



## Message from the Head

Although the half term has been a short one we have once again packed it full of fun and learning. Highlights include the TBL skiing trip, world book day celebrations, the launch of the new website, the SLS pen pal project and unbelievably we now have upgraded broadband at Shenstone Lodge !

At the end of this term you will be receiving an up to date report of how your child is doing at school which will include a summary of their behavioural profile. This is in direct response to comments made through the parent survey. The report form is designed to be easily understood but we do sometimes assume that everybody understands 'teacher speak'. If you would like your child's class teacher or tutor to explain any of the comments further please call the school and they will get back to you at a convenient time.

On a slightly different note we continue to have a vacancy for a parent Governor. The role is to help the school improve further by providing a parent view of how things are (good or bad) and to be part of the solution finding process. Training is available for those interested so that you have a better understanding of how school finances work, what our safeguarding duties are and other key areas of school management. Most meetings are now taking place from 4 pm onwards and are hosted on both sites. They usually last about 3 hours and take place once every half term or so. Travel expenses can be paid on request. This is an exciting opportunity to have your say and to influence the way we support yours and others children. If you would like any further information, or would like to express an interest in joining please contact Gill Heather on 01543 480369 and she will provide you with any necessary details.

## ! Ski Trip Success !

Students from the Brades lodge enjoyed a fantastic week of skiing in the Alpine resort of Le Corbier. The group set off from Manchester airport on Saturday 12th March and returned on 19th March. On arrival the students were impressed with scenery and the hotel which specialises in providing ski trips for schools. On the first night there was a real sense of excitement which meant that sleep wasn't high on the agenda ! Nevertheless all were up on time and in the breakfast room for 8 am (7am GMT). Each day the students made significant progress and by the end of the week all were managing to tackle some difficult slopes as a team, with confidence and a sense of fun. The trip was a real success and those students who were lucky enough to be selected to go had an amazing time.

Jack said " The trip has been great and has helped me to overcome my fear of heights !"

John said "I enjoyed the whole trip... even when I Skied into a tree ! I also liked the French chocolate brownies and trying to talk to the shop keepers."

If you would like to find out more about the trip then please visit the website ... go to 'School Life' and 'The Brades Lodge' if you have the APP then look on the school blog.





## SPORTS NEWS

The Midlands School league required The Brades Lodge to travel to Redditch this half term to play against old rivals Lindsworth.

The lads started well and after some significant pressure Kamarlee opened the scoring with a class finish to take Brades into a 1-0 lead.

As the game wore on fitness started to tell and the team quickly found themselves 4-1 down. After thinking it was all over the boys lifted their spirits and dug deep to mount an amazing comeback taking the score to 4-4 with only minutes to go. Unfortunately Lindsworth crafted a last gasp winner settling a very entertaining game.

Good effort lads !



## Quiz Corner

1. What is the name of the German airline?
2. In which European city can you find the home of Anne Frank?
3. What is the most famous university of Paris?
4. What is the name of the Indian holy river?
5. Which South American country is named after Venice?
6. How long is the Great Wall of China?
7. How many stars has the American flag got?



## SHENSTONE LODGE WORLD BOOK DAY FUN

On Thursday 3rd March Shenstone staff and children had a super day dressing up as well know book characters. The variety of costumes differed from Darth Vader and He-man to Where's Wally, Mr fox and Harry Potter. We awarded winning costumes during the morning, when all children and staff paraded along the catwalk and spoke about their chosen character. In the afternoon each class presented the picture books they had been working on during the week in class. All their contributions were excellent and all deserve a BIG well done for the hard work and dedication put into the task. Later in the evening residential children and staff enjoyed a 'Mad Hatters tea party', where even the cakes fitted in with the theme of the party, with pocket watches and March Hares beautifully decorating the top. A memorable day was had by all. Well done Shenstone !

## RESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Another fantastically packed half term in residence, continuing with all the usual fun activities and sessions at the school including our regular attendance at the local cubs group. The children put their creativity to good use and produced some beautiful plates for loved ones on Mothers Day.



An excellent evening was enjoyed by all residential children on World Book Day. The children had a wonderful time at our tea party, enjoying blue and green tea, the most fabulous cakes and, most importantly, had lots of fun. We also loved reading quotes from Alice in Wonderland 'Sometimes I believe in as many as six impossible things before breakfast !'.



The swimming pool will be open after Easter so please send in goggles, nose clips or other swimming aids after the break. Thank you Mr Hart (Deputy Head Of Care).

## Nottingham Trip Promotes Art and Maths

Key stage 3 students from The Brades Lodge were taken to Nottingham to visit the National Contemporary Arts Museum to support work related to their Bronze Art Award. In addition the group undertook a number of 'real world' maths challenges and tasks.

Students were given maps of Nottingham City Centre and a tram timetable. 3 groups then had to make their way around the town and visit various landmarks within the centre.

Students were required to use navigational and map reading skills as well as a looking at maths in everyday situations.

"It was a really good trip, I loved going on the trams, I've never been on one before, we should have them where we live instead of buses" said Kieran.



## Pottery Plants

As part of a creative arts project students at TBL had a great time learning how to use clay to make personalised flowers and plants which will stand pride of place at the Sandwell Inside Out Festival. The project has been commissioned by the Creative Black Country group and is looking to Sandwell students to make a total of 2000 individual flowers which will be displayed for all to see in the 'Ceramic Garden' area.

Students have created their flowers and plants using a range of techniques and are looking forward to the second session when they will glaze the dried clay to produce a water resistant piece of art work.



## Well Done...

To Ciaran, Mark, Jordan H, Joshua and Robert for receiving the most positive report slips at The Brades Lodge this half term.

To Kieran, Jordan P, Freddie-Lee, Bradley, DJ, Jordan M and Johnathan who have 100% attendance this half term at The Brades Lodge.

To Heather, Luke, Chanel, Lola, RMario and Baileigh with the highest class Dojos this half term.

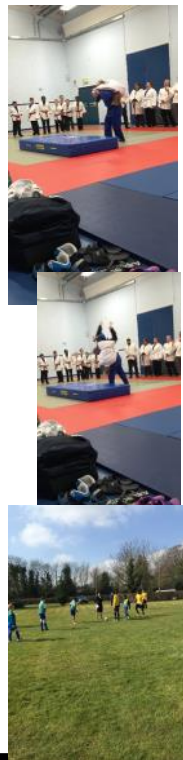
To Baileigh, Ethan, Demarni, Dakarai, Cain, Heather, Curtis, Calum Leona, Lewis, Darren, Chanel, Rhys, Kyle, Ethan W and Elena who have 100% attendance at Shenstone Lodge.



## SPORTS RELIEF

Shenstone Lodge had a fantastic time raising money for 'Sports Relief'. We started early on Thursday with a football match. Lots of staff and children joined in and great fun was had by all. Yellow team were victorious in the end winning 4-2. The sportsmanship and teamwork shown was commendable. Mr Albright said "This was the best staff and pupil match we have ever done!"

On Friday we all enjoyed a fabulous judo session where the judo pupils were able to showcase what they have been learning. A number of staff joined in the session and were taught a judo throw by the pupils. All of the pupils and staff within the school either participated or spectated. Mr Hart, Miss Keating, Miss Boldon and Mr Foley-Bernard were all sponsored to compete against resident sensei, black belt, 2nd dan Mark Smith...wow! What an experience! A total of £130 was raised for sports relief. Well done everyone and an extra special big thank you to Mark Smith and the judo pupils for all of their hard work and dedication.



## A.O.B.

The Brades Lodge are now the proud owners of a new 17 seat minibus. This amazing resource is already making a huge difference to the ability of staff to run school trips and activities.

The new school website is now online and can be found at [www.shenstonelodge.co.uk](http://www.shenstonelodge.co.uk). If you prefer to access the site on a mobile device you can download the APP from 'Schudio'. On installation, please select our school. Please be aware that the absence notification link is not activated so you will need to call school as usual in the event of your child not attending school.

The broadband at Shenstone Lodge School has finally been upgraded! This will allow the younger students to benefit from a more exciting and engaging IT curriculum with improved resources. Moreover, we can re-instigate the iPad project for the upcoming academic year.

18 students at The Brades Lodge have achieved the end of term 'tier 3 reward' trip as a result of continued good behaviour and engagement in lessons. This is the highest number of students achieving this level of reward since its introduction. Well done to all!

### Diary Dates...

End of Term Wed 23rd March  
1.30pm

Students return Mon 11th April

Bank Holiday 2nd May

30th May-3rd Jun Half Term

End of Term 22nd July 1.30pm

Summer Break

Students return 7th September

### School Data Box

After some consideration we have decided to include a short summary of some of the key bits of information that as a school we report on to Governors and the Local Authority.

This information is also useful for parents and carers to know, as it should provide a measure of whole school performance and progress over time.

Spring 2 Half Term: Attendance SLS 97.9% TBL 68.2%

Spring 2 Half Term Sessions lost to Exclusion

(1 day = 2 sessions) SLS 28 TBL 5