

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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Greed: a strong and selfish desire for wealth, power or food.

Latin: Avaritia

‘There is a sufficiency in the world for man’s need but not for man’s greed.’

(Mahatma Gandhi)

REPTON HEADMASTER’S AWARD

We were delighted to hear that Edward Pass has won a Headmaster’s Award from Repton School for his impressive performance, attitude and demeanour whilst sitting his recent entrance exams at Repton. Many congratulations to Ed.

WOLVERHAMPTON UNIVERSITY ASPIRE BASKETBALL DAY

On Thursday we had a fantastic afternoon of Basketball at Wolverhampton University. There were lots of opportunities to develop skills followed by an NBA tournament. Everyone had brilliant fun and it was an amazing opportunity for Birchfield pupils to be not only coached by national coaches, but to have the opportunity to use phenomenal facilities.



YEAR 5 TRIP – DEWA MUSEUM CHESTER



On Monday we travelled back in time to become soldiers of the Roman Army. We held our own shields and were led by a centurion to the Roman gardens where we were shown how to fight, make formations and learnt what life was like as a soldier. We marched on to the amphitheatre – a place where the gladiators would have fought. Marching back through a busy city we were forced to shout ‘sin, sin, sin, dex sin’ at the top of our voices. In the museum we learnt lots of new facts as we had to pretend we were on a boat arriving in Roman Britain and discovered what life was like for a Roman citizen.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB FORMS

Please remember to return your Summer Holiday Club Forms as soon as possible.

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YEAR 6 SCIENCE TRIP TO MALVERN COLLEGE



After a slight transport hitch we finally reached Malvern College. Upon arrival we went straight to the Lecture Theatre where we listened to a talk about heat, extremes of hot and cold and how scientists have been able to create temperatures that are far hotter or colder than anything that exists in nature.

We then attended a 45 minute workshop on the science behind bubbles and performed several experiments on bubbles.

After lunch we conducted some Biology investigations into the human senses and ended the day with a round of really interesting Chemistry experiments.

HEADMASTER'S SEND-UPS

Freya Collinge – Reading lots of books

Finlay Norton – Reading lots of books

SEDBERGH SENIOR SPORTS TOUR



Last weekend the U13s Cricket and Rounders teams made their way to Sedbergh School. On the way up they called in at Manchester and took part in 'oxygen' free jumps at the Oxygen Freejumping Trampoline Park. Once they arrived at Sedbergh they settled into their Houses and then had a BBQ, followed by a dip in the swimming pool with floats.

The following day the U13s girls faced a full U13 Sedbergh team. Despite us earning a lead in the first half, Sedbergh pulled it back beating us by 25 to 21 ½. A frustrating result but a very enjoyable experience.

The boys were in an equally testing competition winning the toss and bowling first. Some strong performances in the field could not stem the flow of runs on a small and quick pitch. In reply we enjoyed some excellent partnerships with Luke Bahia top scoring with a fine 48 not out. Going into the last over we needed 15 to win and fell agonisingly short. Thank you to Sedbergh for their fine hospitality.

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YEAR 7 TRIP TO WARWICK CASTLE



This was an exciting trip where we learnt how Warwick Castle has changed over the centuries. We walked up the original part of the castle, the motte; watched the trebuchet being fired, discovered how the longbow was used, looked at a variety of medieval weapons and suits of armour and walked up Guys Tower – we certainly appreciated how fit the soldiers would have been!

We watched a bird of prey display and discovered how they would have been used for catching food. Our favourite part of the trip was the dungeons, where we were at times very frightened but we had great fun. This was an action packed day where we gained many new facts.

PARENTS' TENNIS NEXT WEEK

Please come and have some fun and professional WLTSC tennis coaching with fellow parents on the Tiger Turf on **Mondays at 4:00pm** or **Fridays at 8:45am**. Sam welcomes all levels of adult players and has lots of great play and points drills ready. No equipment required.

SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday, 16 June – 1:00pm to 4:30pm



GRIFFIN AWARDS

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS:

Seniors: Eme Day

Juniors: Aaryann Bath

PIN BADGES:

Gabriella Marshall, Charlotte Ross, Freddie Flavell, Jack Dirkin, Jack Tomlinson



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SPORTS RESULTS

U10 PACKWOOD ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

WON 4; LOST 2 OVERALL: Bronze Medal

U9 ROUNDERS V SHREWSBURY HIGH PREP

LOST 8 – 7 ½

ISA U13 ROUNDERS AT MALVERN ST JAMES

CANCELLED

U10 ROUNDERS V THE ROYAL

WON 14 ½ - 4

LEAVERS' EXPERIENCE

Year 8 began their Leavers' Experience programme with an historical walk following the Quakers duck trail in Ironbridge. They discovered many interesting facts of the local area. Did you know that a circus elephant marched across the bridge in 1932?

On Tuesday they took part in the Ryman's Challenge which is a national competition. This year they were tasked to create a careers experience for 11-14 year olds for Kidzania. All pupils were fully engaged throughout the day, displayed great maturity and came up with some fabulous and appealing ideas. Sadly, there can only be one winner. This was for a fitness incentive, where children can try out new activities, compete against friends and learn about nutrition. Now the hard work really begins for this team, as they will need to rehearse their pitch and pluck up the courage to perform in front of Theo Paphitis at the final on Wednesday, 4 July.

To enhance their understanding of the various biomes that exist in the world, the pupils visited the Exotic Zoo in Telford. After a classroom lecture they were introduced to a variety of creatures and even had a fabulous view of a chameleon catching its prey with its long tongue. Next week the Year 8s will be venturing out to Snowdonia on a quest of various outdoor pursuits.

CRICKET

We were delighted to welcome Luke Swann, Head of Northants Elite Cricket Performance Academy, to run a cricket session last Friday afternoon.

SPORTS NEWS

- Pre-Prep Sports Day – Friday, 22 June at 1:30pm.
- Prep School Heats took place this week.
- Swimming Gala itinerary is displayed on the Sports Notice Board.

ISA U11 TENNIS

Tuesday saw our final tennis tournament of the term with our U11 boys and girls travelling to Ludlow Castle Tennis Club.

All teams played some fantastic tennis winning more matches than they lost. With twelve teams in both competitions, there was lots of tennis. Barnaby and Jacob blew hot and cold winning against some strong teams and losing a few matches they could have won, to finishing 5th overall. Catherine and Isobel started slowly but grew in confidence, recording some big wins to finish 4th overall.

Harry and Will were in imperious form beating all teams in the early stages. One narrow defeat 7-6 cost them the overall title, finishing runners up. Libby and Darcey were also playing some great tennis winning all but one of their matches, and with three teams all losing one we were tied for 1st on count back of games won and were also crowned runners up.

A brilliant effort, with all teams finishing the season on a high. Well done everyone.

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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK		
Date	Time	Event
18/06/2018	All day	Assessment Week Years 3-7 (Monday to Thursday)
	09:00	Leavers' Camp departs
	11:50	Open Lunch Week - Reception and Prepcare
19/06/2018	18:30	French Trip information evening
21/06/2018	10:00	ISA U11 and U9 Rounders at Stafford Grammar (a)
	12:30	Year 7 Art and History Trip departs
	14:30	Story time in Reception for new pupils
22/06/2018	12:00	Leavers' Camp returns
	13:30	Pre-Prep and Prepcare Sports Day

Letters sent out this week:

Sports Letter – all pupils
WILD Zoological Park – Pre-Prep
20/20 Cricket Match at Northamptonshire CCC – Years 6 & 7
Art & History Trip – Year 7
Essington Farm – Pre-Prep
Year 6 – Moving to Year 7
Reception Open Lunch Week
Pre-prep Themed Days
Pre-Prep Sports Day
Year 8 Post-exam Programme – By Clarion

Floreat Birchfield!
Paul Reynolds

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