



Dear Parents and Carers,

For those of you who do not know what takeover day is, it is an opportunity for the pupils of Walkwood Church of England Middle School to fulfil a teacher's role for the day. This process includes writing a formal letter of application and attending an interview. If you were successful in the interview, you would have the chance to take over the role that you applied for on Friday 15th Feb 2019.



I went through this experience and what an amazing experience it was! I have undertaken this important role to gain knowledge and experience, which will be beneficial for future career prospects. I'm glad to say I was fortunate enough to get the role of Principal. Although I am looking forward to Friday and leading the Celebration Assembly, I am still a bit nervous and I'm sure my fellow students are too.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all those who earned their roles good luck and a big thank you to Reverend Leach for trusting me with this role. I hope you all have a great half term.

Elliot Doehler
Takeover Day Principal

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 1 John 3:11

Thank you to all the Takeover Day staff who have worked so hard throughout this Friday. There are some photographs inside this edition. Naturally, Elliot has been running the school, but anything that went wrong we agreed would be my fault! The Celebration Assembly this morning was amazing as he and the Deputy Principal lead, along with our Head Boy, Sam.

I need to say sorry for the confusion over the Year 5 and Year 7 reports due to the technical glitch.

Rev. Leach
Principal (but not really today)

A Prayer for St. Valentine

Lord,

As we celebrate the loved ones in our lives and time we've spent with them, we pray that we most importantly remember your love. Your love is greater than any other. Your love came overcome all things, and is unconditional. We pray for those who are on their own and at times may feel unloved, that they remember that they are a child of God, and are loved by you, and you will never stop loving them. Allow us to love as you love us. In your name,

Amen

This week's theme was:
St Valentine

Continue to love those who know you and to do good to those who are righteous.

Psalm 36: 10

Whole School Attendance – 95.15%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

04.02.19—08.02.19

Year 5 — 95.63%

Year 6 — 95.76%

Year 7 — 95.5%

Year 8 — 93.62%



For the week ahead



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| The Fruit of Faith is: | Inclusiveness | He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <i>Matthew 5:45</i> |
| The tutor group virtue: | Love | What if I could speak all languages of humans and of angels? If I did not love others, I would be nothing more than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. What if I could prophesy and understand all secrets and all knowledge? And what if I had faith that moved mountains? I would be nothing, unless I loved others. <i>1 Corinthians 13</i> |
| The assembly theme: | St. David | Be Joyful and keep your faith and your belief, and do the little things that you heard and saw from me. <i>St. David</i> |

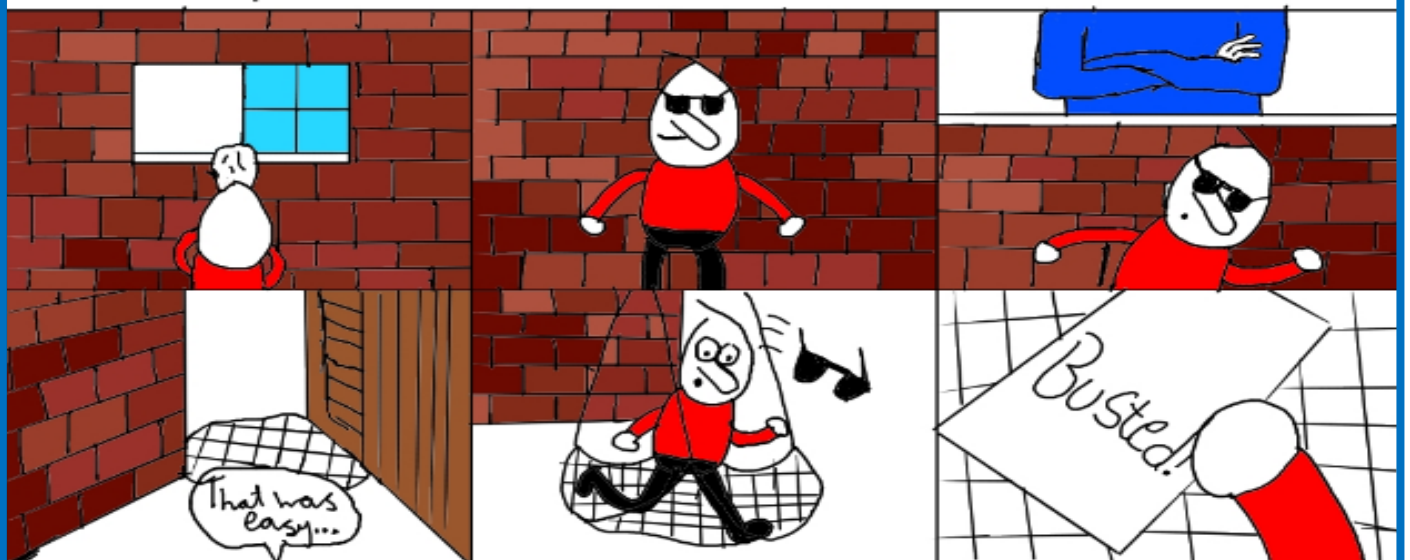
We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

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| The weekend | A relaxing half term for both staff and pupils | Monday | A successful Book Fayre after half term |
| Tuesday | Funding for schools | Wednesday | The elderly who are lonely |
| Thursday | The NHS doctors, nurses and support staff | Friday | Those suffering with mental health issues. |

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The Escape

Silly Norman



Sports News

My name is William Allardice and I have been fencing for four years and competing in county and regional competitions for one year. My sister Grace also takes part in the sport and we train at Redditch Fencing Club and Shakespeare's Swords Club. Last year I was the Under 12 Boys Foil bronze medallist for Herefordshire and Worcestershire. This year's U12 county competition is yet to take place but I intend to improve my ranking!

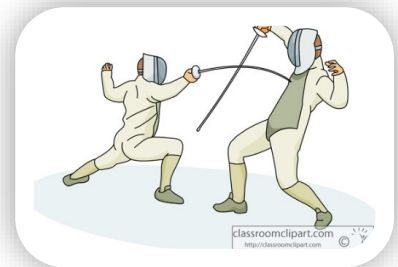
At the weekend, I competed in the West Midlands Region British Youth Championship Qualifiers in the Under 12 Boys Foil category and qualified to represent the region at the British Youth Championships (BYCs) in May. I came 5th out of 27. I am also hoping to qualify for the nationals in March to represent the region at the BYCs for sabre fencing.

My sister Grace has been fencing for three years and last year was the Herefordshire and Worcestershire under 10 Girls Foil silver medallist. She is hoping to win gold this year!

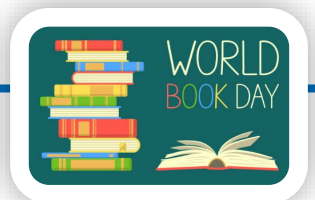
At the weekend, Grace won the bronze medal in the Under 10 Girls Foil West Midlands Region BYC Qualifiers for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, she is too young to represent the West Midlands at the nationals in May as there is no U10 category.

I will keep you posted on our progress!

William Allardice



World Book Day

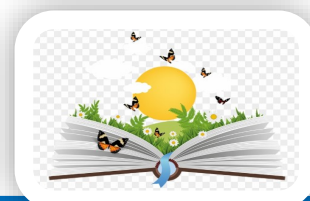


As many of you will know, Thursday 7th March 2019 is World Book Day. To celebrate it, on Friday 8th March all staff and pupils are invited to dress up as a favourite character from a fiction or non-fiction book. In previous years, the atmosphere has been excellent, with many staff and pupils making a fantastic effort to celebrate their reading preferences.

We have decided to combine the World Book Day celebrations with our annual 'Readathon' – this will take place across the week of Monday 4th March. This means that during lessons for that week, students will experience a heightened focus upon reading across all subject areas, be it fiction or non-fiction, with a particular focus upon poetry. In English lessons, pupils will be invited to recite a poem of their choice, so in the near future pupils in all year groups will be set a homework task to choose and to learn a poem off by heart (if possible!). We hope that pupils will enjoy this focus upon books and poetry in particular.

On Friday 8th March, pupils will spend Lesson 5 in tutor groups, celebrating the best costumes and participating in activities linked to books.

Mrs Johnson
Curriculum Leader for English





Today was the much-anticipated Takeover Day, where after lots of hard work and going through a process of applications, shortlisting and interviews, successful candidates finally got the chance to take on their roles across the school.

This year has been the most successful yet. Having received 328 application letters, undertaken 157 interviews and awarded 57 job roles, it has been a very busy half term but one that has brought a wealth of experience for our pupils along the way.

Pupils arrived at 8:25am this morning to collect their name badges and start the working day ahead. Many in teaching roles had already spent time before today preparing for their lessons. The day started with a staff briefing following by our celebration assembly led by the Principal for the day: Elliot Doehler and Deputy Principal: Eve Parsons.

Throughout the day the new staff have been undertaking a variety of duties, ranging from greeting visitors at reception and answering the phones to attending meetings, doing duties, teaching lessons and much, much more.

We would like to say a massive well done to all the pupils who took part today and congratulate them on the high standards they upheld within their roles. We hope that all pupils who took part in the process have found it a valuable learning experience.

Photos from the day are included in this edition of the Insider.

Ms T Tomes
Malvern College Leader

PE reminder for PE activities after half-term

Year 5 & 6 Girls – Hockey (outdoor PE kit and shin pads are highly recommended)

Year 5 & 6 Boys – Rugby (outdoor PE kit and boots in case it has rained)

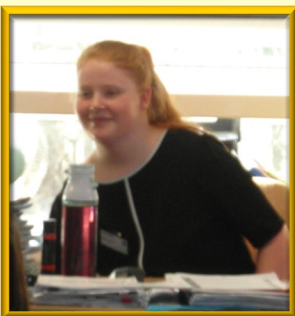
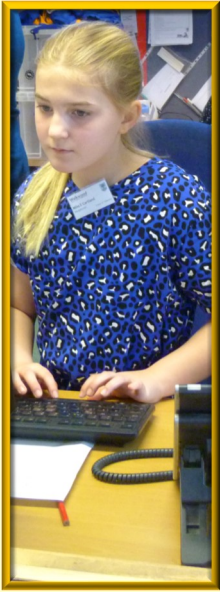


Year 7 & 8 Girls – Hockey (outdoor PE kit and shin pads are highly recommended)

Year 7 & 8 Boys – Rugby (outdoor PE kit, boots and GUM SHIELD is essential)



Take ✓over day



Sports News

Last Friday a KS2 and KS3 team took part in the New Age Kurling competition. Some tough games were played in a group event. Our KS3 team finished 5th and KS2 team came 1st and are now going to represent Redditch in the school games at Bromsgrove.

Well done to all who took part, we wish the KS2 team good luck in the finals and thank you to the leaders who helped to organise the teams.

PE Department



Clubs and Activities

Spring Term 2 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 18 th September ECO | Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Indoor Sports Club (range of different activities each week including hockey, boccia, curling, dodgeball etc) All years welcome. 3.30 - 4.45pm PMC Year 7/8 netball club – tour teams only to start with |
| Tuesday | Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am | Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room JHA | Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Cheerleading Squad Training 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (9 th Jan) KS2 Science Club Lab 2 3.30 - 4.45pm JHD |
| Wednesday | Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am | All years Silent Reading Club Room 19 LBA | Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm DSL (when you are cooking will be confirmed) Gymnastics Club (starts 16 th January) 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA/CHU/KRE First Aid Club Room 2 3.30 - 4.45pm KMI |
| Thursday | Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am | Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm CGR Eco Schools Club Week 1 Room 21 (Lab 3) MBI First meeting Thursday 20 th September 2018 | Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm KS3/KS2 Dance 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (starts 16 th January) KS3 Girls Rugby Club 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA 5/6 Girls Netball Club 3.30-4.45pm KRE KS3 Boys Rugby Club 3.30 - 4.45pm PJE |
| Friday | Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am | | Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm |

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

amenable

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 14th January 2019 — 14th February 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Caitlin Banks (Year 5 BJHD) - who has read an incredible 591,439 words

Top Boy

Arran Smith (Year 6 ALWA) - who has read a fantastic 796,994 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2018 - 2019



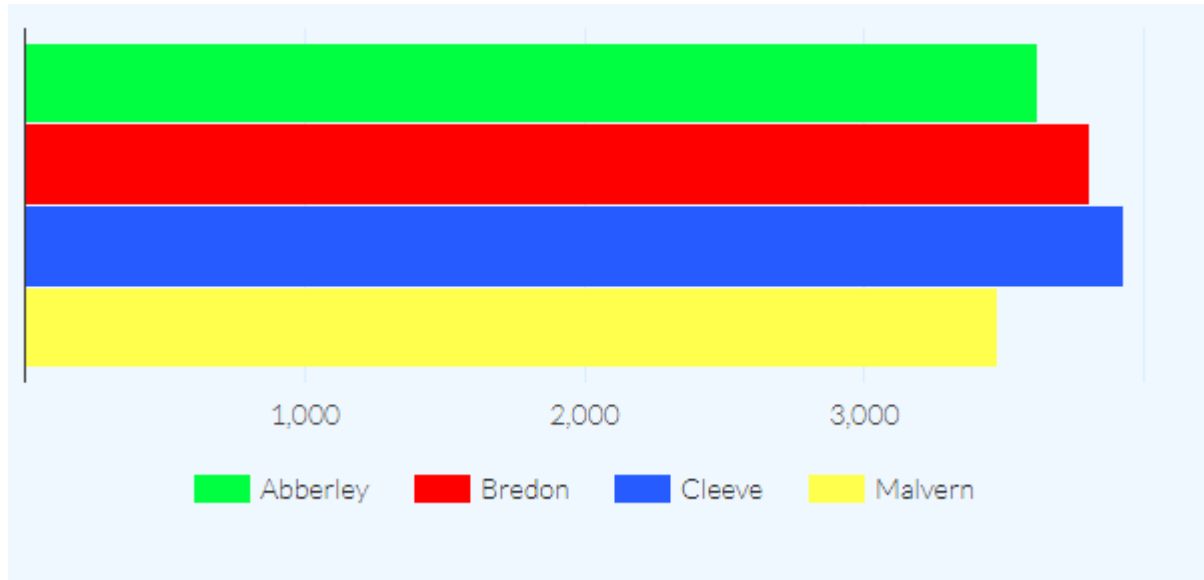
| DATE | ACTIVITY | LOCATION | OPEN TO | COST | LEADER |
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| May | | | | | |
| Fri 17—Mon 20 | Outward Bound | Yorkshire | Y6 | £ 300 | Rev Leach |
| June | | | | | |
| Thurs 20— Sat 22 | Arts and Theatres | London | Y8 | £ 300 | Rev Leach |
| Fri 21—Mon 24 | Outward Bound | Isle of Wight | Y7 & 8 | £ 315 | Mr West |
| Fri 21— Mon 24 | Outward Bound | Brecon Beacons | Y5 | £ 170 | Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull |



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🏠 Niamh Campbell (CLBK) (38)
2. 🏠 Bella Guiden (CLBK) (37)
3. 🏠 Sophie Blagrove (ALBA) (36)
3. 🏠 Abigail Gibson (MDSL) (36)
3. 🏠 Ryan Arkell (AAGA) (36)
3. 🏠 Mia Norris (BCLO) (36)
7. 🏠 Jasmine Jeynes (BCLO) (35)
7. 🏠 Matty Humphreys (MMMG) (35)
7. 🏠 Annie Park (CMBI) (35)
7. 🏠 Elliot Doehler (AAGA) (35)



Looking ahead



| | Date | Event |
|---|---|--|
| 2 0 1 9 | Monday 18 to Friday 22 February | Half Term |
| | Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April | Arts Evening Performances 7.00 pm |
| | Friday 12 April | End of Term |
| | Monday 29 April | First day of the Summer Term |
| | Wednesday 8 May | Y5 Brecon Beacons Information Evening 6.30 pm |
| | Monday 27 to Friday 31 May | Half Term |
| | Thursday 6 June | Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm |
| | Wednesday 12 June | Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm |
| | Friday 19 July | End of Term |
| | Monday 2 & 3 September | Staff Development Days |
| | Wednesday 4 September | First day of the Autumn Term |
| | Friday 25 October | Staff Development Day |
| Monday 28 October to Friday 1 No- vember | Half Term | |
| Friday 20 December | End of Term | |
| Monday 6 January | Staff Development Day | |
| Tuesday 7 January | First day of the Spring Term | |
| 2 0 2 0 | Monday 17 to Friday 21 February | Half Term |
| | Friday 3 April | End of Term |
| | Monday 20 April | First day of the Summer Term |
| | Monday 25 to Friday 29 May | Half Term |
| | Friday 17 July | End of Term |