



THE LODGE

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Message from the Head



The residential OFSTED report is now available to see online, both on the school and OFSTED websites.

As mentioned on the last newsletter we are extremely pleased with the outcome.

The Inspectors judged the school to be outstanding in the following key areas...

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people

How well children and young people are helped and protected

The effectiveness of leaders and managers

This means that we have achieved **OUTSTANDING** overall for the second year in a row.

Of particular note there were a number of statements made which summarise the flavour of the report:

- Children thoroughly enjoy their residential stays.
- The residential provision contributes significantly to the progress that children make in school.
- Children grow in self-confidence, social skills, communication and ability to manage their emotions and behaviour.
- Dedicated and highly skilled staff treat each child with dignity and respect.
- Highly trained and vigilant staff ensure that children are safe.
- Leadership is inspirational, creative and child focused.

A fantastic testament to the all the hard work and effort put in by the staff and students over the past year.

Well Done All !

PREVENT

In 2007 the Government Launched the PREVENT strategy which is designed to promote cultural tolerance and challenge prejudice in order to 'prevent' young people becoming radicalised and turning to extremist groups. Over the last term students at The Brades Lodge have been learning about PREVENT... what it represents and how it impacts on society in general.



To share their understanding of the issues they made a short film to demonstrate

how easy it is for vulnerable young people to be led down the wrong path.

The film was so successful it was showcased at an event hosted by the school at the Sandwell Council House and has been viewed by local MP Adrian Bailey.

There has been considerable interest generated in the production, such that other groups and agencies want to share it as a great example of how to address this difficult subject.

Preventing vulnerable individuals from being radicalised

SPORTS NEWS

As part of the 'Equality and Diversity' Week Shenstone Lodge students had the chance to have a go at 'Wheelchair' Basketball. Local coach Alan brought in his specially adapted wheelchairs and taught the groups how to manoeuvre and stop. Once mobility was (sort of) mastered Alan showed the students exactly what they needed to do for the game. It was brilliant... but tiring on the arms! Ryan V said: "I had so much fun and had never done this before." Mr Mitchell



The Brades Lodge football team played High Grange School from Derby this half term at a neutral venue in Coventry. In a very tight first half, goals from Rio, Baleigh and Jaden ended the half level. The tactical changes during the break proved vital as The Brades romped home with a 13-7 victory. Baleigh led the scoring charts with 5 putting him well ahead of the other students in overall goals scored this season. High Grange awarded player of the match to Rio but our staff felt that McKenzie L was outstanding and deserved the honour. Next game is the against the Arc school, away. Scott Worton.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March was World Book Day, and we were celebrating at The Brades Lodge.

Staff and students dressed up as characters from books and we were visited for the day by award-winning, internationally acclaimed performance poet Spoz.

The students worked with Spoz all day; they listened to him perform some of his work, participated in rap battles and ultimately produced and performed some excellent poetry of their own. We are already looking forward to World Book Day 2020! Sarah Yates



RESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS



This term's theme of 'belonging' has seen the pupils experience a variety of activities that all work around their own unique community values. The skatepark brings together people with an alternative view on sports and exercise, requiring cooperation to avoid collision, patience for turn taking and positive energy for encouragement. Cannock Chase brings together people with a passion for the outdoors; appreciating and respecting the environment and belonging to nature. Judo welcomes the pupils to be part of a club, with sportsmanship and respect high on their list of values. Participating in activities such as these also help to develop friendships, social skills and motor skills that support learning in and out of the classroom.

Dave Hare RCCO

PIZZA PERFECT !

Students at The Brades Lodge had a great morning at Pizza Express learning how to bake the perfect pizza. Using the well known pizza brand's top quality dough, the boys kneaded and rolled their bases into 9 inch rounds ready for a variety of toppings. The finished products were delicious according to all those attending! McKenzie said " It was a great visit, it's the sort of thing I can see myself doing when I leave school"



Quiz Corner



1. Which Japanese car manufacturer is based near Derby ?
2. What is the estimated number of people living in London ?
3. If it is 12pm on Monday in the UK, what time and day is it in New York ?
4. What is a Marsupial ?
5. How many players are there in a volley ball team ?
6. Is it true that a mouse has more bones in its body than a human ?

Science Week

This half term Shenstone Lodge students have taken part in an amazing week focussing on Science !

Over the course of 5 days the children have had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of scientific learning, predicting, experimenting and investigating.



This was topped off with a visit from 'Wonderdome', a mobile Planetarium. Inside children had the opportunity to explore the planets in the solar system and discover more about the possibility of finding life in Space. WOW !

Miss Foulkes



Well Done...



To McKenzie Le, Luke, Jamie, McKenzie Lu and Andre for receiving the most positive report slips at The Brades Lodge this half term.

To Kai, Mackenzie R, Kyle C-H and Kieran who have 100% attendance this half term at The Brades Lodge.

To Mia Louise, Lucas S, Malachi, Ethan D and Junior with the highest class Dojos this half term.

To Chris, Evan, Lexie, Lucas S, Jayden, Mia-Louise, Matthew, Ethan D, Ibrahim, Malachi, Romero, Celest, Jordan, Leo, James, Curtis, Michael, Ryan, Junior, Elana and Dwain who have 100% attendance at Shenstone Lodge this half term.

<p>To help parents discuss the importance of internet safety with their children at a younger age, Vodafone UK, Andersen Press, author Jeanne Willis and illustrator Tony Ross have produced a digital edition of #Goldilocks. The book is a modern twist on the classic fairy tale and offers a fun and accessible way for parents to discuss responsible social media use with their younger children.</p>	<p>Download the book and activity sheet for free https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks</p>
<p>Sandwell museums have reopened to general visitors this week, with exciting family activities lined up for the spring, including Easter and the May bank holidays weekends.</p>	<p>http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/museums</p>
<p>Change4life provides all you need to know about getting '5 a day for the whole family' with some useful hints and recipe ideas.</p>	<p>https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/five-a-day</p>

A.O.B.
 At the end of term Olivia Skiplorne will be leaving her position as a Residential Child Care Officer to undertake a post with a different provider. Liz Coleyshaw will also be leaving after working as a Learning Support Practitioner at Shenstone Lodge for 2 years. We wish them both well in the future.

Diary Dates...
Easter Break 12th Apr 1.30pm
Students Return 29th April
Bank Holiday 6th May
Half Term 27th-31st May
Summer Holiday 19.7.19 1.30pm
INSET 2nd and 3rd September
Students Return 4th September

School Data Box 2018/19

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

Whole School Attendance for Spring Term :
 84.7% (SLS 94.3% 75.1% TBL) 83.5% 2017/18

Whole School Sessions lost to Exclusion (1 day = 2 sessions)
 Spring Term 2019 : 63 (SLS 7 TBL 57) 2017/18 70



Helping parents keep their children safe online

The following website has wealth of information and questions answered for parents, staff and students on how to be safe online:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

(IT manager Narinder Singh)