

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance: continued steady belief or efforts, withstanding discouragement or difficulty.

Latin: Perseverantia

‘Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance.’

Samuel Johnson

FURTHER SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESSES

We are delighted to report that Luke Bahia has been awarded a Sports Scholarship to Repton and Edward Pass an Art Scholarship to Repton. Congratulations!

PRE-PREP HISTORY DAY – PEOPLE OF THE PAST

Pre-Prep was transported back to the past during our ‘People of the Past’ day on Tuesday. The array of outfits was spectacular and the children entered into the spirit of the day with great enthusiasm. The pupils were welcomed into each teacher’s classroom during a day of round robin activities.

The reception was a little frosty in Year 2 which had been transformed into a Victorian School. Children enjoyed using slate and chalk but were a little tentative with the discipline approach; although the staff quite enjoyed it the children were ready to get back to our usual 2018 Pre-Prep approach!

Year 1 learnt about historic explorers, including Charles Darwin, who went to South America on the HMS Beagle. The journey was turbulent but when they arrived they discovered a variety of finches and the Galapagos tortoise. To cement what they had learnt the pupils made map scrolls and tortoises out of clay.

In Reception the pupils were welcomed into the world of Kings and Queens, where the children were fascinated to learn about the Royal family tree. The class looked at the Royal Coat of Arms and then enjoyed designing their own coat of arms based on their own family, interests and personalities.





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SPOKEN ENGLISH FINALISTS

There was fierce competition in the Spoken English heats this year and it was fantastic to see the range of poems and the effort that went into preparing them. It was not easy choosing the finalists, but congratulations to them and to all who took part; you should be very proud of your achievements.

The finals will be held on Thursday, 15 February from 3:00pm - 4:30pm in the Hall and will be judged by Kate Campbell who is the Head of English at Repton. Parents are welcome to attend.

Finalists 2018

Year 2

Niamh Wordley and Annabelle Heaton
Arnav Agarwal
Freya Johnston
Jonathan Gatcha

Year 3

Will Parkinson-Witte & Charlie Harding
Fleur Jarvis
Otilie Heath
Harriet Sherwin

Year 4

Freddie Flavell
Freya Collinge
Sebastian Parkhouse
Phoebe Johnston and Imogen Newbery

Year 5

Isabel Tierney
Amelia Grant-King
Jocelyn Thompson
Gabriella Marshall and Frankie Gautier

Year 6

Jacob Williams and Thomas Corbett
William Jones

Year 7

Grace Seedhouse and Esther Hurford
Major Evans

Year 8

Hermione Heath and Erin Mathieson
Ollie Thompson and Alexander Hartland
Tom Ross
Edward Pass and Jack Sheldon

MONITORS

Congratulations to the following Year 8 pupils who have been appointed as Monitors:-

Luke Bahia	Sports
Cameron Smith	Sports
Arthur Squire	Sports
Tom Ross	Science
Will Western	D T
Ferrari Catalano	Pre-Prep

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HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Paddy Butwell – Maths
Isabel Tierney – English
Maisy Griffiths – English

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

Seniors: Lexi Day, Jaya Dosanjh
Juniors: Rory Corbett

PIN BADGES

Arthur Squire, Angelina Gatcha, Pamela Cox Bradshaw,
William Jones, Darcey Spear, Kitty Porter

SPRING IS IN THE AIR AT BIRCHFIELD!

Bulbs are blooming at Birchfield and much new spring planting has started to transform our public areas. Take a moment to look at our smart re-planted pots which are all themed in Birchfield colours - bottle green, white and gold, and our new alpine gravel beds near the gate which should grow and spill over the wall in the summer months. As our beds and pots are transformed, may we politely request that you ensure your children do not jump over the wall by the French room as our young plants may be crushed. Watch out for numerous gold blooms as the sun comes out!

SENIOR GIRLS' TRIP TO WASPS NETBALL SATURDAY, 10 FEBRUARY

The girls will now be leaving school at 3:30pm and not 4:00pm as previously stated; the team has been selected to be guards of honour.

SPORTS RESULTS

U13 Boys' Hockey v Yarlet

CANCELLED

Colts A Rugby v Hallfield

LOST 12 - 6

U13 Netball v Yarlet

CANCELLED

U10s Netball v St Bede's

7-a-side WON

U8 Hi-5 Netball v Packwood

WON 3; LOST 1

ISA U13 Netball Festival at Malvern St James

CANCELLED

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON LINE

I would like to draw parents' attention to the following publication '*Advice for parents - what to do if your child sees something upsetting online*' written by the UK Safer Internet Centre. It gives invaluable advice on what parents can do to help keep their children safe online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-parents-what-do-if-your-child-sees-something-upsetting-online>

GUITAR LESSONS

Please note that there will be no guitar lessons with Mrs Finlan next week or the week following half term. Guitar lessons resume on Wednesday, 7 March.

STAFF V PARENTS' NETBALL

Friday, 23 March at 5:00pm

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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK		
Date	Time	Event
13/02/2018	10:00-12:30	Working Open Morning
	14:30	Invitational Cross Country
14/02/2018	14:30	1st XII and Colts A Rugby v Prestfelde (a)
	14:30	U9 A and B Rugby v Prestfelde (h)
	14:30	U9 and U13 Netball v Yarlet (a)
		U10 Wrekin College Netball Tournament
15/02/2018	15:00-16:30	Final - Spoken English Competition in Hall - parents welcome
16/02/2018	08:40	Grandparents' Assembly
	09:00-13:45	Pre-Prep Cadbury World Trip

LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK:

Whittingham Dance Flyers – Reception to Year 6
Birchfield Record – all pupils
Open Day letter invitations – Year 2
Study Skills for Birchfield pupils letter – Years 3 to 5
Open Morning letters – Years 3 to 8
Life Skills for Birchfield pupils letter – Years 3 & 4
Easter Holiday Clubs letter – all pupils
Breakfast Club letter – Years 2 to 8
Life Skills for Birchfield pupils letter – Years 5 to 8
Friends of Birchfield – BBC Tour letter – Years 7 & 8
Cadbury World letter – Pre-Prep
Boarding Update letter – all pupils
Calculator letter – Years 7 & 8
Calculator letter – Year 6
Boarding letter – Years 7 & 8
GLS Assessment letter – Years 2 to 7
Reports – Pre-Prep
Exam Timetable – Year 8
Handwriting Support letter – Year 4

Floreat Birchfield!

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