



THE LODGE Issue 17 ... May 2016

Message from the Head

This has been a busy half term with students at both sites completing National Tests and accreditations as they draw close to moving through the school or on to pastures new.

In particular we are extremely proud of the Year 6 students who took this years SATs in their stride despite all the negative news coverage.

Miss Keating and her team on the Shenstone Lodge Site were delighted to be the first school in the country to achieve the Well Being Charter Mark. Over the last few months the staff have worked extremely hard with Sandwell MBC and Birmingham University to introduce and embed a range of supportive practices that improve the well-being of students and staff in the school. Furthermore, the school is now promoting the programme across the Borough and beyond. We look forward to this programme developing at The Brades Lodge.

As we come to the end of another half term the school continues to provide a wide range of enrichment opportunities to compliment the day to day offer of more traditional lessons.

Groups of students have visited outdoor education centres, taken part in a variety of sporting events and have travelled to major cities to undertake projects.

And finally ... Please visit the website www.shenstonelodge.co.uk it's a great place to get up to date information about some of the things we are doing.

BBC
RADIO



WHAT A DAY !

Students from The Brades Lodge enjoyed a trip to the BBC 1 XTRA radio station in London on 11th April. After a short chat with the producers it was soon discovered that the work that had been previously undertaken by the

students around knife crime had the potential to be made into a BBC programme. As a result the boys returned to school with a clear mandate to produce something special for submission to the BBC XTRA team.

Interviews have since taken place with nursing staff in Sandwell's A+E department, a knife crime victim and local MP Adrian Bailey.

The students are in the process of putting together their pod cast drawing together all of the work they have done to date. We look forward to hearing it on the school website and national radio soon !

DJ said 'It was great to see London and some of the sights ... I can't wait to put all this together and share all our hard work with everyone.'

As an additional bonus Mr Bailey was so impressed by the boys from The Brades he has invited them to visit the Houses of Parliament in the next half term ...

Result !





SPORTS NEWS

It has been another successful half term for the Brades Lodge football team. In the Midland League the team travelled to Coventry to play Chorley School. It was a game that required a lot of resilience against a team that used a 'long throw' at every opportunity. Fortunately the Brades defended well and seemed to score on every forward run. DJ single handedly dismantled their defence and scored a hat trick as part of a 6-2 win. The standout goal however was from Lewis who was goalkeeping at the time !

In a non-league fixture, a team of Key Stage 3 students visited the Options school in Shifnal. Although the team consisted of a number of pupils who had never represented the school before they played exceptionally well together to win 3-2. Well done lads ... you were an absolute credit to yourselves and the school. Mr Worton



Quiz Corner

1. Can you name a French car company ?
2. In which European city can you find the Vatican ?
3. What is the name of the longest river in China ?
4. Where is the Taj Mahal ?
5. Which South American has the largest population ?
6. How long is the Great Wall of China ?
7. How many stripes has the American flag got?



Toward the end of the Summer term we are looking forward to parents and carers visiting the schools for a variety of events including parent consultations and sports days. Please see the website for more details.

In addition, The Brades Lodge school are hosting a SOAP BOX DERBY event at Warley Woods on Friday June 17th . We are expecting at least four other schools from far and wide to join the racing fun (including a team from Shenstone Lodge School). Parents and carers are more than welcome to come along and support our teams do battle with their crazy soap box cars ! The event starts at around 10am and will run through to 2pm.



RESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Another fantastic term had in residence. Children have enjoyed lots of time in the pool, practicing their swimming skills and generally splashing about having fun.

Many of the residence have been fishing and have been lucky to catch the most amazing fish, some real whoppers!!

Physical fitness has been a key theme over the term with gym sessions, judo, and dance. We are very pleased that three boys were invited to join their Cubs section in a weekend residential camp, this is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of all those that took part.

We have also been really excited about the passion children are showing towards their reading, with children reading to staff in the evenings. Keep it up, it's great to see how much they all improving. D Hart (Head of Care).



DARKEST CLASSROOM CHALLENGE

Shenstone Lodge School worked closely with the National SEMH school network 'Engage in Their Future' to host a DARKEST CLASSROOM challenge in South Wales. Three students from across both sites competed for an opportunity to spend 4 hours on a caving expedition in one of the most exciting and challenging cave systems in Wales, Pant Mawr. The group arrived at the camp site on Wednesday 27th April and were quickly involved in group activities with students from schools across the country. After a very, very cold night in tents the group left the home base for their first cave challenge. Jaden, Thomas and Calum took the experience in their stride and seemed to be completely at home wriggling through dark tunnels and squeezing through holes in walls. Mr Toplass however didn't enjoy the opportunity quite so much and failed miserably to fully embrace the day!

On the final day both Jaden and Calum were given the opportunity to undertake the main event and had a brilliant time supported by Mr Hobbs and Mr Butler who were quite happy to be down a large, endless hole all day!

In the meantime Thomas had a great day out Gorge Walking in snow, rain and bright sunshine ... Well done to all for a great few days!

We hope to get footage of the trip on our website soon ... www.shenstonelodge.co.uk



Botanical Garden Visit

Unicorn Class has enjoyed a trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

To support their Cornerstone's topic 'The Scented Garden', Unicorn Class excitedly looked forward to their trip.

The children explored all four stunning glasshouses which range from the exotic Tropical House through to the Subtropical, Mediterranean and Arid Houses. They walked straight from experiencing hot and humid tropical conditions into a desert climate and observed the changes to plants due to the seasons.

Helped along by the poor weather the children experienced an authentic rainforest adventure! Miss Gregory



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 Kacey, Rhys, Thomas, Bradley M and Jordan M who have 100% attendance this half term at The Brades Lodge.

To Heather, Lola, Zeke, Sam and Elena with the highest class Dojos this half term.

To Jack BH, Caleb, Cain, Shannon, Heather, Sam, Curtis, Calum, Jack H, Zeke, Tyler, Leona, Jamie, McKenzie, Darren, Luke, Chanel, Riley, Ethan and Elena who have 100% attendance at Shenstone Lodge this half term.



EDGMOND HALL VISIT

Students from Shenstone Lodge spent a fantastic few days at the Edgmond Hall Outdoor Education Centre. The group had the opportunity take part in a wide range of activities including crafting, climbing, abseiling, team challenges and animal care. This was the first time many of the students had been away from home but all coped incredibly well enjoying the fresh air and open space. The visit was a great success and all students, although a little tired, returned with big smiles.



A.O.B.

Parents views are extremely important to us and help us to shape school development.

By completing and returning the questionnaire attached we can continue to measure how we are performing as a school with regard to meeting your needs and those of your child. To date, your responses have led to the school providing progress reports at the end of each term and improving our responses to bullying concerns.

Questionnaires should be returned by Friday 13th June so that the information and feedback can be collated for the next newsletter. THANK YOU !!!

Mrs Bridgewater has been appointed to the Safeguarding Manager post at the Shenstone site following the departure of Ms Hickman. Ms Service continues to cover at The Brades Lodge whilst Miss Wingell is on maternity leave.

Shenstone Lodge have recently recruited to three teaching posts as the school grows and existing vacancies are filled. We look forward to Mr Mitchell and Ms Sproule joining the team in September, and officially welcome Mrs Pearcey who has been working in Phoenix for a number of months.

Diary Dates...

24.6.16 TBL Sports Day

29.6.16 SLS Sports Day

30.6.16 (10am-2pm) SLS

Parents Consultation Day

1.7.16 STAFF INSET DAY

End of Term 22nd July 1.30pm

SUMMER VACATION

Students return on Wednesday
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.

Summer 1 to date : Attendance SLS 98% TBL 67%

Summer 1 to date : Sessions lost to Exclusion

(1 day = 2 sessions) SLS 6.5 TBL 3

Shenstone Lodge School Parent/Carer Questionnaire



May 2016

Please complete and return to school by Friday 10th June.

My child is in year group

Name :

For each of the statements below, please tick the box which best reflects your views.

1 = strongly agree 2 = agree 3 = disagree 4 = strongly disagree 5 = don't know

	1	2	3	4	5
1. My Child enjoys school					
2. The school keeps my child safe					
3. The school informs me about my child's progress					
4. My child is making enough progress at this school					
5. The teaching is good at this school					
6. The school helps me to support my child's learning					
7. The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle					
8. The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example, changing year group, changing school, and for those who are finishing school, entering further or higher education, or					
9. The school meets my child's particular needs					
10. The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour					
11. The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns					
12. The school is led and managed effectively					
13. Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school					

Your support in completing and returning this questionnaire is very much appreciated as it assists us in identifying areas of strength or weakness and enables us to take measures to improve. If you would like to make any further comments please use the back of this sheet.