



THE LODGE

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Message from the Head



As we run up to the Summer holidays the schools have been busy preparing for and taking exams, accreditations and tests. We are really excited about our results this year as we anticipate further improvement to student outcomes, with higher grades achieved and more accreditations completed.

As stated on the previous newsletter, OFSTED conducted our annual Residential Social Care Inspection in March. The outcome has now been published and we are extremely proud to announce that the residential provision was considered to be **OUTSTANDING** in all areas: namely...

1. The overall experiences and progress of children
2. How well children are helped and protected
3. The effectiveness of leaders and managers
4. That the school meets the National Minimum Standards for Residential Special Schools.

Well done to all those involved! Of course, the standard has been set now, and we are looking forward to the school achieving the same outcome on its next inspection.

And finally... Summer 2 can be a difficult time for the students as they prepare to move tutor groups, leave the school or transition between the sites. We will try and give you as much notice as possible to keep you informed of any changes affecting your child. Thankyou for your support.

STRONGEST COMPETITION

The annual 'Brades Strongest' event took place on 18.5.18 and was the best attended yet, with students from a number of different schools. Participants strained to lift, pull and throw in events such as the 'Kettle Bell Toss', 'Bench Press', 'Deadlift', 'Minibus Pull' and the 'Log Lift'. TBL students had great success with Lemarr winning the KS3 competition and Jay coming 4th in the KS4 event. Well Done! (Mr Worton)

Phoenix and Cyclops visit Cadbury World

As part of their topic on The Mayans, the children in Phoenix and Cyclops class visited Cadbury World to find out about life in this ancient civilisation and how they discovered chocolate. Here, the children are using liquid chocolate to write their names.

(Mrs Pearcey)



Blue Sky Thinking

On the 16th May the Blue Sky Theatre group delivered an amazing interactive version of the Shakespearean classics Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet. Key Stage 3 students at The Brades Lodge were fully engaged, especially when they had the opportunity to dress up and take part in the scenes. (Mrs Yates)





SPORTS NEWS

Friday 16th March saw the much anticipated return of the annual British Heart Foundation ultimate dodge-ball championship. The Shenstone children got involved in sponsorship and paying a fee to wear their house colours to show their support for the British Heart Foundation.

The children from all four house groups; Birch, Elm, Juniper and Rowan arrived in the school gym measuring up the competition and coming up with a plan. Then, the games began!

Outstanding effort from all of the children (and a lot of the staff) meant that there were no easy predictions or winners, and the second/third place battle was so closely fought it came right down to the wire, with Juniper just stealing the win to face off against the mighty Birch house in the final.

Both teams started well with some amazing dodging, catching and throwing from everyone, the game lasted the full two minutes and came down to a headcount to decide. Glorious in defeat, Juniper house fought bravely but were out-numbered and out-gunned by the triumphant Birch house

Not only was this a fantastic afternoon for all of the children and staff at school, but the children managed to raise a whopping £141.10 which has been sent to the BHF to fund lifesaving research and development. (Mr Mitchell)



Quiz Corner

1. What is the Italian word for 'hello' ?
2. What is the Spanish word for potato ?
3. Why do some birds fly South in Winter ?
4. Can you name three languages commonly spoken in India ?
5. Which country is Mount Everest in?
6. What is a sporran ?
7. What is the chemical symbol for Gold ?

RESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS

They say time flies when you're having fun, and that certainly seems the case this term (maybe we need more Bank Holiday Mondays!). It's been as busy as ever for our resident pupils, especially as the warmer days and longer evenings allow us more freedom and activity choice. This term has seen the return of fishing trips, with pupils catching massive fish in their dozens (new TV show idea - Shenstone's Extreme Fishing?). There have been a few skatepark trips too, where pupils have been accelerating their skills and looking more confident with every push! We celebrated RSPCA week with a trip to Jane's Farm, giving a helping hand in washing (and rounding up!) her prize winning sheep. Our regular Judo sessions along with trips to the local leisure centre pool maintain that healthy active lifestyle, and earlier in the term a couple of pupils baked the most delicious and vibrant Unicorn Cakes, sharing them for pudding one evening...get your orders in now, going fast! Lastly, our new residents have settled in wonderfully, engaging in activities and blending seamlessly into the evening routine...staff give thanks to their friends and families in helping with this. We hope you enjoy your break! (Dee Hart, Head of Care)



Cancer Charity Fund Raiser

Staff and students from The Brades Lodge will be taking part in a charity bike ride and mountain climb to raise money for 2 cancer charities.

The school hopes to raise in excess of £2,000 for both The Teenage Cancer Trust & Oddballs in support of Freddie-Lee who has recently been diagnosed with testicular cancer.

Freddie-Lee at only 16 years of age, has just started what is likely to be a lengthy and gruelling course of chemotherapy which, it is hoped, will then be followed by surgery.



Three members of staff and one extremely brave student are set to undertake a 120 mile bike ride from the school in Tividale to Snowdonia. After a night spent under canvas they will be joined by other students and staff and will climb Snowdon. It is hoped that Freddie-Lee will accompany the challenge, taking part wherever he feels able.

The school is being very generously supported in its challenge by 'Specialized' an international company, expert in all areas of biking. The company have loaned 5 brand new, hybrid bikes and matching helmets to the school for the challenge. Further details can be found on the school website www.shenstonelodge.co.uk

Donations can be made by visiting [Just Giving.com](http://JustGiving.com) and searching for 'Brades Bike & Hike'.

(Simon Hobbs)

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PARENT GOVERNOR REQUIRED !

Parent Governors play an important role in assisting and directing the school to provide the best education and support for the children. If you can commit to approximately 2 hours per half term then please contact Neil Toplass or Karen Appleby for further information.



Parent Consultation Day : Shenstone Lodge 12.7.18

Well Done...



To Andre, Tyler, McKenzie R'Mario and Jamie for receiving the most positive report slips at The Brades Lodge this half term.

To Jamie, McKenzie, R'Mario, Andre, Bradley Ma and Thomas who have 100% attendance this half term at The Brades Lodge.

To Charlotte, Jake, Leona, Elena and Curtis with the highest class Dojos this half term.

To Lexi, Kieron, Romero, Celest, Riley, Callum, Xavier, Leona, Curtis, Jake, Sam, Kai, Chanel, Ethan W, Ethan S and Heather who have 100% attendance at Shenstone Lodge this half term.

Green Tree School Award

After the success of last half term, children and staff at Shenstone Lodge School have continued to work hard, managing our woodland space. As a result they have already achieved the Woodland Trust Green Tree School GOLD award. Platinum next !! (Ross Fellows)



Botanical Garden Visit

This term Unicorn and Centaur classes have been completing their new Art topic all about 'Plants and Flowers.' As part of this topic we visited the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham.

We took part in a Natural Art workshop where children created natural pieces of artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. (Katy Foulkes)



General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

As you may be aware there are some changes to the way in which data and information is to be protected and held in all organisations. Although the regulations (which are replacing the Data Protection Act) will have the greatest impact for large commercial companies, schools will also need to ensure they are compliant. We will be sending a number of letters out shortly, to inform you specifically of your rights under the new regulations and to outline what data we hold about you and your child, how it is protected and describe the legal basis on which the school holds the information.

Diary Dates...

Half Term 28th May-1st Jun

Summer Break Friday 20th Jul
1.30pm

Staff Training Days 3rd/4th
September

Students Return Wednesday 5th
September

Half Term 29th Oct-2nd Nov

Staff Training Day Friday 9th
November

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.

Attendance Spring 2 2017/18 :

SLS 89.7% down 4.3% on Spr 2 2017

TBL 77.9% up 12.1% on Spr 2 2017

Sessions lost to Exclusion (1 day = 2 sessions) Spr 2 2017/18 :

SLS 13 sessions (up from 11 sessions Spr 2 2017)

TBL 32 sessions (up from 23 sessions Spr 2 2017)

ONLINE ADVICE

Messages of hate can take many forms. Extremist groups use them to recruit young people. Here you will find Q&A and resources to help you protect your child online

<https://educateagainsthate.com> (Narinder Singh)

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