned on the style and a 3-1 victory kick-started our performances as we then won our last two group matches convincingly.

The semi-finals saw us play against Rydal Penrhos who had not lost a game all afternoon. We started well, scoring early and dominating the play; however one lapse at the back allowed them to equalise. Golden goal was next and within 30 seconds Will found Barnaby and he calmly slotted home to put us in the final. The Firs were our opponents and their tactics became clear, kicking it long and hoping to stop us playing. Unfortunately for them we were just too good on the day cutting them to pieces; we should have won by more than our 1-0 victory. Jacob Williams was awarded best player of the tournament and Jenson second best, though this was a victory for the team. A brilliant day for all involved.

FLU IMMUNISATION FORMS

Flu Immunisation Forms: A reminder to parents of pupils in Reception to Year 4. Please return the Flu Immunisation forms ASAP indicating whether or not you require the immunisation.

GRIFFIN AWARDS

Bronze Griffins:

Brelades: Alexander Hartland, Ethan Bishop, Ranvir Singh, Jack Thompson, Will Parkinson-Witte

Brown: Jack Sheldon, Freddie Flavell, Blythe Bradshaw, Pamela Cox Bradshaw

Watson: Maisy Griffiths, Oliver Colton, Miles England, Sebastian Parkhouse, Jemima Gautier, George James, Jacob Williams

Silver Griffins:

Brelades: Lauren Chambers, Natasha Loumidis, Catherine Clews, Chloe Willis, Jocelyn Thompson

Brown: Grace Seedhouse, Eme Day, Amelia Grant-King, Paddy Butwell, Charlie Harding, Charlotte Ross, William Jones

Watson: Hermione Heath, Jaya Dosanjh, Ellen Cambridge

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

Seniors: Ferrari Catalano, Natasha Loumidis

Juniors: Charlotte Ross

HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Robyn Duke—Art

Imogen Newbery—Art

Grace Seedhouse—Art

Phoebe Johnston—Art

Freya Collinge—Art

Jason Hodnett—Art

SPORTS RESULTS

1st XI Football v Packwood

LOST 6—4

Colts A Football v Packwood

LOST 4—1

U9A Football v Packwood

WON 4—0

U9B Football v Packwood

WON 2—0

U13 Hockey v Yarlet

LOST 3—2

U11A Hockey v Yarlet

WON 4—0

U11B v Yarlet

DRAW 2—2

U9 Hockey v St Bede's

LOST 4—3

SPORTING THANK YOU

Congratulations to all pupils who have represented Birchfield School during the first half of term. There have been some magnificent performances and we are incredibly proud to see the improvements that have been made. In training and then in fixtures the standard of football and hockey has been very pleasing. We now look forward to the House events at the end of term to showcase these developments, especially at the younger end of the school. A special thank you to all Birchfield staff and parents who have given up their time and supported the children in their sporting pursuits.

Mr I Anderson

SAVE THE DATES—BOARDING

Wednesday, 8 November—Boys' Boarding (Sculpture)

Wednesday, 29 November—Girls' Boarding (Dance & Drama)

Boarding letters will be sent out regarding the two boarding evenings after half-term.

| WHAT'S ON AFTER HALF-TERM | | |
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| Date | Time | Event |
| Monday | 18:30 | Year 8 to meet Paul Reynolds - Hall |
| Tuesday | 18:30 | Year 7 to meet Paul Reynolds - Hall |
| Wednesday | 14:30 | 1st XI and Colts A Football v Prestfelde (h) |
| | 14:30 | U9 A and B Football v Prestfelde (a) |
| | 14:30 | U13 Hockey v Prestfelde (h) |
| | 14:30 | U9 Hockey v Yarlet (a) |
| | 15:00 | U11 and U10 Hockey v Moreton Hall (a) |
| | 18:30 | Year 6 to meet Paul Reynolds - Hall |
| Thursday | 18:30 | Year 6 Parents' Evening |
| | 18:30 | Year 5 to meet Paul Reynolds in IT Room |
| Friday | 11:00-17:30 | Shrewsbury School Choral Day |
| | 18:00 | Friends of Birchfield Bonfire Night |

Letters sent out this week:

Assessment Reports—Years 3 to 8

Shrewsbury School Choral Day—named pupils

IAPS National Finals letter—named pupils

Year 3 Assessment letter—Year 3

Teaching changes to Years 7 & 8 letter—Years 7 & 8

Sent by email:

Invitation to Year 6 Parent Evening

Invitation to Year 7 Academic Review Evening