

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we launched the trips for Years 5, 6, 7 and 8, with replies coming in by email and paper printouts. As usual, Year 5 are offered the opportunity to be part of the outward-bound activities in Wales. Year 6 are able to enjoy coastal and woodland activities in Yorkshire, when we shall be going to East Barnby, a centre that can accommodate 100 pupils. Year 7 travel across the water to the Isle of Wight (where I previously taught and called ‘home’), where they do various forms of boating and other watery activities. Year 8 have the opportunity to travel to London for two nights of theatre and sightseeing. I appreciate the time that staff are giving in organising these trips, where enjoyment and safety take equal status, and also the other staff who give of their time freely.



Teachers and teaching assistants have begun our sporting fixtures apace this term, with netball, multi-skills, rugby and football. The clubs that prepare for these fixtures are but part of the extra-curricular activities that are available to pupils. If you have not already consulted the list of clubs and activities, please see the latter pages of this Insider. And don't forget about homework club, both before and after school.



Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Isaiah 55:6



Open Evening

We have had lots of volunteers for assisting at our Open Evening on Thursday 10th October, and have begun sending out permission letters to those pupils who wish to take part. I do hope that you are able to allow your child to help show prospective pupils and their parents and carers what our school is like, although I appreciate the possibility of needing to act as an Uber during the evening may be required. If last year is anything to go by, we shall be very busy indeed, and we shall then wait and see if the number of applications is as high as last year.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

A prayer for Friends of Jesus,

Dear Lord,

We thank you that we can call you our friend and that we can share our burdens and our triumphs with you, caring for us in the dark days and rejoicing in the times of celebration. We pray that your friendship will help us to be better friends to each other as we try to imitate Jesus' love in our friendships. Help us to love one another as you love us.

Amen.

This week's theme was: Friends of Jesus

A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.

Proverbs 17:17

Whole School Attendance

97.2%

Whole School Target

95.6%

16.09.19—20.09.19

Year 5 — 97.76%

Year 6 — 97.54%

Year 7 — 96.69%

Year 8 — 96.79%



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Friendliness	When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others. <i>Romans 12: 15-17</i>
The assembly theme:	Helping others	You obey the law of Christ when you offer each other a helping hand. If you think you are better than others, when you really aren't, you are wrong. <i>Galatians 6:9</i>

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

The weekend	Members of the emergency services	Monday	Our Pupil Leadership Team
Tuesday	The admin staff here at school	Wednesday	Our town of Redditch, and those who work at the borough offices.
Thursday	Governors of our school	Friday	Understanding and mutual respect between leaders of faiths.



Love to Learn;
Learn to Live;
Live to Love.



Walkwood

Church of England Middle School



Outstanding

Our Church of England inspection said:

- ✓ The inclusive vision of the school ensures that all children are supported in their personal well-being and academic achievement.
- ✓ Key to the school's vision is that every individual is created in the image of God, and from this belief springs the school's outstanding attention to individual needs, both academic and pastoral.

Open Evening

for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.
Thursday 10th October,
from 6.45 to 8.15pm

The current pupils, staff and Governors invite prospective Y5 pupils with their parents to our **Open Evening**. Tours of the school with current pupils will demonstrate the breadth of learning that a middle school can provide.

Parents' Days

Tuesday 15th and
Wednesday 16th October

Our **Parents' Days** will show the school in action. There will be a tour, with the opportunity to ask questions of pupils and staff. Places on the tour can be booked by contacting the school Reception on 543361, or emailing us at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.



- ✓ An impressive ethos pervades the school. Its motto 'Love to learn, learn to live, live to love' reflects the Christian principles that underpin the school's work. The school is fully inclusive of all faiths and beliefs. It values each individual. It has nourished a very positive climate for learning in the school which helps all pupils to thrive.
- ✓ During their time at the school, pupils develop into confident, articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.



High Schools in Redditch

Saint Augustine's Catholic High School <http://www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk/Home/>

Trinity High School <http://www.trinity.worcs.sch.uk/>

RSA Academy Arrow Vale <http://www.arrowvaleacademy.co.uk/>

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch <https://www.redditch.tgacademy.org.uk/>

Ridgeway Academy <https://ridgeway.academy/>



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Consultation on proposed changes and development plans

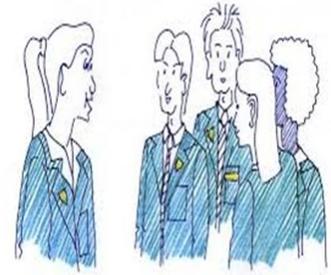
1. Age range change: revert to High School status, maintaining Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of 180 students in Years 9,10,11 and 220 in the Sixth Form.
2. Expansion of the current Mainstream Autism Base to include new specialist facilities in a dedicated building.
3. Sports Centre: Refurbishment of the roof and facilities allowing for the re-opening of the Swimming Pool for community use, beginning a programme of investment in the improvement of the TGAR site.

Full details and a feedback form are available at: <https://www.redditch.tgacademy.org.uk/media/consultation/>

The period of consultation for the proposed changes and development plans at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch will run from Monday 9th September 2019 until 12 noon on Monday 21st October 2019.

New Year 5 Parliament for 2019-20.

This Thursday 26th September, we launched the new 'Year 5 Parliament 2019-20'. This was launched to current Year 5 pupils who wish to be a part of this team ready for the start of this new academic year. The aim of the Parliament is to empower pupils within our school community to become the voice of the pupils. This was launched during an assembly and pupils will be encouraged to write letters of application, stating their skills/qualities and why they feel they would be good in the role as a member of Parliament.



The closing date for applications is Thursday 3rd October 2019.

Once we have received applications, shortlisting will take place and pupils will be invited to take part in interviews with the Speakers to discuss why they should be elected.

I am sure you will join me in wishing all the pupils good luck in the application process. The Parliament will be announced during the week beginning the 14th October 2019.

Please keep an eye out in the Insider for future updates.

William Allardice
Parliament Speaker



Music News

Congratulations to Alesia Moore in Year 5 who recently passed her Grade 2 Violin exam.



Choir

Tickets are now on sale from Mrs Griffiths for the forthcoming Primrose Proms Concert.

Author leaves pupils in awe!

Last week's visit by Gary Toward was a resounding success. Pupils were inspired by his stories and keen to find out more about the war memorabilia he brought along. There was a general buzz around the school following his assembly and hoards of pupils flocked to the library to purchase a signed copy of his book and have a chat.

If you missed out on getting a copy – fear not – we have 6 signed copies to be won!

Competition Time

Produce a piece of work inspired by the author's visit.

This could be (but is not restricted to):

A short story

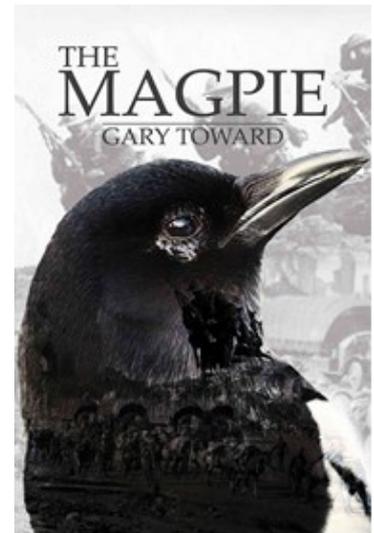
A letter to a soldier in WW1

A book review of 'The Raven'

A piece of art work

A fact file

Poetry



Entries must be handed to Mrs Hughes in Room 15 by Wednesday 16th October. Good Luck!

Mrs Hughes



Access to School

A reminder to parents/carers & visitors to the school - could you access the main reception via the main Feckenham Road entrance only.

The Vaynor & Scott Road entrances are to be used by staff and pupils only. Thank you for your understanding.





Points Boosters

epraise.co.uk
The award winning school rewards system

This year we welcome back 'Points Boosters' as we continue to reward all of those pupils who have 100% attendance and those pupils who consistently uphold and adhere to the Walkwood Values.

How does it work?

Attendance Points Boosters

- A 5-point booster will be awarded for every time your child has 100% Attendance for the period of the 2-week timetable—Week 1 and Week 2.
- These points are automatically awarded at the end of every Week 2.



Zero Demerit Points Boosters

As mentioned, we will be rewarding all pupils who continue to demonstrate excellent focus and behaviour in and out of lessons and complete all of their homework on time.

- Pupils will gain a 5-point booster for every time your child has Zero Demerits during the period of the 2-week timetable—Week 1 and Week 2.
- Again, these booster points are automatically awarded at the end of every Week 2.

Each time your child receives an Attendance or Zero Demerit Booster their name will be entered into the End of Term Prize Draw (held during the Celebration Assembly).

As a school, we continue to evolve and adapt our systems as we search to motivate our pupils to want attend school and give their best whilst they are here. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.



Rectangular Snip

ARE NOW RECRUITING BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5+

Come and join us and experience life beyond what is possible in school or home.

Get engaged in exciting activities, days out and residential events.

Make new friends, have fun, and discover and develop your potential.

Earn awards, be part of our great organisations.

We meet on:

TUESDAY NIGHT – GIRLS’ BRIGADE

FRIDAY NIGHT – BOYS’ BRIGADE

THE BRIDGE CHURCH COMMUNITY HALL

EVESHAM ROAD, REDDITCH

COME AND JOIN THE ADVENTURES

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

EMAIL – info@1stredditch.com

Our Leaders have all undertaken criminal record checks and are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for young people.



Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term Part 1, 2019



	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am (CGR)	KS3 Art Club starting 18th September (ECO) Choir (all year groups) 12.50 - 1.20 pm Music Room (CGR)	Multi Skills KS2 Club (PMC) 3.30 - 4.45 pm
Tuesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20 pm (CGR)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm All years Football Team training (if selected) 3.30 - 4.45 pm Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Netball training (team only) 3.30 - 4.45 pm
Wednesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH) Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA) KS3 Science Ambassadors Lab 2 12.50 - 1.20 pm (JHd)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm KS2 Science Club (Lab 2) 3.30 - 4.30 pm (JHd) Cooking Club (Groups TBC) 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL) Cheerleading squad 3.30 - 4.45 pm LMO/KRE
Thursday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Year 7 and 8 Rugby (PJE) 3.30 - 4.45 pm All years Girls Football 3.30 - 4.45 pm RMA/PCO/LWO
Friday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am		All years Rec football and rec netball for all those who didn't make the team. 3.30—4.45 pm

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

accolade

What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?

How many syllables does it have?

Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.

Are there any synonyms for the word?

Are there any antonyms for the word?

Write four sentences, each containing the word.

Challenge: vary the type of sentence each time: write one as a statement; one as a question; one as a command and one as an exclamation sentence.

For example, if the *Word of the Week* were joyous:

Statement: Xavier is feeling joyous this morning.

Question: Does that music sound joyous to you?

Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.

Exclamation: What a joyous evening!

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!



Top Readers for 4th September 2019 — 26th September 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Meredith Allen (Year 5 MHBA) - who has read an incredible 456,613 words

Top Boy

Joseph Bellizi (Year 5 MHBA) - who has read a fantastic 565,427 words



Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

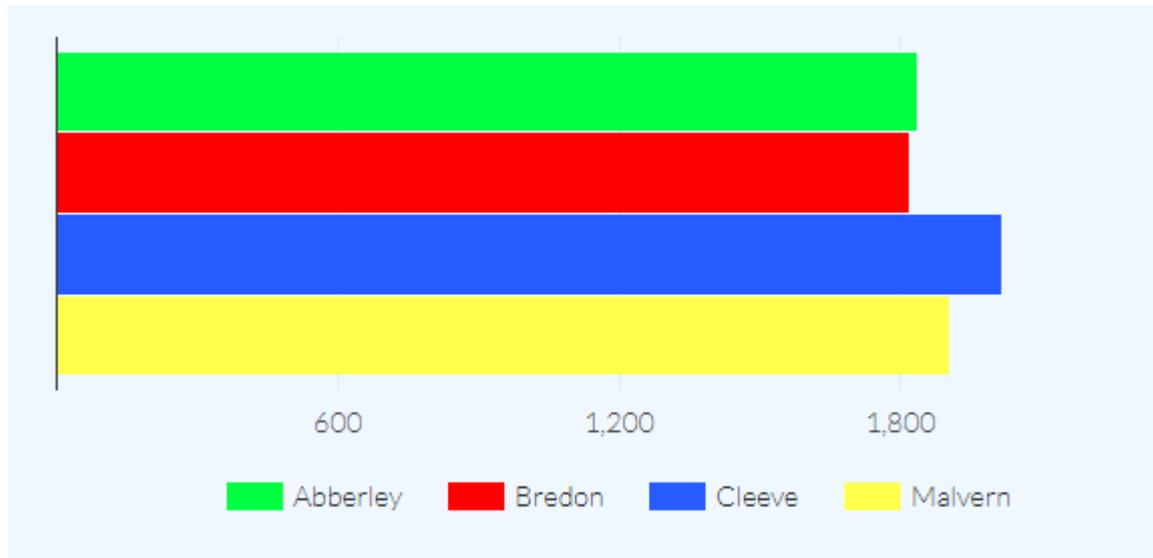
Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Kaleigh Roberts (MMMG) (27)
2. Sophie Gould (MMMG) (26)
3. Kia Heppinstall (CSBK) (21)
3. Ashleigh Morris (CABE) (21)
3. Maddison Hill (BLWO) (21)
6. Daisy Moyse (BJHD) (20)
6. Hannah-May Beecham (CLDW) (20)
6. Ben Heath (CABE) (20)
6. Jay Jordan (AAFA) (20)
6. Matthew Lindsay (CSBK) (20)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 9	Friday 18th October	Primrose Proms Concert 7.30 pm
	Thursday 24 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 25 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half Term
	Wednesday 6 November	Y6 SATs information evening and KS3 Curriculum parents information evening 6.30—7.30 pm
	Wednesday 13 November	Ski trip parent information evening 6.30—7.30 pm
	Monday 25 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Friday 20 December	End of Term
	Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 13 January	Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 30 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 5 February	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
2 0 2 0	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 6 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 May	May Day bank holiday
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Thursday 4 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 10 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 17 July	End of Term