

I am introducing a 'Thought for the Week' whereby every week we will have a thought or theme for the week. I will base my Monday assembly on this and it will be reinforced during the week in Form Tutor time and on other relevant occasions, as part of our PSHE programme.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Resilience
Resilire (Latin): to jump or leap back

This week we have been talking about resilience, in our assembly and lessons. This will form part of our Birchfield spiritual inner strength.

Floreat Birchfield!

Paul Reynolds

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Today in assembly we celebrated Remembrance Day; we remembered those who have fought and given their lives for the rest of us and our future. We were delighted that so many parents came and shared in our thoughts.

CAMERON SMITH

We are delighted to announce that Cameron Smith has been awarded a Sports Scholarship to Shrewsbury School and a Sport General Scholarship to Millfield School. He has also been recommended for a Sports Scholarship to Rugby School. Congratulations!

SHREWSBURY SCHOOL CHORAL DAY

Last Friday, a small group of Year 6 and 7 singers travelled to Shrewsbury School to participate in their annual Choral Day. We enjoyed a fantastic lunch and several vocal workshops before performing to an audience of parents. We sang songs from a range of different styles as part of a choir made up of over fifty Prep School children and it was wonderful to be part of such a large, rich sound. We also got to watch an inspirational lunchtime recital from some of Shrewsbury School's Music Scholars and we benefitted from the strong voices and part-singing expertise of the Chapel Choir. A lovely day was enjoyed by all.

YEAR 8 VISIT TO CARDING MILL VALLEY

On Monday, in glorious weather, Year 8 travelled to Carding Mill Valley, fondly known by the Victorians as 'Little Switzerland', to investigate river changes and to compile data of a valley site.

They learnt that the name of the valley took the name "Carding Mill Valley" after one of the stages in making cloth (carding); during the 18th Century carding mills flourished when the wool industry was at its height. The pupils also went on a walk and discovered some wonderful Victorian engineering; a reservoir and a pipeline. A delicious packed lunch and a hot chocolate/ice lolly completed a very enjoyable day. Now the hard work begins collating and formulating a scientific report.

WORKING OPEN MORNING

We had a good turnout for our Working Open Morning on Thursday with some very positive feedback. Many thanks to those parents who very kindly gave us permission to display our Open Day banners on their land.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Friends of Birchfield wish to thank everyone who came to the Family Bonfire & Fireworks Evening last Friday. We were so lucky with the weather and all in all it was a fantastic evening, particularly for the children who seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves! We raised just over £1,200 which is incredible so thank you again for your continued support.

THEMED BOARDING EVENING

On Wednesday boys from Years 6 & 7 boarded. After some free time and a wonderful supper they went to the Art Department to concentrate on their activity; sculpture was the chosen theme and Phyllida Barlow was the sculptress who was to be our inspiration. Having chosen words such as 'bulbous', 'squat' and 'overlap', we proceeded to represent them three-dimensionally. With only tape and string to hold our sculptures together, we had to think very carefully about the construction. We used lots of re-cycled materials and created large scale sculptures before painting them with spray paints. The results were stunning and we proudly showed them off in assembly. It was great fun too, so all in all we had a fantastic evening and after working so hard physically we all slept well—amazingly!

Ken Swift

HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Lauren Chambers—RS
Jason Hodnett—RS
Will Parkinson-Witte—Art
Fleur Jarvis—Art
Luca Marshall—Art
Charlotte Ross—Art
Charlie Harding—Art
Ellen Cambidge—Art

Arabella Barnshaw—RS
Tristan Garratt—History
Catherine Clews—Geography
Eme Day—English
Jenson Bridges—English
Isaac Ahmed—Geography
Arthur Squire—Art
Nathan Tierney—Literacy

Well done!

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Tom Ross - for following countryside code
Pamela Cox Bradshaw - for being a superb role model for Pre-Prep pupils
Grace Seedhouse - for being a superb role model for Pre-Prep pupils

SPORTS RESULTS

U10 Packwood Hockey Tournament

WON 2—0 v Packwood, WON 2—0 v
Shrewsbury High Prep, WON v Moreton 4—0
and DREW v Queens Chester 0—0. DREW v
Moor Park 1—1 (Lost on penalties)

U11 Girls' Hockey Festival - Shrewsbury
Skills Workshop; WON 1; DREW 1

U13 Hockey v Moreton Hall

LOST 9—1

U9 Hockey training v Prestfelde

U9A WON 6—1; U9B DREW 3—3

1st XI Football v Heathfield

WON 7—2

AMENDMENTS TO THE CALENDAR

Thursday, 16 November: Colts A Football v Moreton Hall (h) **NOW** starting at 3:35pm

Thursday, 16 November: Improvers Football v Moreton Hall (h) **NOW** starting at 3:35pm

GRIFFIN AWARDS

Bronze Griffins:

Brelades: Thomas Corbett, Gabriel Hartland, Arthur Squire

Brown: Suliaman Ahmad, Arabella Barnshaw

Watson: Jacob Williams, Jack Tomlinson, Barnaby Rhodes

Silver Griffins:

Brelades: Ranvir Singh

Brown: Pamela Cox-Bradshaw, Ferrari Catalano, Finlay Norton, Freddie Flavell

Watson: Sebastian Parkhouse

Gold Griffins:

Brelades: Georgia Halliwell-Paget, Natasha Loumidis, Lauren Chambers

Brown: Charlie Harding, Charlotte Ross, Paddy Butwell, Sri Hari Krishna

Watson: Freya Collinge

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

Seniors: Grace Seedhouse

Juniors: Charlotte Ross

PIN BADGES

Grace Seedhouse

IAPS NATIONAL FINALS AT KING'S COLLEGE, TAUNTON

The Birchfield Squad saw off some very strong competition in the Midlands Regionals to become Midlands Champions and represented our region in the National Finals last Sunday.

Birchfield started confidently, beating St Christopher's, Chigwell and Twyford and only succumbed to New Beacon. Birchfield's strong performance in the morning meant a finish at 3rd in their group and into the plate competition. In the afternoon, Birchfield faced their strongest challenge against much larger schools Millfield and Ludgrove, Prince William and Harry's old Prep School. These two teams overpowered Birchfield despite courageous play from every boy and strong support from the sideline giving them an overall 7th in the competition and a top 10 placing in the country.

Well done to all the boys!

ISFA MIDLANDS FOOTBALL TRIALS

Good luck to our seven boys who are attending ISFA Midlands Football trials this Sunday afternoon at Prestfelde School.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK		
Date	Time	Event
Monday		Thought for the week: Charity
	All day	Assessment Week (Years 3 to 8) <i>Monday to Thursday</i>
Wednesday	13:00	U13 Packwood Hockey Tournament (a)
	14:30	1st XI and Colts A Football v Shrewsbury High Prep (h)
	14:30	U9A & B Football v Yarlet (a)
	14:30	U11 and U10 Hockey training v Old Hall (h)
Thursday	14:30	U9 A and B Football v Shrewsbury High Prep (a)
	15:15	Colts A Football v Moreton Hall (h)
	15:15	Improvers Football v Moreton Hall (h)
	15:40	U13 Hockey v Tettenhall College (h)
Friday	All day	Non-uniform day raising money for Children in Need
	All day	PSHEE day
	10:00-15:00	Year 8 The Skills Show NEC

Letters sent out this week:

Parents Evening letter—Year 8
Clubs & Activities letter—all pupils
Extra Science Tuition letter— Year 8
Orchestra day at Wrekin letter—named pupils
Concert at Symphony Hall letter—named pupils
Reception Forest School letter—Reception
Letter re Mrs Petty—Pre-Prep
Exam Letters—Years 3 to 8
Boarding Letter—Year 6 Boys
Boarding Letter—Year 6 Girls