



THE LODGE

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Message from the Head

On the 3rd of May the school was visited by Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI) who conducted a section 8 (short) inspection.



The Inspectors spent time on both sites, scrutinising progress data, observing lessons, challenging attendance levels, overseeing safeguarding procedures and assessing the quality of leadership and management.

It was clear from the outset that the inspection followed the most rigorous framework to date and that the inspectors had a keen eye for detail. At the end of the day the team confirmed that the school continues to be GOOD. This is brilliant news and a great testament to the work of both staff and students. The report is available for viewing on the school website now and will be published on the OFSTED site in the next week or so.

The report of residential social care inspection is now available on the school and OFSTED website and we are pleased to confirm that we retained a grading of 'GOOD'. The planning application for a modular classroom at The Brades Lodge has been approved. As a result we will be able to introduce a new Work Based Learning unit on the site which will provide opportunities for students to access specialist resources and equipment more regularly.



Thursday 18th May was outdoor classroom day at Shenstone Lodge. The whole day was spent learning outdoors in the beautiful grounds of the school and the woodland. The children had a range of exciting activities that they could take part in which included bouldering, orienteering, identifying the trees in the grounds, a mindfulness session and a Forest Schools tool work session.

The children had a really exciting day and they all took part in the activities which were designed to develop social skills, resilience, turn taking and communication, whilst providing physical activities to get their blood pumping. Xavier said it was "A great a day"



Sea Life Centre Visit

A trip to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham was the perfect way to introduce the 'Land Ahoy' topic for Unicorn and Athos classes. The children enjoyed the opportunity to learn about 2,000 creatures including Gentoo penguins, a shiver of sharks, a giant green sea turtle and more! The children had fun getting closer than ever before in the UK's only 360° Ocean Tunnel and a Behind the Scenes Tour. The favourite part of the day was the chance to touch a starfish at the interactive rockpool.

Did you know the Birmingham Sea Life Centre is the biggest breeder of Sea Horses in the world? **Miss Gregory**





SPORTS NEWS

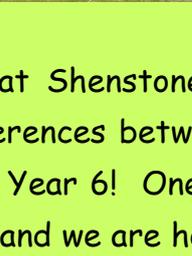


Quiz Corner

Key Stage 3 students from across the two sites came together to represent the school in a mini football tournament against teams from Shifnal and Coventry. Hosted at The Brades Lodge, the first game against Woodfield from Coventry was a closely contested match with the Brades boys hitting the woodwork on numerous occasions. The game was decided by a lucky away goal and a 1-0 victory to the travelling team Woodfield. The second game was a very different affair with Brades dominating from the first whistle. By the end of the game Brades had scored an eye watering 9 goals against the Options School's 3.

Well done to Jaden, Tom K, Lemarr, Josh, Bradley Mo, Kane, Baileigh and Andre. Mr Mitchell said "All those involved were a credit to the school".

As the season draws to a close we have one more league game left to play. Victory will provide us with the opportunity to play in a finals playoff at Wolves training ground. Mr Worton



International Links

Ephaste, our friend from Rwanda, came to visit the children at Shenstone Lodge where he answered questions about life in Rwanda and the differences between life here and there. He also enjoyed playing a game of football with Year 6! One of our teachers, Miss Pearcey, is visiting Rwanda in the summer holidays and we are hoping to build some links with schools there.



RESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Hi all, it's again been another exciting and fun packed month in residence with the staff and children visiting some new and wonderful places. This month as part of SMSC week we visited the National War Memorial, where the children could learn about some of the great work our country's service men and women have undertaken to keep us safe over the years. This visit tied in nicely with the May-Day celebrations as the children were able to pay their own fitting tribute to our fallen heroes.

RSPCA week was also a fun-filled and exciting time in residence, with the team's very own 'Dr Doo Little' Emma Yardley arranging, Cake Sales, Charity Dog Walks and even a visit by the legendary Animal Man, who was in fact a lady! It was safe to say the children had a wild time. In residence we visited 'Jane's Farm' to feed the lambs, which we all enjoyed, even though some of us got soaked ("Thank you Jane"). Our Charity Dog Walk around Sutton Park helped contribute massively to the £102 raised by the school towards such a great cause. **Dee Hart (Head of Care)**



ANIMAL MAGIC



On Wednesday 3rd May, Shenstone Lodge had an exciting visit from the Animal Man Company who brought along a whole host of furry and not so furry creatures. The visit was part of a range of activities for RSPCA week where children learnt about animals and how to take good care of them.

Those that were brave enough got to hold a tarantula, a boa constrictor, a corn snake, lizards and everyone's favourite animal - a lovely honey bear called Esther.

In addition to the above there was a beautiful owl, a tenrec (an African hedgehog) and a bearded dragon.

Many of the children (and adults!) overcame their fears whilst holding the animals which was wonderful to watch. The children really loved the experience and we hope to see Laura and the animals again soon. **Emma Yardley**



SCIENCE DAY SUCCESS

During Science Day the whole school participated in a range of science investigations and became Scientists for the day. The children answered three important questions? 1. Who has the biggest lung capacity? 2. Where does ice melt quickest? 3. Which ball is the bounciest? As part of the lung capacity experiment the children 'huffed and puffed' to blow through some tubing and displace water. The children found out that the person who could move the most water had the biggest lung capacity. During the second experiment the students chose where they thought ice cubes would melt the quickest and discovered that different locations around school produced different results. Finally the children chose different sized balls and balls made out of different materials and had fun dropping the balls at a range of heights to find out which ball was the bounciest! **Miss Pearcey**



Well Done...



To Joshua, Rhys, Kamarlee, Thomas and Kieran for receiving the most positive report slips at The Brades Lodge this half term.

To Rhys and Thomas who have 100% attendance this half term at The Brades Lodge.

To Andre, Xavier, Jack, Sam and Elena with the highest class Dojos this half term.

To Dominic, Jack BH, Callum, Cain, Xavier, Heather, Zeke, Leona, Andre, Jake, Chanel, Kyle, Ethan W who have 100% attendance at Shenstone Lodge this half term.



At The Brades Lodge, during tutor time we have been focussing on the 5 steps to well-being. Activities have been based around 'Big Feet', 'Big Hands', 'Big Heart', 'Big Eyes' and 'Big Brain'. For 'Big Brain', on Monday, we held a whole school quiz using the Radio Station to transmit questions into each classroom.



Quiz Master Jack Benson was in charge of the 10 question quiz and all classes took part. The winning group was 11.2 who (allegedly!!) got 10/10!! An independent enquiry into the result has now been launched!

Over the week there was a different activity each day focussing on a different step to well being. **Chris Husband**

A.O.B.

The school is currently looking to offer a Summer Holiday club for students across the school. We are in the early planning stage at the moment but as we secure the staffing details, locations and activity options we will be informing parents and carers.

SMSC WEEK

May 8th saw the beginning of SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) week at SLS. We collapsed the whole-school timetable to allow staff the chance to plan a wide range of activities that hit a variety of the SMSC framework outcomes. Everybody from our new Athos class to the KS3 boys in Pegasus took a full and active part in a great week. Monday had an R.E. focus with Tuesday and Wednesday being SMSC mini-projects such as creating stained-glass windows or sports from other cultures. Thursday was International Day with each class being given a different country to study before 'returning home' for British Values Day complete with a cream tea! **Mr Mitchell**

Diary Dates...

Half Term 29th May — 2nd June

End of Term (Summer Holidays)

TUESDAY 25th JULY 1.30pm

Students Return Wed 6th Sep

Half Term 23rd-27th Oct

Staff INSET DAY (schools closed to students) 10.11.17

School Data Box

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

School Year 2016/17: Attendance SLS 91% TBL 67%

School Year 2016/17: Sessions lost to Exclusion

(1 day = 2 sessions)

SLS 76 sessions TBL 43 sessions

ONLINE ADVICE

Think carefully before posting a picture or video of yourself, or your child online. Once it is on the internet it can be difficult to remove it.

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At a glance..

Family Activity

- **Stratford Day Trip**

Thursday 1st June

0-8 yrs Holiday & Weekend

- **Horse riding**

Wednesday 31st May

- **Animal Experience at Dudley Zoo**

Saturday 17th June

8-18 yrs Holiday & Weekend

- **Canoeing**

Tuesday 30th May

- **Swat Party (Nerf)**

Saturday 10th June

0-8 yrs Specialist Clubs

- **Rugby Tots**

Sunday 21st May

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Stratford-upon-Avon

(All family members welcome)

Where.. Meet the coach at The Meadows School, Dudley Road East, Oldbury, B69 3BU.

When.. Thursday 1st June, 8.45am for a 9am departure.

Cost.. £3.00/person.

A visit to beautiful Stratford. You can spend time browsing the shops or take a ride on the relaxing river boat. There are plenty of cafes and tea rooms or you can bring a picnic to enjoy by the riverside.

Horse Riding

(4yrs-8yrs)

Where.. Sandwell Valley Riding Centre, Wigmore Lane, West Bromwich, B71 3SU

When.. Wednesday 31st May, 10am-12pm or 2pm-4pm.

Cost.. £3.00/child.

Enjoy a pony care session which will include riding and grooming. Qualified staff will be on hand to help. Please wear boots or wellies for this activity. **NO TRAINERS PLEASE.**

The horse riding will be taking place again for the 8-18 age group in the summer. Details coming soon.

Animal Experience (Dudley Zoo)

(0yrs-8yrs)

Where.. Dudley Zoo, Castle Hill, Dudley, DY1 4QF.

When.. Saturday 17th June, meet at the zoo entrance at 10am.

Cost.. £3.00/child.

You will get the chance to meet some animals close up in a designated area. There will be games and a light snack will be provided.

There will be an opportunity to purchase reduced cost tickets to allow full access to the zoo once your child has completed the animal experience. Please contact SPDC if you would like to purchase tickets.

Swat Party (Nerf)

(8yrs-18yrs)

Where.. Scallywags Play Centre, Level Street, Brierley Hill, DY4 9AB

When.. Saturday 10th June,
5.30pm-7pm

Cost.. £3.00/child.

Come along and join in the party with a Nerf gun shootout. A snack will be provided to those taking part and there are facilities to purchase hot and cold drinks and snacks.

Canoeing

(8yrs-18yrs)

Where.. Malthouse Stables, Hurst Lane, Tipton, DY4 9AB.

When.. Tuesday 30th May, 9.30am-11am **OR** 11.30am-1pm **OR** 1.30pm-3pm.

Cost.. £3.00/child.

Join us for a relaxing session at the Malthouse Stables canoeing along the canal. Qualified staff will be assisting and safety wear will be provided.

Rugbytots

(2yrs-8yrs)

Where.. Portway Lifestyle Centre, Newbury Lane, Oldbury, B69 1HE

When.. Sunday 21st May, 3pm-4pm

Cost.. £3.00/child.

Rugbytots is a truly distinctive experience, combining exercise and fun. The structured play sessions take children on a journey of sporting imagination with engaging and energetic coaches supporting them every step of the way whilst teaching how to catch, pass, kick, run with the ball and play as part of a team.

Family Fun Day

SPDC are holding a Family Fun Day in August and we need your help! We are looking for donations suitable for raffle prizes or sweets for the Sweetie tombola. We are also collecting jars and new items to fill them with like pencils, small toys, erasers, crayons, hair clips, bobbles or any similar type of small item. Any donations can be handed into the office. *Thank you*



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Active Kids Vouchers

SPDC would like to thank everyone who collected Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers on our behalf. These can still be donated to the office until July.

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