

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Kindness

Kindness: the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate

Latin: Beneficium

‘No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.’

(Aesop)

Floreat Birchfield!

Paul Reynolds

GIRLS' THEMED BOARDING EVENING

On Wednesday evening, the girls were introduced to ‘Trompos’ – a game from Mexico, which can only be described as a mixture of yoyo, Diablo and cat’s cradle – and is clearly set to become the new craze this term at Birchfield. We had the pleasure of welcoming Fatima, and Miguel who has held the title of World Champion for 20 years. They introduced the girls to the basic skills of Trompos and delighted us all with a fantastic display of spins, lifts and swings all of which had fantastic names such as ‘Lightning McQueen’ or ‘Helicopter’. The girls were given their very own Trompos to practise with and of course that became the whole focus of the evening.

The evening continued with some traditional Bhangra dancing, with the girls learning and performing a basic routine. They then moved on to rehearse and perform the play ‘The Curse of the Mummy’s Tomb’. A fabulous evening was had by all; however, it was the ‘Trompos’ that stole the show!

A selection of ‘Trompos’ toys are available to purchase from Mrs Johnston at break and lunchtimes; prices range from £2 - £6.

ORCHESTRA IN A DAY AT WREKIN COLLEGE

We travelled to Wrekin College to take part in a day of rehearsals and preparations, which culminating in a large orchestral concert alongside pupils from Wrekin, The Old Hall and St Winifred's, led by Mr Platford, Wrekin's Director of Music. Barnaby and Will lent their blowing power to the trumpet and saxophone sections, while Esther bowed away with the violins. After four hours of focused practice (and some tired lungs and sore fingers!), we were ready to perform. The concert was a triumph and included renditions of classics such as 'When the Saints' and 'Jingle Bells' paired with more contemporary pieces, for example, 'I Will Follow Him' from Sister Act. Old friendships were nurtured and new acquaintances forged. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all.

'SCROOICAL THE MUSICAL'

On Thursday afternoon the whole school was treated to ‘Scroogical the Musical’, a musical based on Charles Dickens’ ‘A Christmas Carol’. Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, Marley, amongst others, featured in this very clever adaptation of the novel. Audience participation had both the pupils and staff on their feet and a good time was had by all.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION

Thank you to everyone who brought in a decoration for the School Christmas tree. Every pupil was able to decorate the tree with the youngest and oldest pupils, Will Western and Orlando and Bertie Kenyon-Slaney, switching on the lights.

GRIFFIN AWARDS

Silver Griffins:

Brelades: Jack Thompson, Gabriella Marshall

Watson: Kitty Porter, Maisy Griffiths, Frankie Gautier, Jenson Bridges

Gold Griffins:

Brelades: Luca Marshall, Ellie Beddow, Ranvir Singh, Fleur Jarvis, Angelina Gatcha

Brown: Finlay Norton, Freddie Flavell, Eme Day

Watson: Jemima Gautier, Isabel Tierney, Freya Heath

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

Seniors: Amelia Grant-King, Isabel Tierney

Juniors: Fleur Jarvis

PIN BADGES

Will Parkinson-Witte, Georgia Halliwell-Paget

Harriet Sherwin, Sri Hari Krishna

Otilie Heath, Ellen Cambidge, Amar Gill, Freya Collinge

HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Freya Heath—Mathematics

Matilda Felton—Mathematics

Eme Day—Mathematics

Tristan Garratt—Mathematics

CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE TICKETS AND HAMPERS

Please remember to return raffle tickets and donations for the hampers as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE CHOIR PERFORMANCE TIMES

3:20pm Reception and Year 1

3:40pm Year 2

4:00pm Years 3 & 4

4:10pm Years 5, 6, 7 & 8

4:20pm Prep School Choir

Background music will be provided by Miss McGarry and Mr Thornton.

CAROL SERVICE AND END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

For those in Years 3 to 8 please return the form for the Carol Service and End of Term Arrangements no later than **Monday, 4 December**.

LAMDA

Please note that LAMDA lessons finished this week and there will be no lessons next week.

POPPY APPEAL

We are delighted to announce that £107.55 was raised for the Poppy Appeal.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK		
Date	Time	Event
Monday		Thought for the week: Tolerance
		Rugby Season starts for Years 2-5
Wednesday	14:30	Pre-Prep Christmas Performance - Hall
	14:30	1st XI and Colts A Football v Foremarke (a)
Thursday	08:40-09:00	Year 6 Class Assembly - parents are welcome to attend
	14:30	Pre-Prep Christmas Performance - Hall
	15:30	1st XI and Colts A Football v Tettenhall College (a)
	15:40	U13 Hockey v Tettenhall College (h)
Friday	15:15-17:30	Friends of Birchfield Christmas Fayre

INTER-HOUSE MATCHES (FOOTBALL & JUNIOR HOCKEY)

Inter-House Junior Football Inter-House Senior Football Inter-House Junior Hockey

1st	Watson	Watson	Brown
2nd	Brown	Brelades	Brelades
3rd	Brelades	Brown	Watson

Overall House Football Champions: Watson

U13 LACROSSE TRAINING WITH ST BEDE'S

Last Wednesday the Birchfield senior girls introduced St Bede's to the game of lacrosse. They warmed up with hungry hippos, and moved on to throwing and catching with pop sticks, and finally on to the lacrosse sticks. The session culminated in a mixed Birchfield/St Bede's relay race with St Bede's matron making up the numbers and thoroughly enjoying the session. The afternoon proved to be a great success with St Bede's looking to take on the game within their school.

Letters sent out this week:

Uniform questionnaire—all pupils
 Christmas Feast invitations—Years 3 to 8
 Music tuition letters—named pupils
 Athletics letter—Pre-Prep