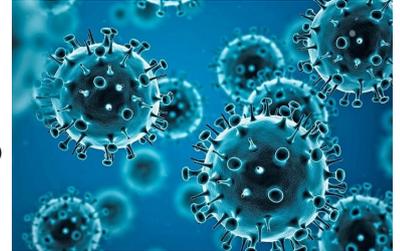




Message from the Head

As you are probably aware from your own experiences, despite the fact that Covid is no longer a high profile feature in the news, it remains very much with us !

DfE and Government guidance is changing almost daily at the moment so at this point in time the school position remains the same as previously stated. If you are unsure, please see the 'Covid' section on our website.



This will be reviewed after the Easter Break so we can ensure that we are clear about the symptoms you should be looking out for and what, if any actions you may need to take.

Daily and/or regular testing is no longer advised if you do not have symptoms.

On another note, the residential provision received its first inspection since the start of the pandemic. The inspector arrived on the 14th March and left on the 16th. Over the 3 days she spoke to staff, governors, students and parents. She reviewed a wide range of documents and followed a number of evidence trails to inform the judgement. Whilst we are unable to share the outcome at this stage I think it would be fair to say that we are extremely pleased with the inspector's view of the school !

In other news, we continue to make progress with plans to develop the sites and to increase the number of places available for students. We are now working closely with Sandwell MBC and the Trust to install a significant modular building on the Brades site. This is a step up from our original development plan and will benefit the school and students significantly over time. When the details have been finalised we will share the plans with all of our stake holders so that you are fully aware of what is happening and the advantages it will bring.

Have a great Easter Break !

Art Gallery Visit

Unicorns and Dragons from the Shenstone site had the opportunity to visit Walsall Art Gallery, we took part in an art workshop where an artist helped us use clay to create our own Egyptian Canopic Jars. We then had a tour of the art gallery and learnt more about what life was like as an Egyptian. Rosie Mae, Isaiah and Taylor really enjoyed making the Jars but were shocked to learn that the Egyptians kept body parts in them !

Callum said " I really liked looking around the Art Gallery. I liked the pictures and sculptures of animals. My favourite was a frog !" Ms Foulkes





WORLD BOOK DAY

Staff and students at The Brades Lodge celebrated WBD in style. Yet again the Oldbury team dressed for the occasion and collapsed the curriculum to focus on the written and spoken word. In particular classes had the opportunity to take part in an amazing poetry masterclass, delivered by the Nationally acclaimed singer/ song writer, film maker, author and resident poet for Birmingham City FC ... Giovanni Esposito aka SPOZ



The students quickly warmed to his engaging and humorous opening and were soon contributing to RAPs and writing their own poems individually and in small groups. Josh and Theo were particularly enthusiastic and produced some excellent work which has since been shared with SPOZ's network of authors, in their networking bulletin.

This was a fantastic day with some fantastic learning taking place. Well Done to all those involved and Thank you to Mrs Yates for organising it !

Choices

Every day I think about my parents' rights and worries

They think about putting food on the table... and I ain't talking about Mc Flurries

In reality, we always talk about the truth

But the Government just make up the proof

Lies about the youth, like me and you

We need a new prime minister - I might vote for you

By Theo

SPORTS NEWS



The Brades Lodge have again hosted the 'Engage in their Future' Midlands region football tournament at GOALS in Rowley Regis. The boys played teams from as far away as Cambridge

and Wales to win a place at the finals which are taking place on May 4th at St Georges Park, Burton Upon Trent, the training

ground for the England Football Squad. We saw some exceptional performances from the boys as they battled against some of the best teams in the region ! In particular Ray scored some fantastic goals whilst Jayden and Shay provided a dominant presence in defence. Kyle also rose to the occasion, encouraging his team mates and directing the play in some critical games. Chaselea PRU and The Discovery Academy were joint winners on the day and will no doubt be the teams to beat at the Finals !



Cheer Us Up Mr D !

Mr Daniel at the Brades Lodge is well known in school for telling the odd joke or two to raise a smile in the staff room before a hard day at the 'chalk face' ... Given the current state of the nation he has kindly offered to share a few witty words to keep us all going.. Thanks sir !

What do you call Batman when he's hurt? Bruised Wayne.

What is the scariest tree? BamBOO!

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. I now have Heinzsight.

How does the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it.

Just paid £200 for a belt that doesn't fit! What a huge waist!

Quiz Corner

1. How many outfield players are there in a netball team ?
2. What sport would you expect to see in a Dohyo ?
3. What is the longest word you can think of that has no letter 'a' ?
4. Where are the Andes ?
5. Where is the world's tallest Mountain ?

Outdoor Learning ...

The term 'Outdoor Learning' conjures up images of students hiking up hills, chopping fire wood, rummaging through undergrowth or swinging from trees. Well ... at Shenstone Lodge, they have gone a step further and... weather permitting... assemblies are taking place in the school woods. This is part of the schools drive to introduce more outdoor activity and to be more creative in how learning experiences can be enriched. To date the Students are loving the experience, especially if they get to use the trim trail on the way back into school !



Diversity Week

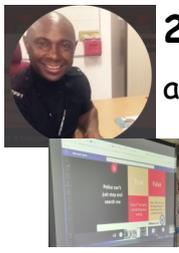


Central to our school's inclusive ethos students on the Shenstone site have had the opportunity to reflect and consider how society is made up of a rich mix of people who have cultural, religious and personal differences, that can all be celebrated in their own right. Groups have visited places of worship, cooked foods from around the world, taken part in a range of ceremonies and have thought hard about the importance of tolerance and acceptance.

Ukraine Appeal

Students and staff at The Brades Lodge have been deeply affected by the war in the Ukraine. So much so, the students wanted to raise money to support refugees and those suffering at the hands of Russian aggression. For a small donation, individuals wore yellow and blue to raise awareness and show solidarity for the children of Ukraine. At the end of the day the school had raised an amazing £220 ! A fantastic contribution !





21st Century Community Policing Students at The Brades Lodge had an assembly with a difference. Long standing friend of the school DS Hughie Treasure delivered a whole school session to look at the consequences of knife crime and poor choices. Unfortunately he was unable to attend in person, so it was delivered using the TEAMS conferencing app. Despite the lack of personal interaction the presentation was incredibly interactive, so that students could ask questions about the information shared, and a strong positive message promoted. The feedback from students would suggest that this could be a useful way to hold assemblies in the future if time is tight for those who are invited to speak.

A.O.B.

- We will be temporarily saying goodbye to Ms Keyes at Shenstone and Vicki Fitzgerald at the Brades who have started maternity leave. Good luck both.. We wish you all the best!
- Samantha Rock will be joining the Shenstone Lodge site as Assistant Headteacher after the Easter Break. We are looking forward to her undertaking her role as the Special Educational Needs CoOrdinator, following Mr Mitchell's promotion to the Head of School position. I have no doubt she will be liaising with you all over the coming term as she familiarises herself with the students and supports the work related to annual reviews and other statutory duties.

Diary Dates...

Easter Break 11th- 22nd April

(1pm finish on Fri 8th April)

Return To School 25th April

Bank Holiday 2nd May

Half Term 30th May -3rd June

INSET DAY July 1st

School Data Box 2020/21

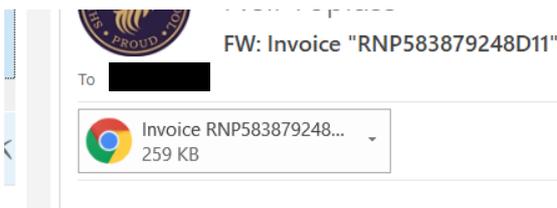
Whole School Attendance for 2020 /21 school year : **85.7%**

Attendance for 2021/22 Yr To Date **84.3%**

Days lost to Exclusion

2020/21 Yr To Date : **62.5** 2021/22 Yr To Date : **75**

STAY SAFE ONLINE



Over the last few weeks, significant numbers of schools have been the target of a number of 'phishing emails' that request payment for 'fake invoices'.

Unfortunately Shenstone Lodge is included.

For information, they look similar to the screenshot attached. Furthermore, the scammers have recently sent similar requests through the schools 'Class Dojo' portal. Please do not open these messages and NEVER pay any requests for money! It is worth noting that these emails will often carry other software/ malware that may infect your computer if opened and criminals may well be able to track and use your financial details.