



marches school

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# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Headteacher's Lunch

The third of these was held this week and it was great to see the Library full of students enjoying their free lunch. All students are invited to Headteacher's lunch once they have reached 300 points – something all students should do within the year. Please encourage your child to sign-up to the next date if they have not yet done so – students can hold on to their invitation until their friends are invited, to book in as a group if they wish.

The next house event is the "Where's Wally treasure hunt". All students are encouraged to take part and find very small Wally pictures throughout the school to earn house points – the current competition is very close with Hargreaves house just pushing ahead of the rest.

## Enrichment

I am very proud of the staff here who provide a wealth of enrichment for your child – just recently we have seen the Oliver! production, Young Enterprise team event on Saturday, Options Evening, Year 9 Smart Materials talk from the Institute of Mining, Minerals and Materials, RAF Cosford event, Silver Duke of Edinburgh weekend, our first post-16 Psychology Conference with speakers from leading universities, Primary gymnastics and indoor athletics run by our students, the launch of our first Eco-Dome outdoor teaching space and next week our ski trip sets off to the Austrian slopes.

After recharging next week – we will be back, ready to add even more to the list.

We return to school on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

Please be aware that, though we aim to support parents and carers who bring in items for their child in the school day, we cannot guarantee to be able to leave Reception to deliver these. Please support your child to develop their independence in bringing their PE kit and lunch with them every day.

**Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher**

## Year 9 Options

Year 9 students are now required to choose their GCSE options by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please follow [this link](#) to view the options booklet and the options survey for students to make their choices.

## Eco-Dome Launch Evening

Thank you to members of the Eco-Committee who delivered a talk on how important the eco-domes are to them and their learning on Wednesday evening to members of the community and sponsors at the launch event. Students involved were Year 8 students Isobel Alefounder, Ioan Owens, Poppy Williams and Shannon Evans.



## Sporting Fixtures W/C 27<sup>th</sup> February

### Wednesday

- U12 North Shropshire Netball
- U14 7-a-side Hockey
- Year 8 Rugby vs. Idsall School home.

## Reminders

If for any reason your child loses a letter, letters can be downloaded and viewed on the Parent & Student section of the School Website under Letters. If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8:30 a.m. Call the School on 01691 664400 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, form, house and reason for absence.

## World Book Day

Please see a programme of World Book Day events attached to this email.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
**★ NON-UNIFORM ★**  
**★ DAY ★**  
**DRESS UP AS YOUR**  
**FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER**  
**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH**

WHO WILL  
YOU BE ?



£1.00



## Table Tennis Champion

Congratulations to Jack Hughes in Year 8 (KLS) who was crowned Shropshire Table Tennis champion after winning the Shropshire round of the competition. He will compete in the National Finals on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

## Shropshire Cross Country

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February Year 7 girls performed in the Shropshire Cross Country competition. The team consisted of Demi Williams, Katie Joseph, Kornelia Keelan, Mia Wyatt, Heidi Lantos and Mollie Tinney. They finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the team event – only three places behind Thomas Telford in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

This was a fantastic achievement as the standard of running was exceptional. There were 52 competitors in total and individual places were: Demi Williams 6<sup>th</sup>, Katie Joseph 13<sup>th</sup>, Kornelia Keelan 20<sup>th</sup>, Mia Wyatt 28<sup>th</sup>, Heidi Lantos 30<sup>th</sup> and Mollie Tinney 37<sup>th</sup>.



## Spring School Trips

**Austria Ski Trip:** 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Erasmus Greece:** 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**A Level Geography Fieldwork:** 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March

**All Years Andalucia Tour:** 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Germany trip** 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Disney Netball Trip** 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Andalucia parent meeting** 21<sup>st</sup> March 5.30 p.m.

**Germany Parent Meeting** 29<sup>th</sup> March 6.00 p.m.

## Sixth Form Taster Morning

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February over 30 students attended The Marches Sixth Form, which gave them the opportunity to experience life as a Sixth Form student. 58% of the students who attended were external students from across Shropshire and Powys.

On the morning, parents were welcomed by the Executive Headteacher and received a talk from the Head of Sixth Form about the curriculum on offer, academic and pastoral care approaches and post-16 reform. Students took part in taster lessons by subject specialist teachers; lessons were offered in Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, Law, Mathematics, PE, Psychology and Physics.



## Psychology Conference

On Monday Years 12 and 13 students from six local schools attended a Psychology Conference at The Marches School.

Over 100 Students from The Marches School, Ellesmere College, Moreton Hall School, Llanfyllin High School, Welshpool High School, Sir John Talbot's School and Oswestry School attended along with representatives from Aberystwyth University, Wrexham Glyndwr University, University of Chester, Liverpool Hope University and Manchester Metropolitan University who delivered a wide range of psychology-based workshops and presentations.



## House Points

Bonington – 2150

Mallory – 1920

Whittaker – 1696

Hargreaves – 2228

Stephens - 1924

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