

Brewood CE (C) Middle School



HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

In this week's newsletter I want to outline some school news, new dates for your diary and share in our pupils' successes. It has been a particularly busy period in school and there is still plenty to do with three weeks of term remaining. Well done to Phillip Jordan in 8MD for writing such a wonderful account of sports day.

Mathematicians

It has been a busy term for our mathematicians! On 27th April, 79 pupils took part in a nationwide maths challenge (3 from year 5, 25 from year 6, 18 from year 7 and 33 from year 8). Thousands of pupils from across the country attempted the UK Maths Trust Junior Challenge; only 40% of these pupils receive either a bronze, silver or gold certificate. At Brewood, 44% of our pupils were successful in gaining a certificate - above the national average! These certificates will be awarded in the next week. We were incredibly impressed by all pupils that took part - you did Brewood CE(C) Middle School proud. Well done!

Next year we will be entering the challenge again. The autumn term will be the time to flex those mathematical muscles and impress your teachers. Good luck!

Thank you to Mrs Shaw for organising all our Maths Challenges this year.



Class Attendance

Congratulations to 5EG for 100% Class attendance for week beginning Monday 19th June.

Up-Coming Events:-

Collaboration Attendance Week
Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June 2017

Music Evening
Thursday 29th June 2017 School Hall
6RC & 6LW Visit Mandir
Wednesday 6th July 2017

6LS & 6KT Visit Mandir
Thursday 7th July 2017

Parents' Consultation Evening
Monday 17th July 2017

Transition Day—'Moving Up Day'
Thursday 13th June

1.30pm School Closes for Summer Holiday

Friday 21st July 2017

Staff Inset Training Days (School Closed to pupils)

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July 2017

Music Evening

On the evening of Thursday 29th June we are holding our traditional evening of music for pupils who play an instrument or sing in or out of school. A separate form has been sent out to publicise this. We hope to accommodate all family members who wish to attend. Thank you for supporting this event.

Miss S Forbes



Holy Communion—5EG

On Wednesday 21st June, 5EG had the pleasure of attending a Holy Communion service at St Mary's and St Chad's Church. The service involved members of the public and was led by Reverend Phil Moon.

Some of the children contributed to the service by reading bible passages and saying prayers, and all of the congregation were involved in responding to prayers and readings.

The children were incredibly well behaved and this was commented on by several members of the public, who praised their maturity and respect in the church. Some parents accompanied the class too and were very proud to hear their children read.

The morning was a great success and 5EG felt privileged to have taken part in something special. The experience gave them much insight into Christian faith and values.

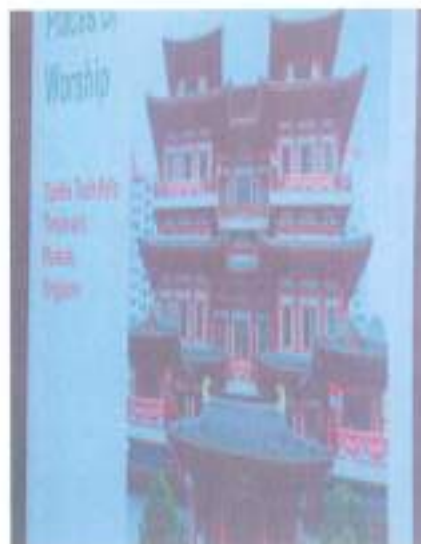
We would like to say thank you to Miss Parsons and Reverend Phil Moon for organising the morning.

Miss George and 5EG



Multi-Faith Experience

As part of our RE curriculum on Monday 19th June, Year 7 and 8 welcomed two visitors into school. A Mrs Qureshi and Mrs Goh, from MEAS Entrust, both came into school to talk respectively about Islam and Buddhism, bringing with them: artefacts, clothes, PowerPoints, authentic insight and activities. The children engaged thoroughly with both guests asking searching questions and giving mature well thought-out opinions. The day really enhanced the learning that they are doing in both religions in RE. Our guests thanked us for our warm welcome and well-behaved children.



Governor News

This week governors have been involved in interviewing for various posts at Brewood. We are currently interviewing over a number of days, suitable candidates for a vacancy as a Year 5 and Year 6 teacher.

We are also interviewing for a new post at Brewood which will begin in September. We hope to appoint a Learning Mentor to run a new provision in school called the 'Ready to Learn Room' or 'R2L'. This will open at 8.30am on each morning and will be for pupils who we feel would benefit from mentor support before school begins. The mentor may then work with them in class or in a small group as the need arises during the day to help remove any barriers to pupils' learning.

Finally, I would like to comment on Sports Day. Our traditional Sports Day took place on Friday 23rd June. We had altered the organisation this year and moved pupils' seating into the centre of the field to be nearer the running track.

Pupils, staff and parents had a thoroughly enjoyable day and the feedback was that it has been one of our best.

We apologise for an error on testing the tannoy system earlier in the day as the operator believed it had been muted!

Thank you to Mr Downes, Leader of PE and his team for all the organisation of the day. Thank you to St Dominics' pupils who helped out during the day. A full report will appear in the end of the Summer Term Sports Newsletter. I would also like to thank the pupils for removing their litter from the site.

Peter Haywood, Chair of Governors



Health and Safety Update

Road Safety

You will have noticed that we have a new pedestrian path marked out next to our exit gate. This leads directly to our road crossing which is supervised by Mr A Marston, our Crossing Patrol Officer. We also have displayed two parking banners — one on St Mary & St Chad's fence and the other is on our school front wall. These are to encourage drivers not to park directly outside school.

Mr Marston has also put traffic cones outside the school opposite the exit gates to stop unnecessary parking.

Please support us in making School Road as safe as possible. There are still drivers who speed along the road when pupils are crossing!

Thank you to all parents who support our Safety measures for all pupils.

Mr D I Swift

Safeguarding Update

Protecting children on social media.

The NSPCC is calling for new laws to force social media sites to keep children safe. We are calling for a rule book that would be enforced by an independent regulator. The rules would ensure that social media companies do three things: provide safe accounts for under-18s with extra protections built in; create grooming and bully alerts to flag up sinister behaviour; and hire an army of dedicated online child safety guardians.

For further information please look at the NSPCC website.

Spirituality Garden

On Wednesday 21st June a group of pupils spent the afternoon working on our design for our Spirituality Garden, which is on the edge of the lawned area.

Stage 1 involved clearing undergrowth under the Yew trees, cutting of lower branches, sweeping the path, rubbing down the painting two metal benches and removing rubbish. Pupils worked really hard during the afternoon and now the area has been cleared. I am looking at at least two more afternoons to complete the work.

We will be ordering some pebbles, gravel, bamboo screening and wooden sleepers in order to sort the hard landscaping for Stage 2. I hope to involve other children as well as those who have already helped.



Well done to Alfie Wright, William Cooke, Joel Fieldhouse, Toni-Leigh Whiting, Daisy Middleton and Seren Haywood. Thank you to Daisy and Seren for their wonderful design for the Spirituality Garden and for Mrs J Hallet, a school Governor for work already completed and for the upkeep of our garden.

We are aiming to complete the Spirituality Garden so that pupils in all classes can use it before the end of term. We also plan to have an Open Air Worship on the lawn as part of our official "Opening" Ceremony. I have already been asked by parents if they can donate a bench or items for the garden. If you are interested in doing this, please let me know.

Mr D I Swift

Brewood Cycle Challenge

On the 24th of June, my dad, brother and myself participated in a cycling event: the Brewood Cycle Challenge. It stretched throughout Cannock Chase and parts of Staffordshire. It was difficult at times but we all managed to complete the 60 kilometres in a time of 3 hours 26 minutes. I really enjoyed it and I am looking forward to doing it again next year.

James Shaw TTC

Maisie and James Growcott also completed the 60k Brewood Cycle Challenge. Maisie was the youngest child to take part, completing it on a mountain bike with one gear! James, who has now done it two years consecutively wants to do the 100k challenge with his dad next year! Maisie and James were not able to train for the event as much as they would have liked and Maisie in particular found the hills during the first part of the race, to be very difficult, and this is where she fell off her bike, her dad being immediately behind her, unavoidably ran over her on his bike; hurt and aching she nearly quit. A lovely woman got out of her car and gave her first aid and fellow cyclists were all cheering her on throughout the whole of the route which really encouraged her. With determination she carried on and is so elated with her achievement she tells us this is the best thing she has ever achieved—she has only just turned 10!

Maisie Growcott 5CG & James Growcott 7JD

Well done to everyone who completed this challenge.

Mr D I Swift



Rocket Day

On Saturday 24th June, Year 4 were invited to take part in a science activity. The children came to school with their family members and friends and they learnt about energy and rocket building. The session was led by Mark Walton, Hands on Science company, who Mrs Kimber has worked with now for a number of years.

The aims of each session was to allow the children to explore various ideas about science and develop a passion for the subject. The children enjoyed the session and they were able to take their rockets with them and practice launching them from home.

Thank you to Mrs Kimber, our Leader of Science and Mr Walton for organising the event and for all pupils and parents who attended.



Sports Day

Sports Day, at Brewood CE Middle School, proved to be an atmospheric, enjoyable and overall fantastic event. One of the only schools to still uphold the tradition of a competitive Sports Day, Brewood Middle's Sports Day is a true highlight of each year. Through the threat of rain and the odd injury, 2017 Sports Day was an amazing event.

Multiple crowds of parents, grandparents, carers and general supporters flocked to the school field at the start of the day, eager to support the day's events. Closely followed by the oncoming classes of children, the families of those competing arranged themselves at the far end of the field, the main track only a few metres away. The children quickly followed suit, arranging themselves into lines on the opposite side of the track where they too would get a good view of the main races. This overall arrangement made for an atmospheric and supportive event- somehow weaving the competitive thrill and supportive spirit into one near-perfect day. For some time, however, a great fear of many of the competitors and onlookers were the looming clouds that seemingly crept across the horizon, threatening to shower the field in tears. Fortunately for all involved, the foul weather never fulfilled its damp promise. To take a positive view-point of the slightly less positive weather, the cool yet dry breeze made for perfect sporting weather, further adding to an already brilliant day.

The overall winners of the day were Somerford; however, the day was enjoyed by all, events such as the sack race and dressing race raising the usual bouts of laughter from the crowds. Over the course of the events, multiple records were broken. As usual, the fruit stall made itself home in the far left of the field (from the entrance), showering the crowds with the joy that comes with a good bunch of strawberries.

All involved - both competitors and supporters - performed to the best of their ability and their combined effort made for a day that will rest in the memories and hearts of those involved for many years to come.

By Phillip Jordan BMD



Year 5 Visit to Gurdwara

As part of our RE curriculum this week, Year 5 visited a Gurdwara in Wolverhampton. The children spent the morning learning about Sikhism, and the importance of the Gurdwara as a place of worship, community, sharing and peace. The children had the privilege of listening to a prayer read from the holy text, the Guru Granth Sahib, as well as a close up view of the book and its beautiful calligraphy. Staff and children felt so welcomed by our Sikh host as he showed us around and we all enjoyed the visit enormously. Thank you to our children for their fantastic behaviour and attitude.

Thank you to Miss Parsons for organising these visits.



Parent Lunches

An invitation to parents to join your child for a school lunch will shortly be coming out — please find below dates for your diary :-

Tuesday 4th July 2017	7MC & 7JD
Tuesday 11th July 2017	7SF & 7TC
Tuesday 18th July 2017	Year 8

Achievement Assembly

Congratulations to pupils who received their Merit Certificates on Monday 19th June 2017

Thomas	Andrews	BCG	1st Certificate
William	Harris	7TC	2nd Certificate
Brooke	Kneller-Dixon	5EG	2nd Certificate
Molly	Ralph	7MC	2nd Certificate
Molly	Wilkes	BCG	2nd Certificate
Megan	Wright	BMD	2nd Certificate



Seren	Hayward	7JD	3rd Certificate
Larissa	McFarlane	5JC	3rd Certificate
Grace	Quinn	5EG	3rd Certificate
Millie	Wright	5EG	3rd Certificate

Platinum Pen Winners

Oliver	De Escofet	5EG	Platinum Certificate
Jeffrey	Gadosey	5JC	Platinum Certificate
Lucy	Holloway	5EG	Platinum Certificate
James	Kinson	5JC	Platinum Certificate
Bonnie	Lee	7TC	Platinum Certificate
Christy-Rose	Molland	5KGR	Platinum Certificate
William	Wellsbury	5EG	Platinum Certificate
Grace	Woodward	7JD	Platinum Certificate



Achievement Assembly

Congratulations to pupils who received their Merit Certificates on Monday 26th June 2017



Zennor	Evans-Bowers	7SF	1st Certificate
Matthew	Griffiths	8CG	1st Certificate
Sophie	Swift	8CG	1st Certificate

Cyra	Chambers	7SF	2nd Certificate
Jacob	Daughty	7SF	2nd Certificate
Max	Frost	7SF	2nd Certificate
Kaitlyn	Parry	7SF	2nd Certificate
Poppy	Wright-Smith	7SF	2nd Certificate



Katie	Hayes	8NK	3rd Certificate
Reo	Morrow	5JC	3rd Certificate
Bryn	Short	7TC	3rd Certificate
Jacob	Woodward	7SF	3rd Certificate

Platinum Pen Winners

Matthew	Bassford	5EG	Platinum Certificate
Gene	Bolton	5JC	Platinum Certificate
Harrison	Sambrooks	5JC	Platinum Certificate
Melisa	Tekin	5EG	Platinum Certificate



One of our pupils from Year 8, Rachel Rollinson has written a lovely poem which we would like to share with you.



Not all monsters are
born with fangs,

Not all angels are
born with wings,



And not all heroes are
as expected.



Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. I. Swift".

Mr D I Swift
Executive Headteacher