



Dear Parents

What lovely, crisp autumn weather we have enjoyed this week! As the leaves on the trees start to turn to hues of gold, orange and yellow, the school grounds look beautiful in the sunshine. A further embellishment to the school site will begin to take shape over the coming weeks as we plant a new hedge on the perimeter border to the parents' side of the car park, set back a little way by the trees towards the cricket field, but helping to frame the grounds and offer privacy too. Gates will be positioned for vehicular access at both ends and we look forward to watching the hedge bed in during the coming months.

Mrs S. Morris
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Headmistress

ASSEMBLY FOCUS

Ahead of our European Day of Languages themed day on Tuesday, Monday's assembly celebrated a range of languages and cultures with a challenging quiz for the pupils. From such questions as guessing the first language spoken in outer space to which countries other than Portugal spoke Portuguese, the pupils answered well and exchanged ideas about the second languages they also speak from French to Spanish, Punjabi to Chinese.

MARVELLOUS ME - PRE-PREP HEALTH DAY

Pre-Prep revelled in a wealth of activities focused on health in their fun and fact-filled themed day titled 'Marvellous Me' last Friday. Pupils took part in six sessions which covered six areas of health including: physical, spiritual, mental, social, emotional, and environmental. We are very thankful to Mrs Baker, parent of Danny, who shared her expertise and helped the children to identify and separate thoughts, feelings and behaviours in a session on mental health.

Overall the day was extremely productive and all pupils left with a greater understanding of what it means to be healthy, and how they can manage their own health on a daily basis.

Thank you to all the staff whose passion and dedication is immovable and to the pupils who always make us proud with their excellent Birchfield behaviour and learning.

Mrs Cambidge

HARVEST FESTIVAL



On Tuesday, we welcomed Reverend Thomas to the school to lead a Harvest Festival assembly. In her rather large green 'lucky dip' container, pupils dug deep to uncover different foods to display to the school. The core of her message underpinned a reminder of being grateful for the food we receive, whether it is our favourite meal or one we are less keen on and then remembering to say thank you, ever mindful that there are others who go without and are less fortunate than ourselves. Our special thanks to Reverend Thomas for joining us and so too to the families who shared in this morning of celebration. Thank you to you all for your generous donations of food and money which will be distributed to the church of St Mary's and to the food banks in the local area and I am sure will be very much appreciated.

LANGUAGES DAY

"The limits of my language are the limits of my universe." Ludwig Wittgenstein

The MFL department began the academic year by celebrating the European Day of Languages – a time to celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity, and to have some multilingual fun. Subjects were linked with a range of languages spoken around the world and in lessons there was the chance to experience a flavour of diverse cultures, and learn some new vocabulary in languages ranging from Arabic to Swahili. The activities for the day were many and varied and included cultural quizzes, cooking Chinese food, making French flags, identifying the words we use in English that are derived from Spanish and Italian, investigating notable Greek figures in Maths and PE, researching Portuguese explorers in Geography, and studying the works of Dutch master painters in Art, to name but a few. Pupils learnt more about life in different countries, expanding horizons and developing the valuable quality of empathy by considering the lives of those who live there, and reflecting on their own experiences of the world and language learning. Thanks to the kitchen staff, everyone enjoyed a great spread of international cuisine for lunch.

The day provided a perfect opportunity to consider the importance and some of the benefits of learning foreign languages: you will have skills that allow you to succeed in the modern global world; learning a new language means learning to understand other ways of thinking and doing things. In the words of a Year 8 pupil "Oh, why can't it be Languages Day every day?"

Mr W Stevens



TOP HOUSE POINT EARNERS

Many congratulations to:

Seniors: Ranvir Singh

Juniors: Arnav Agarwal

REVISED CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

The revised car parking scheme introduced at the beginning of term has proved successful, and permanent signage has now been ordered. Many thanks to parents for their co-operation and helpful responses.

MAGICAL MATHS CLUB

Due to low numbers for the Magical Maths Club, the provider has informed us that it is not economically viable to continue with the club this term.

It is intended to re-introduce the club next term, after an introductory School Assembly has taken place later this term to promote the club and gauge future interest. We look forward to sharing further news with you on this in due course.

STAFFING NEWS

We have interviewed for a new Bursar this week and news of an appointment will be shared with you shortly. In the interim period and until the new Bursar takes up post, please do continue to contact the Bursary on bursar@birchfieldschool.co.uk and your email will be answered. Many thanks.

ISA U10 FOOTBALL

On Monday Birchfield travelled to Dixie Grammar School for the ISA U10 Football competition. Despite being pitted in a difficult group we won our first game against Crackley Hall 1 – 0. Our next game saw us step up again with a 3 - 1 victory against Abbots Bromley. Even though we had an early lead in our next game against Dixie Grammar we ended up drawing 2 – 2. In our final game we secured a 2 – 1 victory against Lucton. Unbeaten in our group we were unlucky to go through in second place. A poor start saw us 2 - 0 down, but we fought back to lose 3 - 2, after an unfortunate own goal. A 2 - 2 draw in our last game brought to an end a fine day of football where we improved greatly and worked hard as a team. Overall we were placed 5th out of the 15 schools entering, which was a fine achievement for everyone involved. Well done boys.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Freya Johnston—Exemplary Manners and Conduct

Sophie Davenport—Exemplary Manners and Conduct

GRIFFIN AWARDS

Bronze Griffins

Brelades: Jonathan Gatcha, Ranvir Singh, Will Parkinson -Witte, Fleur Jarvis

Brown: George Rudd, Arnav Agarwal, Charlotte Ross, Charlie Harding, Jack Dirkin

Watson: Annabelle Heaton, Jack Tomlinson, Hugo Smith

U10 FOREMARKE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

As discussed at the start of term, we decided we would not attend this year's Foremarke Football Tournament on Saturday, 6 October as we shall be competing the very next day in the U11 Ellesmere College Tournament on Sunday, 7 October. Good luck to the team for the tournament next Sunday!

STAFF V PARENTS' HOCKEY

Parents are reminded to sign up on the list on the Office Notice Board for the Staff and Parents' Hockey match on Friday, 12 October at 5:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

SPORTS REMINDER

May we remind parents of the protocol for collecting children after fixtures. All children should be signed out from the School Office when playing at home. For away fixtures, if you wish to collect your child from a match, please notify the School Office by email. This way we can be sure to be vigilant of the pupils' welfare. Thank you.

RECEPTION TO YEAR 8 THEATRE VISIT

On Monday, 10 December we are delighted to welcome 'West End in Schools' once again to Birchfield, who will be performing their new pantomime "Dick Whittington and his Cat", starring Alexander Armstrong as the voice of the Bells.

The performance will take place in the School Hall at 2:30pm and will finish at 3:30pm, which will result in a slightly later collection time for Reception and Year 1 pupils. A letter will follow shortly for Pre-Prep parents informing this.

MOUTH GUARDS

Please can all mouth guard slips for boys, whether they are required or not, be returned to the School Office by Monday, 1 October.

FUTURE SCHOOLS EVENING

WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER

This is a reminder that the Future Schools Evening is taking place this Wednesday, 3 October at 6:30pm. This is an ideal opportunity to learn about your child's future school options and the range of scholarship possibilities available. If you wish to come along please advise the School Office as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there.

CIVIC SOCIETY

The Summer Term saw Birchfield pupils enter the annual Albrighton Civic Society Art Competition. Although the school finished runners-up in the overall competition there were many individual successes, and Birchfield pupils received certificates of excellence, distinction and merit for their posters and artwork, celebrating 100 years of the RAF and 80 years of the Cosford base.

Well done to all who took part and we look forward to more success next year and await the next theme from the Society.

MISSING TENNIS RACKET



Could all parents please help in looking at home for a missing tennis racket. It is identical to the one shown in the photo and, if found please return to Mr Anderson. Thank you in advance for your help.

SPORTS RESULTS

U11A Hockey v Wolverhampton Grammar Junior School
WON 7—0

U11B Hockey v Wolverhampton Grammar Junior School
LOST 4—2

U13 Hockey v Moreton Hall
WON 7—2

U10A Football Triangular v Old Hall & Edenhurst
DREW v Old Hall 1—1
DREW v Edenhurst 2—2

U10B Football Triangular v Old Hall Edenhurst
Old Hall

WON v Old Hall 2—1

WON v Edenhurst 5—1

LETTERS SENT OUT/CLARIONED THIS WEEK:

Mouth guard letter—Boys Years 2 to 8

Consent form for Flu Immunisation—all children from Reception up to and including Year 5

Birchfield Record—all pupils

Pantomime Consent form—Reception & Year 1

Parents' Evening Letter—Year 4

Open Day Letters—Years 3 to 8

		WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK
Date	Time	Event
01/10/2018	08:40-09:00	Whole School Assembly
	16:15-16:45	Year 8 Welcome Meeting - Sitting Room
03/10/2018	13:30	Abbotsholme School U13 Hockey Tournament (a)
	14:15	Old Hall Improvers' Festival (a)
	14:20	U9 A & B Football v Yarlet (h)
	14:30	U12 & U10 A & B Football v Yarlet (a)
	14:30	U11A and B Hockey v Old Hall (h)
	18:30	Future School Choices' Evening - for parents. Venue in school tbc
04/10/2018	08:40-09:00	Year 8 Assembly - Parents welcome (Hall)
	16:15-16:45	Year 6 Welcome Meeting (Sitting Room)

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