


Dear Parents and Carers,

The auditions for Bugsy Malone have taken place this week with about 30% of the school taking part! With this level of interest, it will not be possible to allocate every person a part, not only because the script does not have these many parts, but also because our stage is not sufficiently large! However, good luck to Ms Tomes and Mrs Griffiths in deciding who will go forward.



 The Year 8 boys' football team have been successful in their recent games, further progressing through the stages of their groups. They're not finished yet.

A goodly number of Year 6 pupils have been taking part in the Bikeability scheme. It is supported by the Department for Transport, and it is for pupils to gain practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. In fact, Bikeability is an improved, updated and more relevant version of the old cycling proficiency scheme, delivered by professional instructors. Our pupils carry out training on the playground before they move on to the roads around the school.



Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 have had their nasal spray flu vaccine. The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. It is quick, painless and it apparently works even better than the injected flu vaccine. It is absorbed very quickly. It'll still work even if, after the vaccination, your child develops a runny nose, sneezes or blows their nose. Should any further information be needed, then the details are <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.3296.pdf>.

Assemblies this week have looked at 'careers', which reinforces the messages that our pupils gather from their studies in Spiritual & Social Education, along with ICT lessons. We have members of staff who have worked in sectors other than education, and this was shared with pupils, demonstrating that it is not unusual to change career. That said, some of us spend all our working life in similar lines of work. Each to their own.



I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind.

1 Corinthians 1:4-5

Rev. C. Leach,
Principal

A prayer for Careers

Dear Lord, we thank you for all your people who have risked and sacrificed much to provide us with all the benefits and comforts of our modern life. Help us to encourage our young people to follow their examples and to build on their legacies so that future generations may enjoy continued progress, whether that be in healthcare, transportation, manufacturing, food production or any other of the multitude of fields of fruitful endeavour available to them.

Amen.

This week's theme was: **Careers**

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Colossians 3:23

Whole School Attendance

96.47%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 11.11.2019.

AECO

CMBI

CTPO

MNSA



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 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 for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	the country of Nigeria.	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 many different forms.

Picture of the Week



Celebrations have taken place in India and Pakistan to mark the 550th anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak - the founder of Sikhism. The Golden Temple in Amritsar, in north-western India, is the holiest Gurdwara (where Sikhs worship). On the eve of the anniversary, it was lit up to host processions as Sikh worshippers took part in the three-day celebration of Guru Nanak's birth.



KS2 Maths workshops

Reminder..... On Monday 25th November, from 6:30-7:30pm, we will be holding a KS2 maths workshop for Parents and Carers. The focus of the evening will be the arithmetic curriculum in years 5 and 6.

Please note that this workshop is intended for Parents/Carers and should not be attended by pupils. In addition, if you attended this evening last year you need not attend as it will be very similar in content.

We look forward to seeing many of you on the 25th November.

Mrs Louise Cull



Ski trip 2020

Thanks to all those that attended the ski trip information evening on Wednesday 13th November. If you were unable to attend you should have received a kit list from your child, which I sent home with them via the tutor bags. The presentation from the evening can be found on the school website in the Parents and Carers section under the 'Trips and visits' tab.



Letters have been emailed out regarding the beginner's snow dome trip in January. Please ensure reply slips are sent back by the date stated in order for me to confirm numbers with the snow dome. Finally, a reminder that all remaining trip payments must be made by the end of November.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Mrs Louise Cull



Year 5 Theatre Visit

Reminder: Please ensure that permission slips have been returned by Friday 29th November.

All of our year 5 pupils are going see a performance of Peter Pan at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre on Friday 13th December 2019 with the cost of the trip covered by the school. On the day itself, pupils will eat a snack in the theatre before the performance and lunch during the interval. Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will be able to order a packed lunch in advance from the school.

Mrs Hughes - Trip Leader



Remembrance Day

On Saturday 9th November Redditch and Bromsgrove Sea Cadets were poppy selling to raise money and awareness for Remembrance Day and for the people who lost their lives.

On Sunday 10th November, Redditch and Bromsgrove Sea Cadets took part in a Remembrance Day parade. They started at Hughes electrical shop, marched to the church outside the Kingfisher centre, they paid their respects in the church and marched back to Hughes electrical shop.

By Max D and Kyle W



Applying for middle school



For children who are currently in Year 4 and intend to be in a middle school for Year 5, it is time to apply for a place. This needs to be completed using the online system:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you do not have internet access, call the county admissions team on 01905 822700 for assistance.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is part of the Worcestershire County Council's coordinated scheme, which is administered by Babcock Prime.

The closing date for both first and middle school places is 15th January 2020

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

biblioklept

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 21st October 2019 — 21st November 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

(Emilia Tyler Year 5 BRCO) - who has read an incredible 455,066 words

Top Boy

(Joseph Bellizzi Year 5 MHBA) - who has read a fantastic 890,765 words



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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Trips and Visits

2019 - 2020



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 15 - Mon 18	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Wed 17 - Fri 19	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7	£ 320	Mr West
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 173	Mr Macdonald/ Mrs Cull



Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term Part 2, 2019



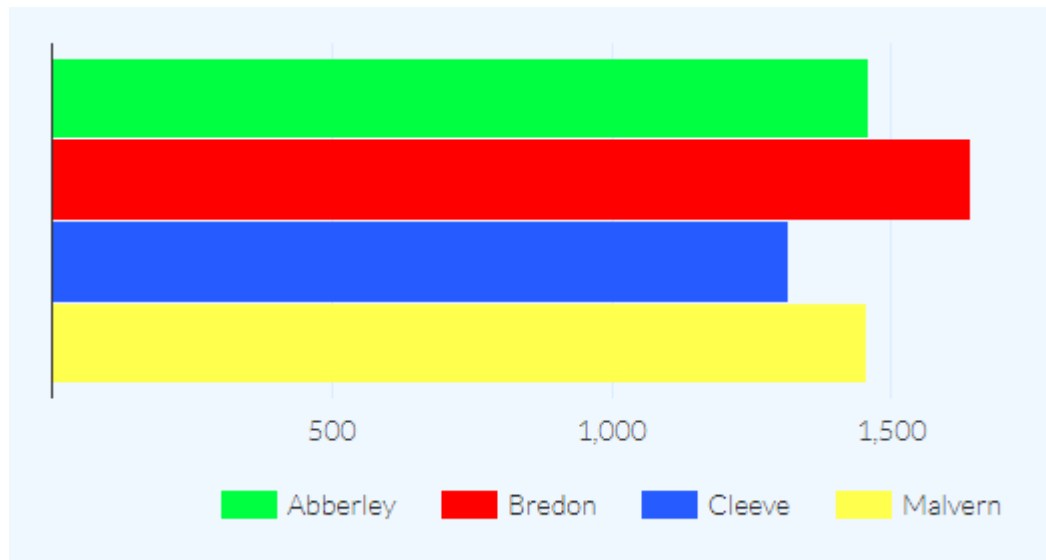
	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)	KS3 Art Club starting 18 th September (ECO) Choir (all year groups) - Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Parliament Club - Lab 2 (invitation only) 12.50—1.20 pm ECO Club - Lab 2 12.50-1.20 pm	Multi skills (all years) 3.30-4.45pm (PMC)
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50–1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - Library 3.30–4.30pm Dance Club All years Starts 12 th November(KRE)
Wednesday	Homework Club Library	Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH) Silent Reading Club - Room 19 (LBA) KS3 Science Ambassadors - Lab 2 12.50-1.20pm (JHd)	Homework Club - Library 3.30–4.30pm KS2 Science Club - Lab 2 3.30-4.30pm (JHd) Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL) Cheerleading Squad 3.30-4.45pm (LMO/KRE)
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) - Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - Library Library 3.30– 4.30pm Year 7 and 8 Rugby 3.30-4.45pm (PJE) Fitness Club Starting 14 th November (all years) (KRE/CHU/LWO)
Friday	Homework Club Library		



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🍌 Alesia Moore (AECO) (36)
2. 🍌 Katie Hodgkins (AECO) (35)
3. 🍌 Ethan Skinner (MPJE) (25)
3. 🍌 Joseph Bellizzi (MHBA) (25)
5. 🍌 Ethan Barratt (MPJE) (24)
6. 🍌 Lily Carter (MNSA) (23)
7. 🍌 Harry Laming (ACWO) (22)
7. 🍌 Maddison Hill (BLWO) (22)
7. 🍌 Emilia Tyler (BRCO) (22)
10. 🍌 James Corcoran (MKRE) (21)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2019	Monday 25 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Carol Concert - 7.30 pm
	Friday 20 December	End of Term
2020	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
	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
	2021	Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September
Thursday 3 September		First day of the Autumn Term
Friday 23 October		Staff Development Day
Monday 26 to Friday 30 October		Half term
Friday 18 December		End of Term
Monday 4 January		Staff Development Day
Tuesday 5 January		First day of the Spring Term
Monday 15 to Friday 19 February		Half Term
Thursday 1 April		End of Term
Monday 19 April		Staff Development Day
2022	Tuesday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	End of Term