

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – PREJUDICE

Prejudice: judgement in advance

Latin: Praejudicium

‘If people are informed, they will do the right thing. It’s when they are not informed that they become hostages to prejudice’.

Charlayne Hunter-Gault

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the new layout of the newsletter. Hope you like it!

NEW BIRCHFIELD SCHOOL WEBSITE

We promised to update you this week regarding progress on our new website. We are pleased to say we are at an advanced stage in the process of building the new site. The site map has already been completed and we are making rapid progress with the content and photography. If you have time, please have a look at some of the draft designs on the notice board to give you a flavour of the look of the new site. We will be in touch with you again with updates and a timeline for launch.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

The Friends of Birchfield would like to thank parents for their second-hand uniform donations for our shop; we always welcome any Birchfield clothing that has been outgrown or is no longer needed. Remember we also stock some new items such as socks and ties so that lost ones can be conveniently replaced!



RAF WORKSHOP – YEARS 1 & 2

The pupils worked in teams of three to complete the challenges given. To begin with they designed a rocket car that would travel the furthest distance. Within this project air was pressurised and used as a pushing force to shoot the cars across the hall floor. Secondly pupils had to design a safety harness for Sergeant Edgbert Yolk whose aircraft had failed. Pupils had to design, select and ‘pay’ for materials and then build their constructions within their teams of three. Pupils successfully managed to save Sergeant Edgbert during most of his attempts to land safely; we had a minute’s silence for the 5 who tragically did not survive the fall from the Art Department window! Thank you to all of the staff from RAF Cosford who helped ignite Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical thinking within our pupils.



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ENTERPRISE CLUB DONATIONS

This term's Enterprisers are eagerly awaiting donations of your unwanted Christmas gifts which will be used to stock March's pop up shop and will reappear in the guise of Mother's and Father's Day gifts! Please drop donations into the boarders' sitting room throughout February. Thank you so much for your support.

THEMED BOARDING EVENING – GIRLS

After a lovely evening meal the girls went to the Design Department to work with clay, a messy job indeed. Having been introduced to slab building, pinch pots and coil building they set about the task of making their pottery. One of the highlights was getting to work on the potter's wheel to throw clay to create a pot, vase or bowl. It was considerably harder than it looked and there were some disasters. However, they persevered and managed to have lots of success.

After a delicious evening meal the girls went to bed but were not able to get much sleep as the moon was so bright; they claimed it kept them awake! Roll on for the next exciting boarding evening.

COMBINATION LOCKS

Combination locks have been fitted at strategic points around the School. They will be activated after half term.

GRIFFIN AWARDS

Bronze Griffins:

Brown: Luke Sheldon

Gold Griffins:

Watson: Maisy Griffiths

PIN BADGES

Erin Mathieson, Libby Ross, Lexi Day, Matilda Felton, Jason Hodnett

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

Seniors: Tristan Garratt, Grace Seedhouse

Juniors: Freddie Flavell

HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Lexi Day - English
Angelina Gatcha – English
Hermione Heath - English
George James - Art
Ed Pass – Art
Libby Ross - English
Joss Thompson – English
Chloe Willis – English

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Tristan Garratt – leadership qualities on the sports field.

Freya Heath – Exemplary manners and conduct around the School.

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SENIOR BOYS' TRIP TO WATCH WORCESTER WARRIORS V EXETER CHIEFS

We arrived at the stadium and were treated to outrageous prices in the shop. We were quickly moved to our seats to prepare to become Honour Guards; we were paired up and we were each given a flag and were cheered on as we walked around the pitch, and then stood in two lines and waved the players through! We were ushered off the pitch to watch and by half time Exeter were winning. We got our pizzas and ate them, but seconds after sitting down a ball was kicked toward us. We hung our heads as it went up over us but we were thrown the ball back down to us! After a few minutes we were told we had to throw the ball back by Mr Anderson and we reluctantly did so. The final score was 21-31 to Worcester Warriors. Thank you to Mr Anderson, Mr Reynolds, Mr Denver and Mr Howells for taking us.

Ollie Thompson (Year 8)

U13 BOYS AND U11 BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY AT BEDSTONE COLLEGE

On Wednesday the U13 Boys and U11 Boys and Girls took part in the ISA Cross Country Competition held at Bedstone College. The course was exciting as it included a challenging terrain with lots of mud and jumping over streams. There were some excellent performances from Cameron Smith, Lexi Day, Ollie Colton, Catherine Clews, Jacob Ahmed, Jacob Williams and William Western. Well done to everyone who represented Birchfield.

SPORTS RESULTS

U11/U10 Improvers Rugby v Old Hall
CANCELLED

U13 Netball v Prestfelde
LOST

U11A Netball v Prestfelde
LOST

U11B Netball v Prestfelde
LOST

1ST XII Rugby v Tettenhall College
DREW 4 - 4

Colts A Rugby v Tettenhall College
LOST 12 - 8



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK		
Date	Time	Event
05/02/2018		Pre-Prep Parents' Evenings - all week
		Learning Walk Week
06/02/2018		Pre-Prep History Day - 'People of the Past'
	19:00	Parents' Forum
07/02/2018	14:30	U13 Boys' Hockey v Yarlet (a)
	14:30	Colts A Rugby v Hallfield (h)
	14:30	U13 Netball v Yarlet (a)
	14:30	U10 and U11 Netball v St Bede's (h)
	14:30	U8 Hi-5 Netball v Packwood (a)
08/02/2018		ISA U13 Netball Festival at Malvern St James (a)
09/02/2018	13:30	Pre-Prep Cross Country
	14:45	House Cross Country

LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK:

Reading and Spelling Assessment letter – Years 3 to 8
 Current Reporting Procedures letter - Rec to Year 2
 Boarding letter – Years 7 & 8
 Study Skills for Birchfield pupils – Years 6, 7 & 8
 Friends of Birchfield Newsletter – all pupils
 Friends of Birchfield Cook Book letter – all pupils
 WASPS Netball letter – Years 6, 7 & 8 girls
 Invitation to Grandparents' Assembly – Years 2 to 8

BY CLARION

Results of Uniform Questionnaire – all pupils

Floreat Birchfield!

Paul Reynolds

ADDITIONAL DATE FOR THE CALENDAR – PRE- PREP

Thursday, 1 March – Farm, Lambing and Reservoir Day

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY ARRANGEMENTS

Pre-Prep

13:45 - Year 2
 13:55 - Year 1
 14:00 - Reception
 14:10 - Refreshments (Gallery)
 14:30 - Presentation (Hall)
 15:00 - Check out

(Pre-Prep parents are invited to watch the House Prep School Cross Country)

Prep School

15:05 - Years 7 & 8
 15:10 - Years 3 & 4
 15:20 - Years 5 & 6
 15:40 - Refreshments (Gallery)
 16:10 - Presentation (Hall)
 16:30 - Check out

TEAM SHEETS

Following safeguarding advice your child's name will now be identified on the team sheets by their initials, rather than full names.

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