



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Vision and Values

A reminder of our vision and values that we have on display throughout the school and on planner covers. We reinforce these in assembly and lessons.



Excellence – striving always for mastery and personal success.

Integrity – consistently acting with honesty, compassion and respect.

Empathy – embracing and supporting the uniqueness of every individual.

Creativity – inspiring and challenging through invention, experimentation and exploration.

Equality – ensuring fair opportunity for all.

Student journeys to and from school

We have had a number of adults from the community writing to us recently, concerned by the behaviour of some students whilst walking home. We know that most of our students are polite and respectful, they can however, not realise that as they leave in groups, they do not always notice other pedestrians coming the other way. At other times students can choose to be quite anti-social. We always raise these issues with our students and ask that you reinforce at home, how important it is to have integrity – to do the right thing, even when you think no one is watching! We would like our students to be known in the community for all the wonderful things they do every day.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Non-Uniform Day

Today students wore non-school uniform to raise money for two local mental health charities: U&I Counselling and Design in Mind. From Monday 5th February to Sunday 11th February it is Children's Mental Health Week 2018. In this week's assemblies, students have been shown two videos about mental health (click on the images below to watch them) and took part in reflection tasks in Academic Mentoring time.



I had a black dog, his name was depression



How to spot the signs of mental illness



Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition

- 9th - 10th February – Training Event (Llanarmon)
- 21st - 23rd April – 1st Practice Expedition
- 27th - 29th April – 2nd Practice Expedition
- 23rd - 25th June – 1st Qualifying Expedition
- 4th - 6th July – 2nd Qualifying Expedition

Baschurch Transport

We are pleased to announce that we will be running a minibus service from Baschurch in September. For more information about this service and to reserve a seat, please email [Mrs Parsons](mailto:Mrs.Parsons@marchesschool.net) on or call 01691 664407.



Beauty and the Beast

Beauty and the Beast performers will be rehearsing all weekend – we wish them all the best of luck and are looking forward to watching the performances next week – there are a limited number of tickets remaining so be quick if you do not want to miss out.



Wilfred Owen Poetry Competition

Two weeks ago students entered a poetry competition for the centenary of Wilfred Owen's death and Armistice Day this year. Miss Phillips has been reading the entries submitted and has commented that they are "absolutely incredible". The Oswestry Poetry Society will be coming in to help choose the winner which will be announced shortly. The winning entry will be engraved on the Wilfred Owen statue in Oswestry in November. We were also very pleased to find out that The British Museum in London will be displaying a selection of the students' poems.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys' Cross Country team who are now county champions after competing at Oswestry School on Saturday 3rd February. Pictured are Massimo Wyatt, Ben Rothera, Sam Newton and Martins Otvars.



Reminder

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.

Sixth Form Taster Morning

On Saturday 3rd February over 30 students attended The Marches Sixth Form Taster Morning, which gave them the opportunity to experience life as a Sixth Form student. 61% of the students who attended were external students from across Shropshire and Powys. For any student who wishes to apply, please follow [this link](#) and fill in the application form and return it by Monday 19th February.



Term Dates

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January to Thursday 29th March 2018
Half term Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February 2018

PD day Monday 26th February

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April to Friday 20th July 2018
Half term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018

PD days Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

Term Dates 2018 - 2019

For further term dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 please click [here](#).



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