

Happy  
New Year  
2018

# THE GRIFFIN



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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: New Challenges

I hope that you have enjoyed a very restful holiday with your family and friends. With the New Year of 2018 comes new challenges for us all, and I am confident that success and fulfilment lies ahead for our pupils at Birchfield. May I take this opportunity of wishing you a very prosperous and rewarding New Year.

Floreat Birchfield!

*Paul Reynolds*

## SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESSES

We have been delighted to receive the news of the following awards from Wrekin College.

### 13+

Luke Bahia	Sports Scholarship
George James	Sports Exhibition, Art Exhibition
Erin Mathieson	Pendle Award
Tom Ross	Academic Scholarship, Art Scholarship
Jack Sheldon	Academic Scholarship
Cameron Smith	Sports Scholarship

### 11+

William Jones	Sports Scholarship, Music Exhibition
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Congratulations to everyone.

## MUSIC EXAMINATION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following pupils for their music achievements:

NAME	SUBJECT	INSTRUMENT	RESULT
Catherine Clews	Grade 2	Piano	Pass
Barnaby Rhodes	Grade 1	B Flat Cornet	Pass
William Jones	Grade 3	Singing	Pass
Isabel Tierney	Grade 2	Singing	Pass
Catherine Clews	Grade 2	Singing	Distinction

## CAPTAINS OF SPORT

Congratulations to Cameron Smith and Erin Mathieson who have been appointed captains of Rugby and Netball respectively.

## PARENTS' FORUM

We are looking for volunteers to join the Parents' Forum. So far we have representatives for Reception and Year 1. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the School Office by phone 01902 372534 or by email [office@birchfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:office@birchfieldschool.co.uk).

### TERMLY CHARITY

Our termly charity this spring is Birmingham Children's Hospital.

### EPP SHROPSHIRE GIRLS' CRICKET

Congratulations to Esther Hurford who has been selected to play in the EPP Shropshire Girls' Cricket.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

The collection from the Christmas Carol Service raised £400 which was split evenly between St Mary's Church and Winston's Wish. Thank you for your generosity.

### PREP ROOM

A reminder to all parents that the Prep Room is available every day from 4:40pm until 6:00pm. The session is supervised by a member of the teaching staff and the purpose is for the children to have the opportunity to work on their prep. There is nothing more pleasing for a parent than a child returning home having completed their prep! The children are expected to work independently but the teacher is available for guidance and support if needed. If the prep is completed before collection, each child will be expected to sit quietly and read a book which they have with them. On Wednesday most pupils don't have prep set, so this is an opportunity to either catch up or read independently.

We appreciate there will be times when your child needs to go to the Prep Room at short notice, but in order for us to be more informed of potential numbers, we would be grateful if you could please complete the Collection Arrangement Letter sent out today. This will not be set in stone but will be used to provide an indication of possible numbers.

### RECEPTION/YEAR 1 FRENCH

We are excited to announce that this term sees the introduction of taster sessions for Reception and Year 1 children in French. Research shows the huge benefits of exposing children to another language during their early years. The children will be receiving 20 minutes every other week in small groups to give them a taste of another language and to pave the way for the formal introduction of French in Year 2. Mr Humpherson will be delivering the sessions.

### ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CALENDAR

**Monday, 22 January 3:30pm**—Mixed Senior House Hockey

**Wednesday, 24 January**—Friends of Birchfield Meeting

**Wednesday, 7 February 2:30pm** —U13 Boys' Hockey v Yarlet (*was Wednesday, 24 January*)

**Thursday, 8 March** (*times to follow*) - Shrewsbury School Fives event

### MALVERN COLLEGE COACHING WORKSHOP

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Malvern College to Birchfield to run sessions in both rugby and netball. Children in Years 5 to 8 thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to develop their skills and benefited from further expert coaching. Malvern College staff were immensely impressed with the ability and behaviour of the pupils. We look forward to welcoming Malvern College later in the term when they will be helping to run our U9 Sports Festival.

### NAMING OF UNIFORM AND GAMES KIT

In order that we may reduce the amount of lost property, please can you ensure that all articles of clothing and footwear are clearly named. All games kit should be name-taped on the outside of each item. Any un-named clothing/footwear will be named with a permanent marker by a member of staff.

### GAMES ATTENDANCE

If your child is off games his/her attendance is still required in school during sports' sessions. Depending on the nature of illness/injury, they will either help out on the field or work indoors. Matron should be advised of any reason which prevents playing sport so that she may complete her records accordingly.

### TEAM SHEETS

As from today all team sheets will now be displayed on the notice board by Mr Stevens' classroom.

<b>WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday		<b>Spring Term club timetable begins</b>
Tuesday	13:40	U9 Rugby v Tettenhall College (h)
Wednesday	14:30	1st XII and Colts A Rugby v Shrewsbury High Prep (h)
	14:30	U13 Netball v Yarlet (h)
	14:30	U8, U9, U10, U11 Netball v Packwood (a)
	16:45	Themed boarding evening - Years 6-8 boys
Friday	14:30	U9 A and B Rugby v Shrewsbury High Prep (a)

#### **Letters sent out this week:**

Letter re security/keypads—all pupils (by Clarion)

Letter re boarding—Years 6 to 8

Food Order forms—all pupils

Collection Arrangement Letter—Years 3 to 8

Letter re Weekend Fixtures —named pupils