



THE LODGE

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Message from the Head



As we come to the end of another successful school year, there have been many high points, which have made me immensely proud of how hard the staff and students have worked over the last three terms. The Outstanding Residential Ofsted result, was a particularly memorable occasion. In addition, pupil progress figures continue to demonstrate that teaching and learning is improving even further and with new staff joining the schools making a really positive impact. Focussed Subject Weeks across the sites have also brought specialist scientists, musicians, artists, chefs, sports professionals and others into the schools to deliver exciting educational workshops and sessions.

Enrichment opportunities offered to the students have moved to another level, with our Primary students visiting Normandy and Wales in the Autumn Term and our Secondary cohort enjoying the biggest ski trip to date in the Spring Term, and Aqua Adventure last week.

Furthermore, the school is proudly hosting and leading National and Regional events on a regular basis, including The National SEMH Schools Sports Festival, Brades Strongest Student, the Midlands SEMH Schools Conference and the ever popular Soap Box Derby.

The big agenda item for next year is ... How do we follow that !!

Have a fantastic and safe Summer Break and

SMILE Education World Cup

On Monday 2nd July students at Shenstone Lodge were fortunate enough to be invited to a football tournament at Aston Villa FC with seven other schools. All teams were allocated Country names and Shenstone were aptly called Brazil !

The students needed all of their skill and energy to remain undefeated as they got to the semi-finals. After a tense semi final penalty shoot out the team finished a creditable third place overall.

Although everybody played well, our top scorer was Chanel with 5 goals for the day and Mackenzie R and Ethan W had excellent tournaments trying hard throughout. (Mr Mitchell)

Well Done Team !



Enterprise Week

It was an exciting time at Shenstone Lodge School when we held our 'Enterprise Week'. Each class was invited to enter the 'Dragon's Den' and pitch for a £10 investment from Mrs Harris and Mr Toplass. Classes created their own business names, products, logos and even made adverts and Power Point presentations. Products were sold at our market place and people were able to buy a variety of items including fruit kebabs, stained glass cookies, crispy cakes and shell necklaces and key rings. The class that made the most profit was Phoenix, with their delicious chocolate cookies! (Mrs Black)



SPORTS NEWS



Shenstone Lodge Schools were given the fantastic opportunity to host and organise the first ever Sports Festival for Engage In Their Future (the National SEMH Schools body).

It was an action packed two days with schools from across the country coming together to celebrate Sport and Exercise.

On day one the teams gathered at The Brades Lodge site to engage in 'ice breaker' activities before competing against each other in Aussie Rules, NFL and traditional football games. Once activities finished schools made camp and had the opportunity to sample the local area.

Day two took place at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. This iconic venue showcased student athletes from SEMH schools in seven different events with competitions across age ranges. After a short coaching session to ensure the students could manage the equipment safely, the event proper began, with the Shot/Javelin/ Discus/ 100m/ 800m/ High Jump and Long Jump. Trophies and medals were awarded to victors and runners up in all categories.

Shenstone Lodge School would like to thank all of the pupils and staff who attended. They were a credit to their settings. We are looking forward to planning next years event !!! (Mr Mitchell and Mr Worton)

Lichfield and Burntwood School Games - Athletics

As part of our quest to gain a School Games Mark for 2018 and as a result of some excellent performances on sports day the previous week, Shenstone Lodge entered a team into the Lichfield and Burntwood Athletics Competition at Beacon Park in the centre of Lichfield.

On another red-hot day we assembled under a gazebo before getting ready to compete across various events.

A superb afternoon of competition saw us come away with two medals which is a first for the school and testament to the hard work put in by the students in the warm weather.

Y5/6 Girls Javelin - Bronze Medal - Chanel

Y5/6 Boys Javelin - Bronze Medal - Caleb

(Mr Mitchell)



RESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This half term we have been in a reflective mood, discussing memories and fun times shared with those leaving residence this week... rock climbing, mountain biking, canoeing at the Malthouse Stables... park trips, skate park trips, dance sessions and stories by the fire, cooking pancakes, smoothie making, birthday parties and playing in the woodland have all been on the agenda.

On the flip side, we welcome in new members of the residential community that will no doubt be inspired by the stories and photographs of others. Some may call it the circle of life...(insert song here). Happy holidays! (The Residential Care Team)



Cancer Charity Fund Raiser

Staff and students from The Brades Lodge took part in a charity bike ride and mountain climb to raise money for 2 cancer charities, and to support fellow student and friend Freddie-Lee who has been diagnosed with testicular cancer.

On Thursday 21st June the cycle team left Brades Lodge just after 9am to embark on the gruelling 12 hour, 100 mile ride to the foot of Mount Snowdon.

On Friday the two wheel heroes were joined by more students and staff to climb the highest mountain in Wales. The challenge was completed on schedule with all students back in West Bromwich by Friday evening. This was an amazing achievement and we are very proud of all those who took part. (Simon Hobbs)



Quiz Corner



1. Who won this years Fifa World Cup ?
2. What year did the 2018 World Cup winners last win the trophy ?
3. When did England last reach the World Cup semi-finals ?
4. Name 5 England football team managers
5. Where are the 2022 World Cup finals to be held ?
6. Who hosted the first ever World Cup finals ?

A.O.B.

PARENT GOVERNOR STILL 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 on 01543 480369 or

Email headteacher@shenstoneodge.co.uk



Well Done...



To Drew, Luke, John, Dominic and Doulton for receiving the most positive report slips at The Brades Lodge this half term.

To Rehquarne, Kyle, Andre, Baileigh and Thomas who have 100% attendance this half term at The Brades Lodge.

To Leona, Jake, Charlotte, James and Junior with the highest class Dojos this half term.

To Ethan C, Junior, Caleb, Dwaine, Luke O, Romero, Charlotte, Celest, Riley, Callum, Xavier, Curtis, Leona, Jake, Cameron, Kai, Chanel, Ryan, and Heather who have 100% attendance at Shenstone Lodge this half term.

The Mad Museum Visit

The Mad Museum is the country's only permanent venue for mechanical works of art. The exhibits are purposely created for visitors to interact with and to explore. Some of the pieces displayed were from well known TV programmes and films such as Wallace and Gromit, Scrapheap Challenge and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

This was a fascinating day out and those who went were keen to devise their own MAD ART, which we are all looking forward to seeing! (Jaggie Bassi—Art Dept).



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Scott Worton and Katy Foulkes have been working with the LSPs across the two sites to meet the requirements of the Best Practice Teaching Assistants Award. The process has taken approximately 12 months and has involved rewriting policies, providing additional training, conducting LSP focussed lesson observations and generally working closely with our extended teaching team to ensure we offer the best possible learning experience for the students.

On 10.7.18 the school was audited against the award standards and we were thrilled to pass with flying colours and to receive an extremely complimentary summary.

Well Done to all those involved! We look forward to embedding our practice further to ensure every classroom adult forms an important part of our educational offer.

Diary Dates...

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

Xmas Break 21st Dec 1.30pm

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 Summer 1 2017/18 :

SLS 90.3% up 2.3% on Sum 1 2017

TBL 77% up 7% on Sum 1 2017

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

SLS 1 session (down from 16 sessions Sum 1 2017)

TBL 8 sessions (down from 19 sessions Sum 1 2017)

ONLINE ADVICE

There are FREE Parent Guides with information on all the latest websites, apps and digital trends. From live-streaming platform Twitch to popular online game Fortnite.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>



(Narinder Singh)



The following links offer some starting points if you are looking for things to do over the Summer holidays. We've tried to find links to local activities that don't break the bank, yet still offer lots of fun !

http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200242/events/1829/school_holidays_-_whats_on_in_sandwell

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisInSandwell/FREETENNIS/TennisForFree>

<http://friaryjudo.co.uk/> (free judo every Tuesdays evenings + Saturday Mornings)

http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200252/museums_libraries_and_archives/2777/get_involved_-_activities_and_whats_on_at_sandwell_museums

<http://visitbirmingham.com/explore-birmingham/blog/free-things-to-do-with-children/>

<https://www.thebestof.co.uk/local/walsall/events/family-fun-kids/>