

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Devotion: great love or loyalty.

Latin: Studium

‘Devotion complete culminates in knowledge supreme.’
(*Ramana Maharshi*)

THEMED BOARDING NIGHT – COOKERY AND DANCE

On Wednesday, 21 March, Years 6, 7 8 and girls went boarding. After unpacking our bags and claiming our beds we headed over to make our delicious pizzas, and to decorate our cakes. Once we had finished our pizza and pudding it was time to do our activities. We had to make up a dance routine and we performed it to Mr Reynolds. After a comforting warm drink of hot chocolate we headed up to bed and had our showers and were ready for bed. The next morning we had a wonderful sausage sandwich. That certainly woke us up! Thank you to Mrs Jones, Miss Young and Suzanne.

Catherine Clews (Year 6)

SENIOR SCHOOLS’ PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

On Tuesday 13 March we welcomed many Senior School representatives to the event. They thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and were grateful to have the opportunity to see Birchfield and meet so many parents. It was an excellent opportunity to see so many schools in one place and at one time! Thank you to everyone who supported the event. Thank you to all the pupils who acted as ambassadors; their behaviour and manners were excellent.

QUIZ CLUB AREA HEATS

The Area Heats on Monday, 19 March were well attended, despite the snowy conditions, and closely fought. The atmosphere inside the School Hall was warm and electric, more than compensating for the adverse weather. A total of 9 teams from Birchfield and local schools competed for a much coveted place in the semi-finals. Despite strong and determined opposition, Birchfield’s A team emerged victorious, convincingly making it through, by a margin of 205 points, to the semi-finals of the National Keystage 2 General Knowledge Inter-School Quiz Championships 2018, to be held on 27 April in Nottingham. Birchfield’s B team fared less well but deserve commendation for their perseverance and sterling effort. Many congratulations to all who took part. It was a fun and educational event for all.

A Team

Gabriel
Jacob
Sebastian
Ellen

B Team

William
Arabella
Sri
Charlie





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HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Grace Seedhouse – Maths
Natasha Loumidis – English
Major Evans – Maths
Harry Spear – Geography
Luke Sheldon - Geography

GRIFFIN AWARDS

Silver Griffins:

Brelades: Alexander Hartland

Gold Griffins:

Brown: Tom Ross
Watson: Jenson Bridges

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

Senior: Tristan Garratt
Junior: Jemima Gautier

PIN BADGES

Catherine Clews, Tristan Garratt, Rory Corbett,
Georgia Halliwell-Paget, Will Parkinson-Witte,
Phoebe Johnston, Louis Mulrone, y,
Tom Ross, Grace Seedhouse, Robyn Duke,
Jemima Gautier, Imogen Newbery

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Hermione and Freya Heath for exemplary manners and
conduct during the Cook Book photo shoot.

MOTHER'S DAY CAKE SALE

The Mother's Day Cake Sale was a great success.

EXTRA STUDY SKILLS SESSION – LEARNING STYLES

Any Years 6, 7 and 8 pupils who cannot attend the first Study Skills session (Learning Styles) on Monday, 26 March at 4.40pm, now have a second chance to attend this session during the school day. Attending this foundation session will open up the remainder of the programme, which can be signed up for outside the school office.

Mrs Pass will run a shortened Learning Styles summary session on Tuesday, 27 March between 12.45 - 1.15pm in the French Room. All attending pupils will have their lunch at 12.20pm to allow the time to attend. Please let the office know if your child wishes to sign up for this extra session.

LEADERS' EXPERIENCE - 16 & 17 MARCH

On Friday Years 7 and 8 pupils embarked on an overnight stay to nearby Kingswood, Codsall. Their first task was the Nightline. Darkness was imitated with a blindfold and the objective was to lead the whole group of twenty two people to the end of an obstacle course. However, the pupils soon realised that this was not as easy as they thought it was going to be. With the loss of sight their other senses took over. Every slip or touch of a branch made them scream, and soon the communication broke down. This resulted in the group breaking up and lots of slipping over . . . and mud . . . yes, lots of mud.

In the evening they created robots and had to pitch their design to the Dragons. Some were very interesting and innovative. After a good night's rest the pupils took part in caving and an obstacle course. They coped very well in each of the activities; especially as the Beast from the East Two was starting to take hold. Conditions were very cold and windy. Despite this a lot of fun was had and the pupils' conduct was exemplary throughout the whole stay.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS – NEW CLUBS FOR BIRCHFIELD PARENTS!

We are delighted to announce that sports tuition at Birchfield is no longer just for pupils! Starting in the Summer Term are 3 brand new tennis coaching courses aimed directly at parents and Birchfield families, utilising our own courts. Sessions will be run by WLTS and are aimed at getting as many of our parents as possible keeping fit, playing sport and making friends, all at very low prices due to a community tennis LTA subsidy.

Monday 4pm - 4.40pm – **Drills and Thrills** – Intermediate Adults – 2 free trial sessions on offer plus 6 week course

Monday 4.45pm – 5.45pm – **Parents and Pupils Family Tennis** session – All Abilities – Starts 4 June – 5 week course

Friday 8.45am – 10.15am – **Learn to Play Tennis** - Beginner Adults – 2 free trial sessions on offer plus 6 week course

Sessions are specially timed for parents at drop off and pick up to be convenient, and you can find all the details on the Clubs and Activities list which will be published next week.

Tennis is a fun, social game which provides challenge and enhances fitness, so why not get together with your friends at Birchfield and learn or develop tennis skills on our very own courts this summer. Free trials are in place so you can try before you buy!

FUND RAISING AT BIRCHFIELD

This term the School has been raising funds for The Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Year 7s spent a whole Tuesday afternoon honing their culinary skills by baking a variety of cookies. These ranged from triple chocolate, cherry and fudge to shortcake and stem ginger. These were then sold to the whole School in their morning break. The Years 7 organised this event as part of their Birchfield Award, and raised £120.20.

Open Lunch events have raised a further £18.20. Last week we held a non-uniform day dressing up as our favourite book characters raising £148. This week children have been carrying out a variety of skills in aid of Sport Relief.

Next term our focus will be on Walking for the Wounded. This is to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. The charity focuses on supporting vulnerable veterans from the Armed Services settling back into society. The aim is to rehabilitate individuals and introduce them to various paths of employment. Year 7 and 8 are in the process of organising the next fundraising event for this worthy cause.

Mrs Ackerley

A REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Please can you **check your child/children's head regularly for head lice** and treat appropriately. I have a limited supply of DVDs on Detection and Treatment of Head Lice and there is a copy of the Health Protection Agency's information on Head Lice in Pre-Prep and the Reception area. Extra copies of which can be obtained from me. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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SPORTS RESULTS

ISA U9 Tag Rugby at Stafford Grammar School

CANCELLED

U11A Netball v Old Hall

LOST

U11B Netball v Old Hall

LOST

1st XII Rugby v Lucton

WON

Colts A Rugby v Lucton

WON

U9A Rugby v Prestfelde

WON

U9B Rugby v Prestfelde

WON

U13 Netball v Old Vicarage School

WON

U11 A/B Netball v Old Vicarage School

WON

U9A Rugby v Ellesmere College

WON

Colts A Rugby v Ellesmere College

LOST

COLOURS

Congratulations to Cameron Smith on being awarded Double Colours for rugby, and George James, Jack Sheldon and Ed Pass on being awarded Colours for rugby.

Congratulations to Lauren Chambers on being awarded Double Colours for netball and Grace Seedhouse on being awarded Colours for netball.

BIRCHFIELD OSCAS AWARDS

| <u>Rugby</u> | <u>Netball</u> | <u>Cross Country</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Ollie Thompson | Ferrari Catalano | Jason Hodnett |
| Fynn Gautier | Esther Hurford | Oliver Colton |
| Tom Ross | Catherine Clews | Jacob Ahmed |
| Arthur Squire | Libby Ross | Ethan Bishop |
| Luke Sheldon | Frankie Gautier | Jenson Bridges |
| Harry Spear | Gabriella Marshall | Phoebe Johnston |
| Jacob Williams | Lexi Day | William Western |
| Tristan Garratt | Eme Day | Cameron Smith |
| Will Jones | Natasha Loumidis | |
| Thomas Corbett | | |

HOUSE RUGBY AND NETBALL

Parents are welcome to support the rugby and netball House matches on Wednesday, 28 March which are scheduled at the following times:

RUGBY

2:30pm Brelades v Brown
2:55pm Brelades v Watson
3:20pm Brown v Watson

NETBALL

2:30pm Brelades v Watson
2:55pm Brown v Watson
3:20pm Brown v Brelades

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| WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK | | |
|---------------------|-------------|--|
| Date | Time | Event |
| 26/03/2018 | | Clubs and activities as normal - all week (except Junior & Senior Fencing) |
| | 15:00-16:30 | Team Photos |
| | 16:45-17:45 | Study Skills Module - Learning Styles. Alison Pass |
| 27/03/2018 | 12:45-13:15 | Extra Study Skills Session - Learning Skills - with Alison Pass. In the French Room. |
| | 13:45 | Year 2 and 3 Rugby and Netball Event |
| | 18:00 | Year 5-6 play – ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’ - Hall |
| 28/03/2018 | All day | Pre-Prep 'Eggstravaganza!' Themed Day |
| | 08:40 | Pre-Prep Easter Assembly |
| | 14:30 | House Rugby and Netball |
| 29/03/2018 | 08:40 | Whole School Assembly |
| | 14:30-16:15 | House Music Final - Parents welcome |
| | 15:15 | Term ends for Reception and Year 1 |
| | 16:40 | Term Ends for Years 2-8 |

Letters sent out this week:

Drama Workshop at Shrewsbury School – Year 7
 Summer Term Breakfast Club – Years 2 to 8
 LAMDA Exam Letter – named pupils
 Play Letter – Years 3 & 4
 Football Trip to Walsall Club – Boys in Years 5 & 6

Floreat Birchfield!
 Paul Reynolds

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