

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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Honesty: The quality of being honest, truthful and sincere

Latin: Probitas

‘Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom’.
(*Thomas Jefferson*)



ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION DAY

Last Friday saw Birchfield School don their best red, blue and white clothing to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Pre-Prep enjoyed a wide range of royal activities, from decorating wedding cakes, writing to Buckingham Place and using role-play to explore how weddings are celebrated in other religions and cultures. The pinnacle of the day was the wonderful Royal Wedding lunch provided by Suzanne and the rest of the catering staff.

YEARS 3 AND 4 PLAY - SPLASH

On Tuesday evening, pupils in Years 3 and 4 took us all on the trip of a lifetime with ‘Splash!’ - a wonderfully energetic, musical comedy version of Noah’s Ark; told from the animals’ point of view.

Every single child did themselves and Birchfield proud with magnificent singing, dancing and acting. What a performance!



GRANDPARENTS’ ASSEMBLY & AFTERNOON TEA

We were delighted to see such a good turnout on Friday afternoon for the Grandparents’ Assembly and Afternoon Tea. The children took great delight in giving their grandparents a tour of the School.

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GRIFFIN AWARDS

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS:

Seniors: Pamela Cox Bradshaw

Juniors: Sebastian Parkhouse

PIN BADGES:

Ranvir Singh and Freya Collinge

HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Tristan Garratt – Geography

PARENTAL ADVICE ON KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

The following articles from the NSPCC may be of interest in keeping your children safe online.

[Staying safe online whilst live-streaming - advice for parents and carers](#)

[Net Aware](#)

We will now be displaying your child's name on team sheets as their initial and surname and will no longer be posting the fixtures on the website and instead will be sending them out each week by Clarion.

WATER BOTTLES

The Second Hand Uniform shop is delighted to inform you that the water bottles are back in stock.



WHOLE SCHOOL AND CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The whole School and Class photographs were sent home with your child on Wednesday. If you wish to purchase any photos please order online or return the order form to the School Office by Wednesday, 6 June.

ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION

Letters have gone out this week to all parents announcing details of this year's Arts and Crafts competition for the Summer Fete. This year's categories are:

Art – Paintings, Drawings, Sculptures and Objects

Photography – Amazing Animals

Photography – A Breathtaking View

Baking – Tantalising Tastes – Cakes, Biscuits and Cookies

Baking – Dazzling Decoration – Your Personality on a Cake

Pre-Prep Fun – Egg Family – Make a Family of Decorated Eggs!

The half-term holiday is a great time to plan and create your entries and as usual each entry will be assessed by qualified judges and awards given for the very best of Birchfield. All entries are £2.50.

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SPORTS RESULTS



U13 TETTENHALL COLLEGE TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, the 1st XI attended the Tettenhall College cricket tournament. Drawing Queen Mary's Grammar first we chose to bowl first and were unlucky with a series of near misses giving them a large total for us to chase. Luke however was in great form smashing the ball to all parts and with support from Will Western, Arthur Squire and Will Jones we fell just 8 runs short. Our second game got off to another high scoring start with some big shots against our bowlers; we kept our consistency and Will took two wickets followed by wickets for Cameron, Luke and Esther. In reply, Arthur and Cameron batted sensibly before Luke again hit some big shots allowing Cameron to win the game with a six. Our last game didn't start well; losing Luke, Cameron and Ed early meant Will Western and Arthur needed to score runs. Arthur retired with 28 and Will with 16 got us up to a decent score of 75. This didn't look enough though with Tettenhall's strong start. Not to be put off we kept plugging away and good catching and a stunning run out by Luke turned the game our way. Tom putting his body on the line saw Tettenhall lose their composure and a good 10 run victory was secured. A fine end to this half-term of cricket with some memorable cricket played.

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REPTON TENNIS

On Sunday morning the tennis teams travelled to Repton to take part in their annual tennis tournament. Buoyed by good showings last week as well as the glorious sunshine we arrived in bright and early ready for the day ahead. The U13 boys played some excellent tennis with both pairs winning their first two matches before lunch. Unfortunately lunch didn't come at a good time and in our matches straight after lunch neither pair played to their ability losing matches which put them out of the tournament. Despite big wins in our last matches we were left to rue what might have been as both our pairs were certainly good enough to be in the semi finals.

The U13 girls played some excellent tennis, winning all but two of their matches, securing a brilliant 4th place that could very easily have been better if a few things had gone their way. The U11 boys did well too, with Will and Jacob playing some excellent tennis winning all their group matches before facing a strong Foremarke pair that went on to win the tournament. The U11 girls improved massively on the day and there was some strong tennis played by Libby and Darcey seeing them finish 3rd overall. Everyone played and competed really well and contributed to another successful day of tennis.

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SHROPSHIRE U13 AND U11 CRICKET

On Sunday, Birchfield welcomed over a hundred local cricketers for the U13 and U11 Shropshire Cricket Trials. Always a successful event, the beautiful weather provided a wonderful setting with some high quality cricket on show.

ISA MIDLANDS ATHLETICS

On Monday, senior pupils had the privilege of attending the ISA Midlands Athletics at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. This was a perfect opportunity to practise some athletic events ready for Sports Day later this term. There were many notable highlights with all children representing the School with distinction. Perhaps the best performances of the day were by Cameron Smith and Alexia Day who broke their personal bests in finals against much older athletes.

TENNIS COLOURS

Congratulations to the following pupils on being awarded colours for tennis:

George James
Edward Pass
Harry Spear
Natasha Loumidis

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RAISING MONEY FOR 'SURVIVORS OF BEREAVEMENT BY SUICIDE (SOBS) AND FRIENDS OF BIRCHFIELD

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored Mr Anderson in a sky dive on Friday, 1 June. If you still wish to support him in his bid to raise money for SOBS and the Friends of Birchfield please go to his JustGiving page (search Iain Anderson).

FAMILY TENNIS

Tennis coach Sam Wicks will start his Family Tennis coaching and fun sessions on Monday, 4 June for five weeks. This is a great opportunity to try out tennis for the first time or to polish those rusty racket skills! Sessions run 4:45pm – 5:45pm and everyone is welcome. All equipment is provided. Please let the office know if you wish to attend and fees will be added to your school invoice.

£30 for 2 players - 1 parent and 1 child

£40 for 3 players - 1 parent/2 children or 2 parents/1 child

ASSESSMENTS

To support the forthcoming assessments in June for Years 3 to 7 we will be delivering study skills within PSHE lessons.

PARENTS' FORUM

The next meeting of the Parents' Forum is on Thursday, 7 June. If you have any items you would like to raise please send them to your Form Representative by Monday, 4 June.

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WHAT'S ON AFTER HALF TERM		
Date	Time	Event
04/06/2018		Open Lunch Week for Year 1 parents (11.45am)
04/06/2018	16:45-17:45	Study Skills
04/06/2018	19:00	Informal meeting for parents to meet Sarah Morris
05/06/2018	All day	Common Entrance Exams (Tuesday to Thursday)
05/06/2018	14:45-15:15	Pre-Prep Concert in the Hall
06/06/2018	10:00	Malvern St James Junior Olympics - Years 3 and 4 (a)
06/06/2018	13:00	IAPS U11 Girls Cricket at Moreton Hall (a)
06/06/2018	14:30	U12 Cricket v Heathfield (h)
06/06/2018	15:00	School Shop Direct - uniform sizing afternoon
07/06/2018	19:00	Parents' Forum - Library
07/06/2018	13:15-15:30	Maths Quiz Club Regional semi-finals at St. Dominic's
08/06/2018	All day	Warwick Castle and Dungeons - Year 7 Trip
08/06/2018	16:30-18:00	Pre-Prep Disco
08/06/2018	18:15-19:45	Prep School Disco
09/06/2018	10:00	Senior Sports Tour to Sedbergh

Letters sent out this week:

Whole school and class photo proofs – all pupils
 Friends of Birchfield Newsletter – all pupils
 Parent Feedback document – all pupils
 School Assessments – Years 3 to 7
 Prep Disco letter –
 Pre-Prep Disco letter – Pre-Prep
 Common Entrance letter –
 Enterprise Birchfield Arts & Crafts Competition – all pupils
 Leavers' Camp – Year 8
 Open Lunch Week letter – Year 1

Wishing you all a very restful half term break.

Floreat Birchfield!
Paul Reynolds

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