

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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Courage: the ability to face danger or difficulty even when you are afraid.

Latin: Fortitudo

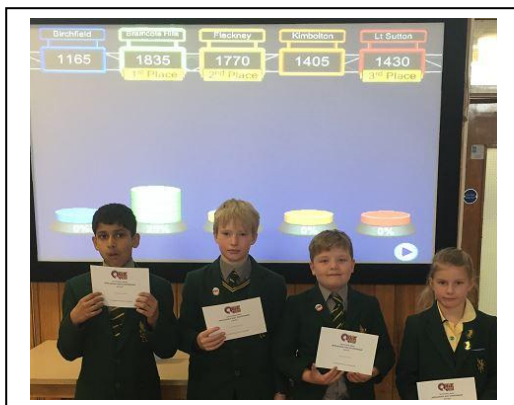
'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.'

(Winston Churchill)

QUIZ CLUB SEMI-FINALS

On Friday, 27 April, Jacob, Ellen, Gabriel and I set off early to Bramcote Hills Primary School. When we got there we found we were the first school there and they gave us lots of biscuits. The first round had thirty questions and it was tense. Fleckney School was in the lead for most of it but we went up, down, up and down. Then, after the first round we were fourth out of the five schools. The final round was even more tense. By the end of the round we were last and at the end came fifth but it was a lot of fun to attend. The winning team was Bramcote Hills. Well done to everyone who came and gave their best effort and thank you to Mr Stevens for helping us and driving us to the Quiz.

Sebastian Parkhouse, Year 4 Semi-finalist



KINGSWOOD OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL CENTRE TRIP – PRE- PREP

Pre Prep has enjoyed a busy week exploring the educationally rich grounds of Kingswood near Albrighton. From hoot trails to orienteering the pupils have enjoyed a wide range of activities that have developed their understanding of the outdoors and raised their confidence with physical challenges such as rope courses, tree climbing and zip wires. Thank you to all of the voluntary staff and existing staff for supporting and participating in these learning experiences.



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TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS:

Seniors: Maisy Griffiths, Natasha Loumidis

Juniors: Jay Barchha

PIN BADGES:

Luca Marshall, Paddy Butwell and Charlie Harding

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS:

Gabriel Hartland – Exemplary manners and conduct around the School

Jenson Bridges - Exemplary manners and conduct around the School

Oliver Colton - Exemplary manners and conduct around the School

Oliver Thompson – Outstanding guiding at Open Day

HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Lauren Chambers – History

Alexia Day – Geography

Phoebe Johnston – History

Isaac Ahmed – Reading

SATURDAY MORNING LIFE SKILLS

Please note that Life Skills pupils are not required to wear school uniform on a Saturday morning. Sessions start promptly at 9:00am in the Hall and finish at 10:30am. Please send your child into school with a snack and a drink as there is a short supervised break during the session. Tomorrow pupils will focus on Motivation and Goal Setting and all materials are provided.

YOUNG WRITERS RIDDLE COMPETITION

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils entered the 'Young Writers Riddle Competition' in February. We are proud to have received excellent feedback on our pupils writing and creativity. Many of the pupils' riddles will be published in the form of a poetry book with poems from other schools across the country. This book will be available to view in the Pre Prep department and parents have been able to purchase their own copies. Well done to all the pupils who took part and have achieved success; we truly have some very capable and creative young pupils in our department.

Mrs Cambidge

BIRCHFIELD BROADWAY BALL

The Friends of Birchfield are excited to announce this year's Summer Ball theme as Broadway! The Ball will be held on Saturday, 14 July 2018. Tickets are now on sale.

TERMLY CHARITY

This term we will be supporting Walking with the Wounded.

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SPORTS RESULTS

U13 County Cup v Haberdashers' Adams
CANCELLED
U13 Cricket v Yarlet
CANCELLED
U11 Cricket v Yarlet
CANCELLED
U13 Rounders v Yarlet
CANCELLED
U11 Rounders v Yarlet
CANCELLED
U9A and B Mixed Cricket v Yarlet
CANCELLED

SUMMER TERM PARENTS' EVENTS

Tuesday, 3 July Staff v Parents' Rounders 5:00pm
Wednesday, 11 July Parents v Pupils' Tennis 6:00pm
Friday, 13 July Alumni Cricket Match 2:30pm

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

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.

SKI TRIP PRESENTATION

The Ski Trip Presentation was given on Tuesday, 1 May. If you were unable to make the meeting and would like information regarding the trip please collect a pack from the School Office or contact Mrs Jones at ajones@birchfieldschool.co.uk.

MATHS CHALLENGE – WREKIN COLLEGE

On Friday, 27 April Freya Collinge, Oliver Colton, Maximiliano Parkhouse and Sri Hari Krishna spent an exciting afternoon participating in various mathematical challenges. Their paired tasks included working with dice, pentominoes, playing cards, dominoes and tangrams and working through multiple choice mathematical problems. Putting aside their initial apprehension, the pupils demonstrated great team work and enthusiasm as they focused on the tasks given to them. A great experience for all, rounded off with a scrumptious tea. Well done!



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ICT SUITE

Thank you to the Friends of Birchfield for the purchase of the new computers and chairs for the ICT suite. In addition huge thanks for all their hard work clearing out the old computers and bringing us into the 21st Century!



AMENDMENTS TO THE CALENDAR

U13 Tettenhall College Cricket Tournament (a)
10:00am **NOW Saturday, 19 May** NOT Saturday,
12 May

Wednesday, 23 May - French Trip Information
Evening **POSTPONED**

BIRCHFIELD PARENTS AND STAFF

NETBALL CLUB

Starting **TUESDAY, 8 MAY** AT 6:00pm, and
thereafter every Tuesday on the Tiger Turf.

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Date	Time	WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK
		Event
07/05/2018	All day	Bank Holiday - School closed
08/05/2018		Pre-Prep Parents' Meetings all week
		Open Lunch week - Year 2
09/05/2018	14:30	U13 Cricket v Shrewsbury High Prep (a)
	14:30	U12 and U11 Mixed Cricket v Old Vicarage (h)
	14:30	U11 A Cricket v Shrewsbury High Prep (a)
	14:30	U11 Mixed Cricket v Shrewsbury High Prep (h)
	16:45	Themed Boarding Evening Years 5-7 Boys
10/05/2018	14:30	U9 Cricket and Rounders v Old Vicarage (h)
	18:30	Year 5 Parents' Evening (Hall)
11/05/2018	10:00-12:30	Working Open Morning

Letters sent out this week:

Summer Cookery Order Form – all pupils
Ski Trip letter – Named parents
Open Lunch Week – Year 2
Revision Sessions letter – Common Entrance pupils
Exam letter – Year 8 Common Entrance pupils
Grandparents' Afternoon Assembly – Year 2 to Year 8
Team Photographs – named pupils

Floreat Birchfield!
Paul Reynolds

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