

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 7 boys had a fixture in Derby this week, having gained a place in the regional round of the national cup. Naturally, we were all rooting for them, and they went to the game full of anticipation and commitment. Regrettably, the opposing team gained and maintained the upper hand, but our lads played bravely and in the spirit of Walkwood. Well done boys, and thanks to Mr Macdonald for your work with the team.

You shall see in the Redditch Standard, if not today then next week, a note of the other sporting success that our school has had. Our pupils work so well within their teams and appreciate the need for selflessness in play. Again, the commitment of the staff must not go unnoticed and I extend that to them on your behalf.

The sign-up sheets for Seussical, our school musical, have been covered with names. Ms Tomes, Mrs Griffiths and Ms Cowles are going to have a hard time when it comes to auditions! I know there are already sufficient pupils volunteering to help make or paint the set, or to assist during the show.

In National Road Safety Week, a plea from me to a small number of parents and carers: please do not park on the zig-zag lines near the school, and slow down when passing the school at the day's end. There have been a couple of near misses on the pedestrian crossing, and these have been due to the aspects that I mention. Fortunately, I am on the crossing as many days as I can and walk across before the children do, so please park at Morton Stanley Park and let the children walk to/from there.

The tinned produce that we collected last week will soon be within the homes of families in need in our town, through the good work of The Bridge Church, as well as your generosity. Thank you.

If one of you says to someone, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is nothing. James 6:50

Finally, the new roof is having an effect - the building is overly warm. We have the heating set as it usually has been for this time of year, but the additional insulation is making the place warm. Therefore, we are turning down the heat. The government grant for our new roof is appreciated!

Rev C Leach
Principal

Dear Lord,

May you bless those who feel they have no hope, help them to understand your love and what you can do for their lives.

We pray for those who are kind and humble, and for those who yearn to know more of you, we pray they feel your presence in their lives.

Pour out your Spirit on those who follow your footsteps that they may know your peace.

Amen

This week's theme was:

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Matthew 5: 3-9

Whole School Attendance—97.62%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

13.11.17—17.11.17

Year 5 — 98.35%

Year 6 — 97.44%

Year 7 — 96.82%

Year 8 — 97.91%



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Aspiration	Oh listen, dear child—become wise; point your life in the right direction. <i>Proverbs 23:19</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Perseverance	We rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. <i>Romans 5: 2-5</i>
The assembly theme:	Temptation	Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out. <i>1 Corinthians 10: 13</i>

We ask your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	the country of Zimbabwe.	Monday	the science of insulation materials.
Tuesday	fairness within world sport.	Wednesday	our teachers of PE and other staff who support sports provision.
Thursday	safety on the roads and consideration in driving.	Friday	celebration of the artistic endeavours of humanity, in its diverse cultural forms.





PARKING



We appreciate the additional road safety when the zig-zag lines are kept clear of parked cars at all times of the day. This is for the safety of our children as they cross the road, and for other car users as they enter and exit the school site. Thank you for your consideration in this.

Can I please ask parents to park courteously and not to block driveways of our neighbours, nor to park on both sides of the road in the Scott Road cul-de-sac.

Thank you.

Reminder



Arrival Time- Morning

Gates open: 8.30am

Pupils on time: 8.45am

Pupils are not allowed to be on site until 8:30am unless they are attending homework club which runs from 7:45am to 8:45am.

Any pupils arriving before 8.30am are asked to make their way to the library where the homework club is situated. This area is fully supervised and pupils can read, quiz and complete any outstanding homework.

Top Readers for 23rd October 2017 - 23rd November 2017



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (Year 7 - BCLO) - who has read an outstanding 1,716,355 words

Top Boy

Ben C Wilkes (Year 8—BHLL) - who has read a fabulous 915,075 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Here is the link to enable pupils to do a quiz at home

<https://ukhosted23.renlearn.co.uk/2250823>

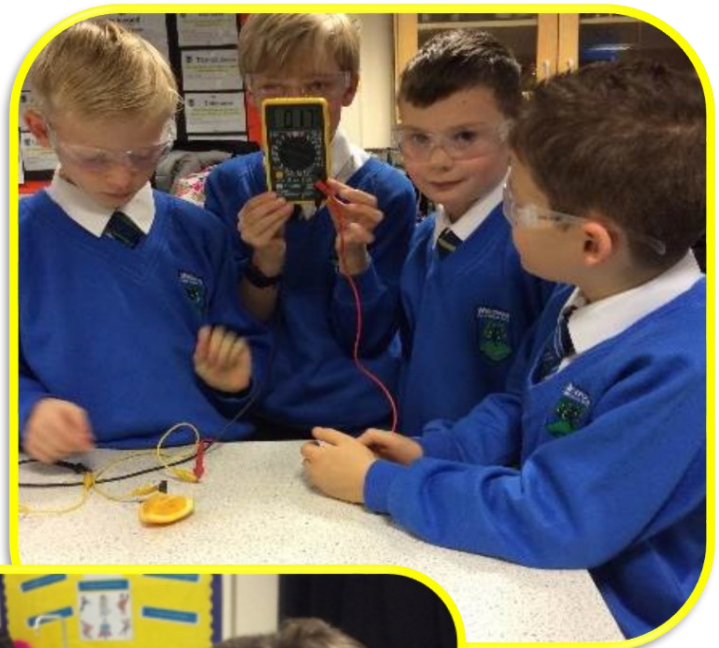
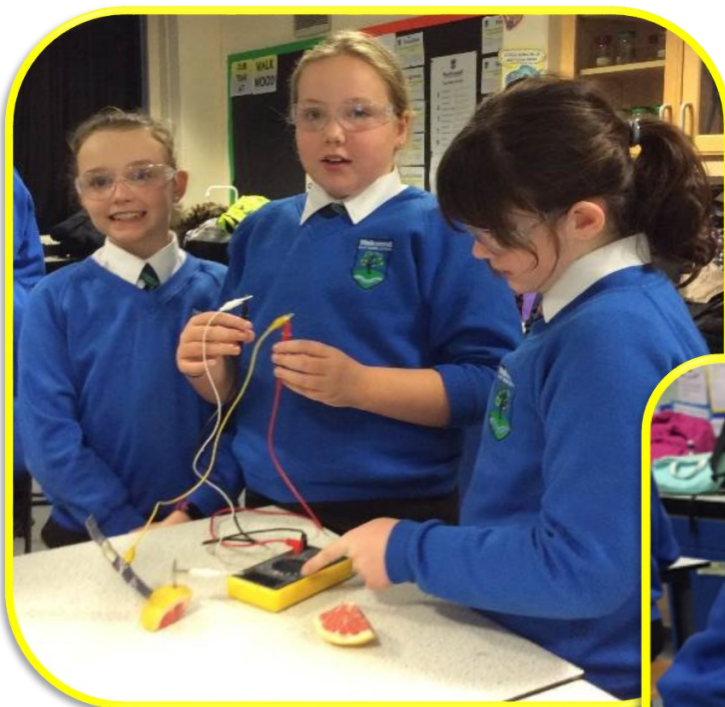
Science Club

The children enjoyed making fruit batteries in Science Club this week.

Batteries are used for cell phone, I-pods and any number of devices—have you ever tried using a lemon?

The chemical energy stored in a lemon and two metals will make a current and light up a small LED.

The pictures show the children measuring the current flowing through the circuit .





Green Piece

Walkwood – No different from anywhere else?

As some of my family (those old enough to stay up that late!) settle to watch 'I'm a Celebrity', I settle down to inform you of another big event. Not in a jungle but at Walkwood Church of England Middle School. In writing this, I do not resent missing 'I'm a Celebrity' to write this article as I have never endorsed the use of any individuals of a species being used for our own entertainment.

As I write, my thoughts turn to the statue of George Orwell recently unveiled outside the BBC's Broadcasting House. There is a quotation inscribed on the wall behind the statue: "If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear." I use this to introduce our 'Switch Off Week'. Your house may not be different (or may be?) to Walkwood or indeed any building that uses electricity. Why? Because you may not need to look too far to find that there are electrical appliances left on in your home. Not that strange really, if those appliances were actually being used but so many are not – am I correct? Does that sound familiar? How many appliances are left on in your home? How many in Walkwood School?



The Green Ambassadors on our Eco-Schools committee have been carrying out an undercover investigation this week to see what actually is left on around the school for no purpose. As we go to press, they will be contemplating the results of their investigation, which will be published in a later edition. The following week will rely on the whole school community making a real effort to switch off any devices that are not in use. However, even without the full count the 'Ambassadors' already know that we are '**no different to you**' – we leave 'things' on!

Next week the Green Ambassadors will be reminding us of what we 'do not want to hear' – that we leave things on. Yes, Walkwood School will try to reduce energy consumption for a whole week during Switch Off Week, starting Monday 27th November 2017. We will all try to show that positive action can make a difference. Take part yourself at home –switch off and reduce your electricity bill. You may then not have to be told what you don't want to hear, "You waste electricity ... get yourself out of here!"

The Walkwood SWITCH OFF. Starts on Monday 27th November 2017.

Wanted



Do you have any spare lego/connects/similar building materials that you can spare for a club at break time that Mrs Hands and Mrs Russell are running? Any donations would be very welcome.



Instrumental Music Lessons

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already paid this term's music tuition fees. Just in case any of you have forgotten, this is a gentle reminder that the payment deadline for this term is **1st December**.

If you have any queries or problems with payments, please contact me or Mrs Wood, our Finance Manager.

Thank you.



Cleaner wanted!

We have a position vacant for 2 cleaners at our school. Would this suit you?



The post holder will be responsible for the cleaning of the school site along with other members of our dedicated cleaning team. The successful candidates will be expected to carry out assigned duties with a minimum of supervision, have the ability to follow cleaning schedules, jobs and safety instructions and have the ability to use their own initiative and work to schedules and deadlines.

The hours of work are Monday to Friday 3.30—6 pm term time only with an additional requirement to carry out 34 banked hours per annum during the school holidays.

For further details please visit our website www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk or for an informal chat please speak to Mrs Wood our Business Manager.



Trips and Visits

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DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 18—Mon 21	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 270	Mr Sanders
June					
Wed 20—Fri 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 280	Rev Leach
Fri 22—Mon 25	Outward Bound	Wales	Y8	£ 270	Mr Jenkin
Fri 22— Mon 25	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 155	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull



Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 2 2017



Day	Before School 7:45am—8:45 am	Lunchtime 12.35-1.20 p.m.	After School 3.30 pm—4.45 pm
Monday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p> <p>Orchestra (Music Room) 8.45-9.30am (CGr)</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club Starting 18th September (ECO)</p> <p>Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20 pm Music Room (CGR)</p> <p>Monday lunchtime DT block Movie club (all years) (AMI)</p> <p>Gardening Club Textiles Room At the start of lunch (STA)</p> <p>Maths Club for KS2 and KS3 Room 6 (HBA and LTH)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Seated volley ball club all years 3.30—4.45pm (DPA and NFR)</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>DT Club in DT block All years (AMI)</p> <p>KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p>Card Making club (invite only) Art Room (STA)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 Science Club 3.30-4.30pm LAB1 (JHD) Starts 12th September (not on 17th October, 31st October, 12th December and 19th December)</p> <p>8 boys basketball (CHU/SWA) Starting 21st November 3.30-4.45pm</p> <p>KS2 boys and girls dance club (KRE/HTR) 3.30-4.45pm</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) (Textiles Room) (JHa)</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBa)</p> <p>Colouring and Drawing Club for Mindfulness and Relaxation (12.50—1.20) Room 9 (MMG and PC) (limited places available)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30–4.45pm (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p>KS2 indoor sports clubs (benchball, bench hockey, dodgeball mixture) (RMA/DPA/NFO) 3.30-4.45pm KS3 dance club (KRE/HTR)</p>



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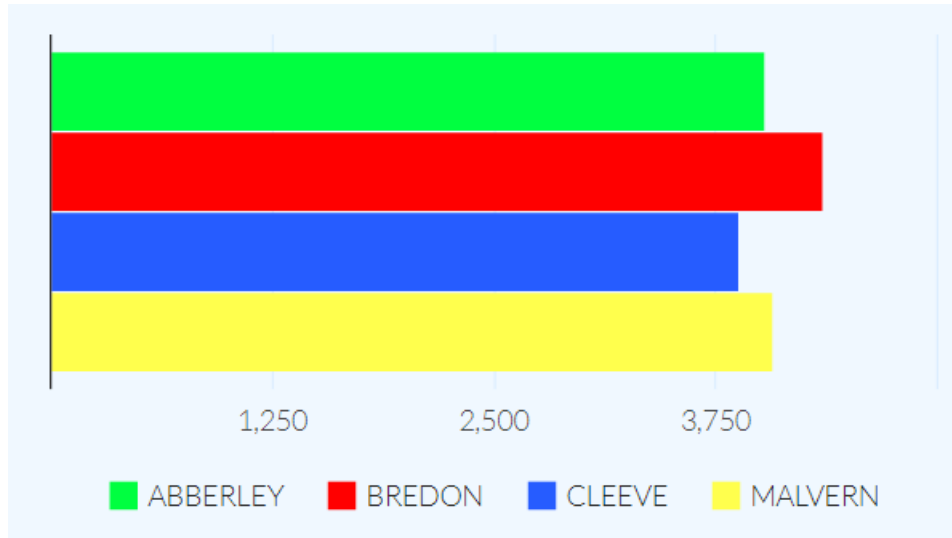
Thursday	Homework Club (Library)	Choir (All year groups) Music Room— 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half-term Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 pm—if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm Thursday - Fitness and step all years (TRO/KRE/RMA/CHU/DPA/NFO/SWA) 3.30-4.45pm
Friday	Homework Club (Library)		Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🍌 Thomas Cacciottolo (ARMA) (30)
1. 🍌 Amelia Bayley (CTPO) (30)
3. 🍌 Finlay Smith (ARMA) (28)
4. Rhys Potter (ARMA) (25)
5. Sophie Davies (ARMA) (24)
5. 🍌 Libby Greenhouse (BLBO) (24)
7. 🍌 Tom Howes (BSTA) (23)
7. 🍌 Skye Shovell (CCMI) (23)
7. 🍌 Daniel Rawal (MDSL) (23)
7. Joe Drumm (ARMA) (23)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2017	Monday 4 December	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Tuesday 12 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 19 December	End of Term
2018	Wednesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 1 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 7 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Thursday 15 February	Y5 & Y7 reports to Parents / Carers
	Monday 19 – Friday 23 February	Half-Term
	Friday 9 March	Parent Focus Group 2.00—3.00 pm
	Monday 26 - Wednesday 28 March	School Production
	Thursday 29 March	End of term
	Monday 16 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 16 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June	Half-Term
	Monday 4 June	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 7 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 13 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6 pm
	Tuesday 24 July	End of Term
	Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 September	Staff Development Days
	Wednesday 5 September	First day of the Autumn Term
Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day	
Monday 29 Oct to Friday 2 November	Half term	
Friday 21 December	End of Term	



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	Date	Event
2019	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 18—Friday 22 February	Half Term
	Friday 12 April	End of Term
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27—Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term