

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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Opportunities: good chances to do a particular thing.

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‘Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday’s success or put its failures behind and start all over again.’

(Bob Feller)

NEW BURSAR AND NEW PUPILS

A very warm Birchfield welcome to our new Bursar, Mr Peter Neale and starters:

Mae McConnachie (4LY), Finley Wild (3HJ), Lucy McConnachie (1RP) and Heidi Wild (1RP).

We are delighted to have them with us and look forward to helping them settle in quickly and enjoying our special Birchfield community.

FENCING SUCCESS

On Sunday, 22 April Libby Ross and George Rudd competed in the Warwick Age Group Épée at Warwick School. Both Libby and George excelled in the U10 Girls and U10 Boys respectively – they both came first! Congratulations!



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Luke Bahia and Cameron Smith who represented the Midlands ISFA Football Squad at Shrewsbury School over the Easter holidays. The team played outstandingly well, winning all but one of their fixtures.

Congratulations to Luke who was then selected to represent the Independent Schools Football Association for the National U14 representative side at Oakham School in a 3 day tournament at the end of term. This is a tremendous accolade; in previous tournaments teams have competed against Manchester City, England, Real Madrid and Celtic.



OPEN DAY

This Saturday, 28 April is Open Day. As you know this is considered a sacrosanct day in the Birchfield calendar and we ask all pupils to be in attendance and smartly dressed from 9:45am to 12:30pm. We are delighted to have Sarah Morris joining us for the morning and she is very much looking forward to meeting current and prospective parents. Please feel free to join us in The Gallery and Drawing Room for tea and cake at your leisure.

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SPORT NOTICES

This term's sports coaches are as follows:

- 1st XI Cricket – Mr Anderson
- U13 Rounders – Mrs Jones
- U11A Cricket – Mr Swift
- U11B Cricket – Mr Denver
- U11 Rounders – Mrs Ackerley and Miss Wood

Cricket and Storing of Cricket Equipment

Years 7 and 8 pupils will be able to store cricket bags in the School Pavilion. Years 3 to 6 can leave their bags in the changing rooms. ALL CRICKET AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT **MUST** be taken home on a Friday and **NOT** left in school over the weekend.

Swimming Pool

We are excited to utilise the swimming pool this term. In readiness of better weather the pupils will be covering athletics in preparation for Sports Day. We will therefore inform you via the newsletter the week before swimming commences.

Collection of pupils following a fixture

If you wish to collect your child on a Wednesday afternoon following a fixture please email the School Office (office@birchfieldschool.co.uk) and advise the member of staff in charge prior to the fixture.

Water Bottles

At sporting fixture events School water bottles will be used. Personal water bottles must be left in the changing rooms.

OUTWARD BOUND AT CONDOVER HALL

On Monday Year 6 made their way to Condover Hall where they participated in a series of indoor and outdoor adventure activities.

Over the 3 days they built and road tested a buggy, climbed and abseiled a ten metre high wall, traversed along a series of high ropes, played archery tag and carried out a series of initiative exercises.



BLOOMING BIRCHFIELD

Over the next few weeks, Birchfield will once again be blooming with white, gold and green planting with all floral displays being refreshed with new summer flowers. Our planting is smart and cheerful and reflects the spirit of Birchfield School and we hope you enjoy the new season planting.

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STUDY SKILLS EXTRA SESSIONS

Any pupil who cannot attend the following two Monday night Study Skills sessions now have the chance to catch up with a short 30 minute summary session the day after.

Catch up sessions are:

Monday, 1 May – 12:45pm to 1:15pm, Lego Room –
Taking Responsibility & Active Learning

Monday, 22 May – 12:45 to 1:15pm, Lego Room –
Revision Techniques

YEAR 8 STUDY SKILLS – BOARDERS

Mrs Pass will be coming in to deliver a Year 8 Boarders' Special Study Skills session on Monday, 30 April between 6:45pm and 8:15pm in the Lego Room. The topic will be 'Stress, Pressure and Perfectionism'.

Any non-boarding Year 8 is welcome to stay at School and have dinner and refreshments and then join the session at our usual fee of £15 per head. Parents could pick up at 8:20pm.

LIFE SKILLS LAUNCH

Our Life Skills programme for Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 commences on Saturday, 28 April at 9:00am. As this is also our School Open Day, pupils should wear full school uniform. They will be joining their stated Open Day activities at 10:30am once the session is over and will stay at school until 12:30pm. All Life Skills pupils should report to the Lego Room at 9:00am prompt. Any parents wishing to observe this first Positive Thinking session are very welcome from 9:00am onwards.

WLTCs TENNIS MASTERCLAS

On Monday this week, Birchfield's 2018 tennis squad (U11 to U13) gathered on the courts to train with Sam Wicks in their doubles pairs. Sam is coaching our super pairs to perform at their best in two upcoming tennis tournaments at Moreton Hall and Repton. A great time was had by all as Sam took our team through performance drills and communication exercises. This is a new initiative for Birchfield Sport and we will be watching with interest.



WLTCs PARENTS' TENNIS COACHING

Thank you to all parents who have signed up for tennis coaching at Birchfield. We are excited to be able to offer this and look forward to welcoming our own budding Murrays and Kontas for our FREE TRIALS which allow parents to try out the sessions with no obligation. All equipment is provided, so come along and join in. If you wish to sign up for any of these trials please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Drills and Thrills (Intermediate/Rusty)

Monday, 14 May	4 – 4.40pm	FREE TRIAL
Monday, 21 May	4 – 4.40pm	FREE TRIAL

Learn to Play Tennis (Beginners)

Friday, 4 May	8.45 – 10.15am	FREE TRIAL
Friday, 11 May	8.45 – 10.15am	FREE TRIAL

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ART EXHIBITION

On Monday, 23 April works by George James, Ed Pass and Tom Ross were displayed at the Two Again Art Exhibition at The Light House in Wolverhampton. Friends and family attended an evening soirée to view and buy the paintings. Try and visit the exhibition before it is taken down on Sunday afternoon.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is up and running. 7:30am to 8:00am, last sitting 7:50am. £2.50. Please email Mrs Jones if you wish to book a place for your child. ajones@birchfieldschool.co.uk

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Please note that all clubs and activities commence next week.





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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK		
Date	Time	Event
30/04/2018	16:15	U13 County Cup v Haberdashers' Adams
	16:45-17:45	Study Skills
01/05/2018	18:30	Ski Trip 2019 Presentation (PGL) Hall
02/05/2018	09:00-14:30	Kingswood Outdoor Educational Centre Trip - Year 1
	14:30	U13 Cricket v Yarlet (a)
	14:30	U11 Cricket v Yarlet (h)
	14:30	U13 Rounders v Yarlet (a)
	14:30	U11 Rounders v Yarlet (h)
	14:30	U9 A and B Mixed Cricket v Yarlet (a)
	19:30	Friends of Birchfield Meeting - Library
03/05/2018	09:00-14:30	Kingswood Outdoor Educational Centre Trip - Year 2
04/05/2018	09:00-16:30	Year 5 Orienteering Trip to Carding Mill Valley
	09:00-14:30	Kingswood Outdoor Educational Centre Trip - Rec
	10:00-17:15	Year 7 Shakespeare Workshop Day at Shrewsbury School
	15:45	'Life in The Prep' - Information afternoon for Year 2 - Library
	16:45-17:45	Study Skills

Letters sent out this week:

Attain Magazine – Reception to Year 7
 Visit to Kingswood letter – Pre-Prep
 Invitation to Year 2 'Life in the Prep' afternoon letter – Year 2
 Carding Mill Valley letter – Year 5
 Parents' Evening letter – Year 5
 Themed Boarding letter – Years 5 to 7
 Summer Ball flyer, Booking Form and letter (Friends) – all pupils
 Weekend Sporting Fixtures letter – named pupils
 Pre-Prep Evening letter – Pre-Prep
 Summer Term Collection Record – Pre-Prep

Floreat Birchfield!
 Paul Reynolds

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