



# THE LODGE

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## Message from the Head



It has been an exciting start to the year with some fantastic learning experiences already under our belts. On the first full week back after the Summer a break the school undertook its first cross site venture sending 5 students, 2 from Brades and 3 from Shenstone on an amazing sailing trip around the Solent.

This was followed by an epic adventure into the outer Hebrides, as Shenstone students made the mammoth journey to Tiree.

The Academy consultation process is probably the stand out strategic event of the half term. The CEO of the Manor Hall Academy Trust, Richard Redgate, has visited the schools and spoken with myself to staff about the proposed conversion.

As parents and carers your view matters and as such we have sent you a specific letter outlining the consultation process and providing you with some information about academies for consideration.

If, for some reason you have not received this documentation you will be able to find it on the school website in the 'latest news' link. If you have any questions or comments the letter outlines the ways in which you can let us know.

At the end of the consultation the Governors will look at all the comments received before making the final decision to convert in the Spring Term.

## A Sailing First

5 students

ranging from year 6 to year 11 from across the schools, set sail from Plymouth on the Island Cutter Trust's boat, Pegasus. The voyage saw us take in the sites of the south coast from Fowey to Mevagissey where the ice cream shop was a welcome destination.

The weather was surprisingly kind to us with decent winds and only a little swell. The sun shone on most days, which allowed us to fish from the back of the boat, and watch dolphins jumping through the surf. An incredible, and unforgettable experience !

Simon Hobbs



## TIREE ... Where's That ?

Students from Shenstone Lodge had the learning experience of a life time when they 'landed' on the Outer Hebridean island of Tiree. The group spent a week body boarding, completing team building activities, paddle boarding, flying kites and enjoying the amazing scenery. By night the students sat by camp fires on the beach, sharing stories and songs and tasty snacks.

Both the staff and students had an amazing time and felt the 15 hour epic journey there and back was well worth the effort !





## SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday 26th September The Brades Lodge played Keyham Lodge School in Leicester.



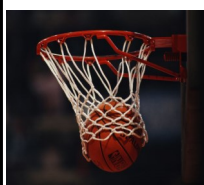
At half time the score was 1-1 and the game was set for a great second session.

Brades started the second half strongly, testing the Keyham goalkeeper who made some outstanding saves. Unfortunately, as Brades pressed for a goal they committed too many players forward and were hit on the counter attack taking the score to 2-1.

It wasn't long before Brades were on the defence again and Jack B-H was forced into making a brilliant save to deny Keyham scoring a third goal and potentially running away with the game.

With 10 minutes remaining Andre equalised with a stunning shot raising the tension as the game drew to a close.

Sadly Keyham found a boost of energy to score two goals in quick succession leaving the final tally 4-2. This was a fantastic game full of highs and lows. We look forward to the return game in a few weeks ! By Rio E (Team Captain (article shortened from 2 pages by Mr T))



Last week saw the return of the basketball league, organised by The Brades Lodge. The first match saw us win convincingly over Solihull Academy 14 - 4. The match was played in good spirits with some outstanding play from Rehquarne who was voted Most Valuable Player. Rio, E the captain, said that he was "Proud of his team's performance, it's great to start the league fixtures with a win". Kane Cabellero

## VICTORIAN SCHOOL EYE OPENER !

Some members of Year 8 at The Brades Lodge recently visited Blists Hill Victorian Town, as they are learning about the lives of Victorian children as part of their non-fiction writing module in English.

Year 8 had the opportunity to participate in candle dipping and enjoyed a lesson in the Victorian school. "There's no way I would've like going to school in those days ! They used to hit the kids with sticks!" said one Brades Lodge urchin !



## RESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS

"Museums are boring", "I ain't going" - those were the words from some mouths before heading to the Think Tank in Birmingham . When we arrived however the mood quickly changed and the excitement built....two minutes in...."this place is amazing!!!", "can we come here for my birthday party!?!?", "I want to see the animals!", "Woaaaaaah, come and see this!!!!", "look at these robots!!!!". - We didn't say I told you so !

The new music room has generated great excitement and creativity with the residents tripping over themselves to have a go on the drums and guitar, expressing inner grooves they never knew they had. Look out for the Shenstone Lodge House Band, soon to be available for recording and paid gigs.





## FUND RAISING EVENTS

Across the sites, students, staff, parents and carers have been busy supporting a range of charities over the last half term.

We are thrilled to announce that as a small school we have still managed to raise the following :



£99.85 for Macmillan Cancer Support

£40.80 for YoungMinds

£15.10 Jeans for Genes

£19.40 Mental Health Awareness Day

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED !!!

WE ARE  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT



## Quiz Corner

1. Which country has the highest population of tigers ?

2. Where are the Mumbles?

3. What are the indigenous people of Australia called ?

4. Where can you find a moat ?

5. How many different meanings can you find for the word 'rail' ?

6. Who is Clark Kent ?

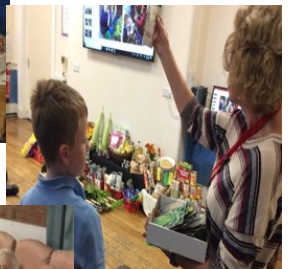


## Gardening Success Continues to Grow !

At Shenstone Lodge they have been celebrating their gardening achievements. After receiving the level 3 RHS award in Summer they have managed to already achieve the level 4 RHS award after demonstrating the ongoing development of gardening skills, growing fruit, vegetables and raising money through our garden enterprise activities.

We invited our friend Lynda from Shenstone Library to award our certificates to Braiden (Head Gardener) and Jack, at our Harvest Festival celebrations.

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all those who were able to make 'food parcel' donations . A local 'Friday Friends' pensioners group were very happy to receive a hamper from Riley and Kieron! Ms Black



Well Done...



To Callum, Rehquarne, John, Kai, Stephen, Andre and Ethan for receiving the most positive report slips at The Brades Lodge this half term.

To Kyle CH, Rio E, Callum, Jack, Thomas, Rio R and Andre who have 100% attendance this half term at The Brades Lodge.

To Celest, Brayden, Luke O, Jordan and Jayden N with the highest class Dojos this half term.

To Evan, Caiden, Lexi, Caiden, Mia-Louise, Ibrahim, Junior, Malachi, Ethan C, Jake A, Riley T, Kyle, Luke O, Dwain, Charlotte, Charlie, Kieron, Xavier, Curtis and Jake O who have 100% attendance at Shenstone Lodge this half term.

## English course work has never been so much fun !

On Thursday 26th September, a number of Year 7 students at The Brades Lodge visited Chasewater Outdoor Education Centre as part of their English module on non-fiction, in which they are writing about Extreme Sports.

The students had a fantastic time sailing two-man dinghies and getting very wet! We look forward to reading the reports about their experiences.

Mrs Yates



### Good To Know Working with Families News

In partnership with Sandwell MBC, West Bromwich Leisure Centre is offering a **FREE Aqua-natal** 6 week course to pregnant mums living in Sandwell. The first session is Thursday 7th November, 10.30am - 11.30am. To book a place, call Healthy Sandwell on 0121 569 5100

Baggies Buddies is a West Bromwich Albion FC Project. It's part of an initiative to try to tackle loneliness and isolation in the community. If you know someone who would enjoy a match but have no one to go with and don't want to go alone, Baggies Buddies are a group of supporters available to support individuals.

<https://www.wba.co.uk/news/2019/january/introducing-baggies-buddies/>

### A.O.B.

Following an unsuccessful round of interviews the Shenstone Lodge site continues to look for a permanent Head of School. As an interim measure, to support the day to day management of Shenstone, Simon Hobbs (from The Brades Lodge) will be working as the Shenstone Head of School from November 4th whilst Chris Husband and Scott Worton will be 'acting' Assistant Heads on the Brades Lodge site. These measure will remain in place until a new Head of School is appointed.

#### Diary Dates...

**Half Term 28th Oct-1st Nov**

**INSET 8th November**

**Xmas Break 23rd Dec-3rd Jan**

**Half Term 17th -21st Feb**

**Easter Break 6th Apr-17th Apr**

**May Day FRIDAY 8th MAY**

**Half Term 25th May-29th May**

#### School Data Box 2018/19

Below is a short summary of some of the key bits of information that we report on to Governors and the Local Authority.

Whole School Attendance for 2018/2019 : **84.1%**  
2019 /20 school year to date : **87%**

Whole School Sessions lost to Exclusion (1 day = 2 sessions)  
2018/19 : **127**    2019/20 school year to date : **29**



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