



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Teamwork: orderly and obedient behaviour

Latin: Disciplina

‘Once you have commitment, you need the discipline and hard work to get you there.’

(Haile Gebrselassie)

FREYA COLLINGE

At this end of this term Freya will be leaving Birchfield School for pastures new. Her grandmother has lovingly sewn a bedspread out of all her old uniform. What a wonderful keepsake.



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3HJ VISIT TO TUTBURY CASTLE

On Monday, 25 June, we donned our suncream and hats and set off on our trip to the magnificent Tutbury Castle, near Burton upon Trent in Staffordshire.

We were honoured to be in the presence of Her Royal Highness, 'Queen Elizabeth I.' who told us all about her life as the daughter of King Henry VIII and as one of England's most loved Queens. She must have been so hot wearing her heavy, authentic costume in temperatures of 28 degrees - she told us it weighed 4stone 9pounds (which is about the weight of a 10-year-old child!)

We made our own crowns, learned how to curtsy and bow, sat in the shade of the trees to sketch the impressive castle ruins and got to hold artefacts, such as the ambassador's chest, a gusset pot and a real executioner's sword.

Tutbury Castle; a truly memorable day for us all!





PRE-PREP VISIT TO WILD ZOOLOGICAL PARK

Pre-Prep enjoyed a fantastic day out at Wild Zoological Park at Halfpenny Green yesterday on Tuesday. The children were given the most incredible and informative bird show by Zachary Hollinshead. We were very fortunate to witness a variety of different birds in flight, including macaws, eagles and owls. The children were taught many interesting facts, including how an owl can hear a mouse's heartbeat from half a mile away!

The children (and some brave staff!) also had the opportunity to handle animals such as blue tongued skinks, bearded dragons, pythons and corn snakes! We were then able to walk through the lemur and giant land tortoise enclosure where the children had the opportunity to get up close to these amazing animals. The children were able to witness feeding time and everyone just fell in love with the meerkats! We finally ended the day by completing the Wild Zoological Quiz where we had to search for answers among the different exhibitions including otters, meerkats, wallabies, crocodiles and so much more!

The children had an absolutely fantastic day out here and comments were overheard from children saying that 'This was the best trip ever!'

Many thanks to Caroline Gautier (Jemima Gautier Year 3) who helped organise the trip with Zachary, and for very kindly supplying the drinks and ice lollies for all the children after a very hot day! It was very much appreciated.

Thank you also to Lynne Statham and Elaine King who kindly gave up their time to come and help us too.





ARTS & CRAFTS 1ST PRIZE WINNERS

Photography – Amazing Animals

Junior	Harriet Sherwin 3HJ
Senior	Ed Pass 8KS
Adult	Mrs Clews

Photography – A Breathtaking View

Junior	Harriet Sherwin 3HJ
Senior	Natasha Loumidis 7AJ
Adult	Mrs Pass

Art – Paintings, Drawings, Sculpture & Objects

Pre-Prep	Owen Cambridge Reception
Junior	Will Parkinson-Witte 3HJ
Senior	Ed Pass 8KS
Adult	Mrs Barnshaw

Tantalising Tastes – Biscuits, Cakes & Cookies

Pre-Prep	Harry Giffard Reception
Junior	Will Parkinson-Witte 3HJ
Senior	Harry Spear 7AJ

Dazzling Decoration – Personality on a Cake

Pre-Prep	Ted Kemp 1RP
Junior	Harriet Sherwin 3HJ
Senior	Freya Heath 6AA

Egg Family

Pre-Prep	Owen Cambridge Reception
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Our overall 2018 Champions and trophy winners are:

Pre-Prep	Owen Cambridge Reception
Junior	Harriet Sherwin 3HJ
Senior	Ed Pass 8KS

Well done and thank you for supporting Enterprise Club. We raised £160 for Friends of Birchfield!

GOLF SUCCESS FOR JACK DIRKIN



At the weekend Jack Dirkin competed in the Shropshire & Herefordshire U12 Boys Medal at Bridgnorth Golf Club. He was runner up scoring 90 gross, 62 nett round 18 holes from yellow tees. Excellent play for an 8 year old. Well done Jack.

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CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

Judged by James Fraser-Andrews from Shrewsbury School

<u>Class</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Reception	Edward Simkin	Rose Bird
Year 1	Nathan Tierney	Heidi Wild
Year 2	Arnav Agarwal	George Rudd
Year 3	Blythe Bradshaw	Ottilie Heath and Fleur Jarvis
Year 4	Freddie Flavell	Phoebe Johnston and Amar Gill
Year 5	Angelina Gatcha	Darcey Spear
Year 6	William Jones	Catherine Clews
Year 7	Pamela Cox Bradshaw	Luke Sheldon
Year 8	Oliver Thompson	Erin Mathieson

MONCKTON PEN PRIZE OVERALL WINNER

Oliver Thompson

GRIFFIN AWARDS

TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

Seniors: Amelia Grant-King

Juniors: Sebastian Parkhouse

PIN BADGES

Ellen Cambidge

HEADMASTER'S SEND-UP

Isabel Tierney - Art

PRE-PREP SPORTS DAY

Last Friday Pre-Prep pupils, alongside Prep care, sprinted, hurdled, jumped and threw their way to the finish line in what was a well organized and well practised Sports Day. The event started off with sprint races; pupils had been prepared by Mr Anderson to 'look down the tunnel' in order to stay focused on their lane. Pupils excelled themselves displaying good running technique, determination and enjoyment of the event - some forgot the tunnel advice and couldn't help but give a heart-warming wave at parents and grandparents! Year 2 pupils then carried out long jump and shot-put events. Activities returned back to the track with obstacle and hurdle races for all and Year 1 and Year 2 relay races. The grand finale of the Year 2 300 metres race didn't disappoint. Each child was then awarded a participation medal and the pupils could not have looked prouder - smiles all round! Thank you to Mr Anderson for organising such a well-oiled event, Suzanne and her catering team for keeping parents refreshed throughout and to parents for supporting your child, ensuring that the event truly is an enjoyable moment for the children, thank you.

Mrs Cambidge



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YEAR 8 LEAVERS' EXPERIENCE - CAMP

Last week Year 8 had an action-packed week in North Wales. Soon after arrival at Swallow Falls they were fitted up into their wet suits and back on the bus to The Black River where they took part in Gorge Walking; they traversed through the Elephants Bottom, a daunting experience but well worth it. On the other side they swam under a waterfall which was both invigorating and fun.

On Tuesday they scaled Mount Snowdon, all 1085 metres of it, in inclement weather. Visibility was low and once they reached 600 metres they were walking through cloud. The wind became stronger as we neared summit and to our utter disappointment we noticed that the café was shut. As we neared the summit the wind became stronger, which also meant that the cafe was closed as the train halted operation. There was clear disappointment, to their credit they made little fuss and carried on. The elation when they reached the top was all worth the physical and mental battle to the top.

Wednesday was a day by the lake. In teams pupils built rafts, and after a bit of experimentation and testing, success was achieved and all pupils were afloat. Later on they canoed and swam around Llanberis Lake, which was great fun.

Our final full day was spent at Bounce Below, where the year 8s spent an hour bouncing up and down, sliding down slides, playing Giant Dodgeball and generally bouncing around. After this they spent time at Black Rock Sands eating ice cream and playing in the sea.

Overall they had a fantastic experience.

PLEA FROM THE SCHOOL KITCHEN



Sadly we lost most of our tea cups and saucers yesterday when the tea table collapsed. If anyone has any cups and saucers they don't require we would be grateful for any donations.

Please hand any offerings in to the School Office.

YEAR 6 TRIP TO WHITTINGTON BARRACKS

This was a fact-packed trip. We tried on different WWII uniforms and learnt what the different badges represented. We were given a talk about rationing, civil defence, Anderson shelters and even held a variety of weapons. After lunch we walked down a replica wall trench. On the way back to school we stopped at the Cosford Museum to see the Spitfire and Messerschmitt planes.

Thank you to Mr Paget, Mr Howells and Mrs Jones for taking us.

Year 6

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The Griffin

SPORTS RESULTS

U13 Cricket v Packwood
LOST by 15 runs
U13 Rounders v Packwood
WON 1; LOST 1
U11 Cricket v St Bede's
WON by 5 wickets
U9 Rounders v Packwood
CANCELLED
U9A Cricket v Packwood
WON by 30 runs
U9B Cricket v Packwood
LOST by 12 runs

YEAR 3 MULTI-SPORTS DAY AT DODDERHILL

Yesterday, Year 3 travelled to Dodderhill Girls' School for an afternoon full of many different sports. We slathered on suncream, got our hats and headed off for a sticky journey. Once we were there we were split into groups with other schools and sent off to play many sports including: tag rugby, diamond cricket, rounders, netball and lots of athletics events.

Overall we had a brilliant day in the sunshine! Special mention goes to Will, Aaryann, Finley, Fleur, Paddy and Luca, who were named as 'Exceptional Performers' on the day. A big thanks to Mr Stevens, Mrs Jackson and Miss Hartley for looking after us.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Date	Time_ForUse	Event
02/07/2018	11:45	Years 5 - 8 1500m Race
03/07/2018	09:00-12:30	Leavers' Trip - Wolverhampton Uni and Telford Campus Technology Trip
	15:00	House Rounders
	17:00	Staff v Parents Rounders
04/07/2018	All day	Pre-Prep 'When I am older I would like to be ...'
	All day	Kidzania Trip - Years 3-6
		Finals for Ryman's Challenge AA
	17:00	Parents invited to 'Meet the Governors' in the Library
05/07/2018	All day	Year 7 & 8 Trip to Stratford Upon Avon - Shakespeare Workshop & Performance of Romeo & Juliet
	09:00-14:30	Pre-Prep visiting Essington Fruit Farm
06/07/2018		Pre-Prep induction morning for new pupils
	09:00-18:00	Leavers' Trip - Arboretum, War Graves and Mountain Biking
	12:00	Welcome meeting for parents in Reception joining in September 2018 (Lego Room)
	15:00	Year 6 and 7 Sports Trip to Northants Cricket v Nottinghamshire (a)

LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK:

Boarding letter – Years 5 to 7
Kidzania letter – Years 3 to 6
Residential trip in September – Years 2 & 3
Year 8 Leavers' BBQ invitation – Year 8
Speech Day details – whole school
End of term arrangements – Pre-Prep

Floreat Birchfield!

Paul Reynolds

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