

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sport Relief: 5MD gave a very inspiring assembly on Thursday letting us know about the various projects that Sport Relief raises money for. Today we had a Non-Uniform Day raising money for Sport Relief and it was lovely to see so many colourful and varied costumes.

## FURTHER SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESSES

We are delighted to report that Tom Ross has been awarded an Art Scholarship to Shrewsbury School. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Fynn Gautier who has been successful in gaining a C B Fry Award to Repton.

## OPEN DAY – SATURDAY, 10 MARCH

The Open Day on Saturday was well attended with prospectives for not only Autumn 2018, but possibly Summer 2018.

Thank you to all those parents who gave permission to display our banners on their property.

A reminder too, that our next Open Day is on Saturday, 28 April, the first Saturday of the Summer Term. A date for your diary!

## YEAR 2 VISIT TO NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE IN LEICESTER

A prompt 8:30am departure (thank you parents) saw us on our way to explore the National Space Centre in Leicester. Excitement levels were high and we were not disappointed. On arrival we were greeted by the impressive sight of the iconic Rocket Tower. Upon entering the building pupils came face to face with astronauts, spacesuits and the journey into space. In addition to this they explored the universe, the planets and orbited earth all before lunch!

After lunch we made our ascent, leaving earth and learning all about the Space Race between Russia and America before finally landing on the moon! We knew we could conquer more, so we then visited the impressive planetarium where we explored constellations and completed our visit with an hour long workshop exploring the earth, moon and sun.

One quite exhaustive trip for staff, one giant leap in knowledge for all pupils! A sincere thank you to Mrs Statham, Mr Humpherson and Mrs Churchill for supporting the visit and enabling it to go ahead.

*Mrs Cambridge*



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## HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Elizabeth Short – Amazing writing  
Nathan Tierney – Maths  
George Rudd – Super sentences  
Arnav Agarwal – Super sentences  
Luke Sheldon – Maths (algebra)  
Pamela Cox-Bradshaw – RS  
William Jones – RS  
Esther Hurford – RS  
Robyn Duke – History  
Charlotte Ross - Geography

## GRIFFIN AWARDS

### Bronze Griffins:

Watson: Cameron Smith

### Silver Griffins:

Brelades: Gabriel Hartland

### Gold Griffins:

Brelades: Ethan Bishop  
Watson: Luke Bahia

## TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

**Senior:** Esther Hurford

**Junior:** Freya Collinge

## PIN BADGES

Major Evans, Isaac Ahmed, Harry Spear, Oliver Colton,  
Hermione Heath, Jacob Williams

## CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

George James – Exemplary manners and conduct

## QUIZ CLUB AREA HEATS – MONDAY, 19 MARCH, 10:00am to 11:00am

We are delighted to be hosting an Area heat of the National Key Stage 2 General Knowledge School Quiz Championship 2017/2018. Parents are very welcome to attend. Good luck to the pupils who have been chosen to represent Birchfield against a number of local teams:

### A Team

Gabriel Hartland  
Jacob Ahmed  
Sebastian Parkhouse  
Ellen Cambridge

### B Team

William Jones  
Arabella Barnshaw  
Sri Hari Krishna  
Charlie Harding

## MATHLETICS – WORLD MATHS DAY

I am delighted to report that there was a mathematical buzz in the air last week as the pupils across the school competed in live Maths challenges against students from all over the world as part of 'World Maths Day'. As you can imagine, with thousands of schools taking part, there are no official rankings as yet. However, I can confirm, as a school we attempted 24,077 questions, getting 22,136 correct.

I am pleased to announce the top scorers at Birchfield were Nathan Tierney, William Jones, Harry Spear, Luke Sheldon and Esther Hurford. Huge congratulations go to everyone who took part and for the extra hours pupils put in at home too.

## KIDZANIA TRIP – FRIENDS OF BIRCHFIELD

The Friends are accepting forms for the Kidzania Trip until Monday at the very latest, at which point final numbers will be confirmed.

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## EASTER TENNIS CAMP

Birchfield School has been working on a fantastic Summer Term tennis coaching programme with Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club (WLTSC) which will be announced in the next two weeks. Sam Wicks, an LTA Level 3 coach and coincidentally an ex-Birchfield boy will be visiting school on a regular basis and inspiring as many pupils and parents as possible to take up and improve their tennis. Sam is running his first four day Easter tennis camp Tuesday, 3 to Friday, 6 April, 9:00am to 3:00pm at school, and would love to see Birchfield pupils and their friends! All abilities welcome: £20 per day or £70 for the week. Sign up at the School Office for a dynamic and fun week.

## YEAR 7 & 8 GIRLS' BOARDING – SUMMER TERM

This is a last call for Year 7 and 8 girls to register for Summer Term boarding on alternate weeks, Monday and Tuesday evenings. Please contact the school office by close of play on Monday to allow us to analyse numbers and plan for next term.

## TERM DATES

Up-to-date term dates up until Summer 2019 are now available on the School website.

## RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 VISIT TO DUDLEY ZOO AND CASTLE

Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic day out to Dudley Castle and Zoo. They experienced a very informative Horrible History workshop which took place in the oldest part of the castle which was over 800 years old. The children had a very practical insight into what it was like to live in a castle. They absolutely loved hearing about the gruesome details - certainly not for the faint hearted. Thank goodness for modernisation! We had a full make believe court hearing where unfortunately amongst many of the trials, Lord Nathan found Elizabeth of Dudley guilty and was banned from Dudley market for a whole year. Chester of Dudley was also trialled for frequenting public houses with numerous witnesses, whose punishment was to wear the drunkard's cloak! Joshua of Dudley was trialled for stealing bread from Summer of Dudley's market stall, and to top it all off, Heather of Dudley was trialled for the possibility of being a witch! Some serious goings on at Dudley Castle with a very harsh judging panel from Lord Nathan and Lady Lara. Great fun was had by all!

The children also enjoyed walking through the bird enclosure where they each had a pot of food nectar to feed the birds.

A walk around the zoo finished our day off perfectly. The children were wonderfully behaved and were an absolute delight to take out, with some lovely comments made by the staff about the children's impeccable behaviour and smart appearance.

Well done, Reception and Year 1!

*Mrs Grant-King*



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## SPORTS RESULTS

### **U13 Netball v Stafford Prep**

CANCELLED

### **U13 and U11 Shrewsbury High Prep Cross Country**

Cameron Smith 1st in U13 boys

Lexi Day 3rd in U11 girls

### **U10 Packwood Netball Tournament**

WON 1; DREW 1; LOST 1

OVERALL: 3<sup>rd</sup> in our group

### **1<sup>st</sup> XII Rugby v Tettenhall College**

WON 12 - 3

### **Colts A Rugby v Tettenhall College**

LOST 9 - 7

## BIRCHFIELD U9 RUGBY & NETBALL SPORTS FESTIVAL

8 schools took part in the U9 Rugby and Netball Sports Festival held at Birchfield. This was a fabulous afternoon enjoyed by everyone who took part.

## ADDITIONAL FIXTURES

Wednesday, 21 March – U9A & B Rugby v Prestfelde

Wednesday, 21 March – U13 & U11 A/B v Old Vicarage School (h) at 3:00pm

## CANCELLED FIXTURE

Monday, 19 March - U11A and U11B Netball v The Royal School (a)

## AMENDED FIXTURE

Thursday, 22 March - U9A and B Rugby v Ellesmere College is now at home (not away) and will start at 2:30pm.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

All pupils should come back next term in summer uniform:

Girls: summer dress, white ankle socks, and senior girls may wear short sleeved white blouses. All white kit for sport (no green and gold).

Boys: short grey socks, short sleeved grey shirts. Cricket kit for Year 2 upwards.

ALL pupils must have a BIRCHFIELD sun hat from the start of term, which must be in school every day: either legionnaire style (compulsory for Pre-Prep), wide-brimmed cricket hat or baseball cap. They must be 'uniform' hats please. They are used for break times and sport.

All pupils need Birchfield black swimming trunks/Birchfield green costume (from School Shop), towel with loop. Swimming hats and goggles are optional.

Please could you make sure all items of uniform are clearly named - sports kit should have name tapes on the outside.

## STAFF v PARENTS' NETBALL

Parents are invited to sign on the list on the Office Notice Board for the Staff and Parents' Netball match on Friday, 23 March at 5:00pm.

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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK		
Date	Time	Event
19/03/2018	10:00-11:00	Quiz Club: General Knowledge Regional Heats - Years 3-6
	18:30-20:30	Year 8 Mock Exam Review Evening
20/03/2018	13:00	ISA U9 Tag Rugby at Stafford Grammar School (a)
21/03/2018	14:00	U11A & B Netball v Old Hall (h)
	14:30	1st XII and Colts A Rugby v Lucton (h)
	14:30	U9A & B Rugby v Prestfelde (h)
	15:00	U13 & U11 A/B v Old Vicarage School (h)
	16:45	Themed boarding evening - Years 6-8 Girls - Baking & Dance
22/03/2018	14:30	U9A and B Rugby v Ellesmere College (h)
	14:45	Colts A Rugby v Ellesmere College (h)
23/03/2018	17:00	Staff v Parents Netball

**Letters sent out this week:**

Letter from Mrs Petty – Pre-Prep  
 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football Trip to Walsall Football Club – Years 7 & 8 boys  
 Boarding letter – Years 7 & 8 girls  
 Open Day letter – Years 3 to 8 (sent by clarion)  
 Uniform letter – all pupils

Floreat Birchfield!  
 Paul Reynolds

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