



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again I am so grateful to reflect on the level of enrichment beyond the classroom that is available to our students.

Next weekend, we will be taking 500 students to Alton Towers for the day for the traditional Easter Rewards trip. The town will seem quiet on that day.

During the Holiday, we have staff volunteering their break to take students to Germany, Malaga and Krakow, as well as a significant number of staff who will be working with invited Year 11 students in the final preparations for their GCSE exams.

With more on the calendar for the summer term, these enrichment activities are part of what makes this school such a vibrant place to work and study. We are very lucky.

Mrs Pearson
Associate Headteacher

Young Enterprise

Last week saw the penultimate event of the 2019 Young Enterprise regional challenges. After selling their products at two trade fairs over the past three months, our three teams; Grow 'n' Co, ReTuned and Vintology, made their way to the University of Wolverhampton Telford Campus in Priorslee for their Dragon's Den and Presentation tasks.

The students were grilled by four judges in a Dragon's Den style interview, before presenting their ideas before a packed lecture theatre of rival teams, teachers and judges. All three teams were confident and fluent, speaking brilliantly about their ideas, sustainability and the profits they have made.

All twelve students now eagerly await the celebration dinner on the 2nd May, where they will sit with business leaders from across Shropshire, before enjoying a three-course meal and finding out who has won the awards! Young Enterprise will be back in 2019/20 and is open to both Year 10 and Year 12 students, so if you are an aspiring business leader, either in Year 9 or Year 11, be sure to locate Mr. Davies in September 2019.



Bus Fare Revision

Powys County Council are revising the fares on their contract services from Monday 1st April. As Tanat Valley Coaches operate services alongside their contracts, they will be revising their fares on their non-Powys services accordingly.

Shropshire Council have advised that the morning and afternoon bus that is provided from Four Crosses via Llanymynech, Pant, Llynclys and Morda to the Marches will, from Wednesday 1st May, be operated by Arriva.



Fare Revision

Monday 1st April 2019

Will passengers please be aware that there will be a fare revision from the above date.

This fare revision is the first to take place on our services for nearly 2 years.

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Free Member 2018

Bikeability

Bikeability cycle training sessions have been continuing for Year 7 students this week. The students are enjoying the lessons immensely and are obtaining fantastic knowledge from their instructor, which will hopefully encourage them to be safer road users. Five students have already received their Level 2 certificates and 17 have passed their Level 3 assessments.



Duke Of Edinburgh's Award

Recently, fourteen Year 12 students went on a Duke of Edinburgh's Award training expedition to Arenig Fawr, near Bala. The aim of this expedition was to encourage the students to work in small groups to really focus on, and improve their map work. Conditions were really challenging, but the group braved the storm and demonstrated great resilience in tackling the activities.



STEM Big Bang Fair

Year 8 students enjoyed an exciting, interactive day out at the STEM Big Bang Careers Fair, at the NEC this month. The show comprised of 100 hands-on activities, dozens of interactive and engaging workshops and shows, talks and interactions with inspiring engineers and scientists from some of the UK's largest companies. It proved a fantastic opportunity for the students to gain an insight into a multitude of roles and opportunities currently available in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).



Skip2Bfit Challenge

On Monday, we were pleased to welcome John McCormack from Skip2Bfit to the Marches. John, a professional boxing trainer who is passionate about health, fitness and reducing the time children spend on screens, challenged students and teachers to take on his 'Skip2Bfit 2 minute Challenge'. The students had a fun, if not tiring time, skipping for 2 minutes to music. They then received a motivational talk from John, and were challenged to beat their original skipping score – with the vast majority exceeding their original achievement!

The children with the highest scores received one of the much sought after Blueberry Bounce Balls, with many of the students also receiving one of the £800's worth of blueberry pots that John kindly brought into school. Many of the students seemed inspired to want to continue the skipping challenge in their own time, which they can do by downloading the free Skip2Bfit app, and is a great way to monitor improvement and increase fitness levels.

If students would like a Blueberry Bounce Ball, the P.E Department have them on sale for £5, please see Mr Martin.



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Sport Fixtures – 1st to 5th April

Wednesday 3rd April, Year 7 County Cup Rugby Tournament at Church Stretton School – 1:00pm start.

Year 10 Football Friendly

Llanfyllin 2-0 The Marches

The scoreline did not tell the full story for an experimental Year 10 team who made the short trip across the border to Llanfyllin. The usual first team played out an entertaining first half of high quality. Neither side were able to break the deadlock, with Marches attackers missing a number of golden opportunities. Toby and Max forced a notable double save from the Llanfyllin goalkeeper before Drew Brennan's baron goal scoring run continued.

The second half was the real story of the evening, with ten substitutions at half-time. Four boys made their Marches debut; Fin, Liam, Bobi and Jack all did themselves proud and performed admirably. The Llanfyllin coach failed to make the same number of changes, and so our boys battled bravely against the majority of the same players from the first half. Llanfyllin scored from a scrappy set piece and a last minute penalty saw them win the match. All of our boys are looking forward to the return fixture on a slightly nicer surface.

Shropshire & Telford and Wrekin School Games County Finals at Wrekin College

Sports Hall Athletics

After winning their North Shropshire heat convincingly against Sir John Talbot's School, the Year 8 Girls' and Boys' Indoor Athletics team went onto represent North Shropshire at the County Finals. They worked hard in their individual events supporting and encouraging each other and it was lovely to see such great teamwork. Notable performances came from Sophia Story, Ben Rothera and George Harvey Holmes.

When the results were announced, the girls finished in third place overall and the boys a fantastic second place, narrowly beaten by Thomas Telford School.

Boccia and New Age Kurling

It was decided to take a group of Year 9 girls along, who had shown great determination and effort in their PE lessons, as our Boccia and New Age Kurling team. The emphasis for them was to have fun and to learn about a new sport as a reward for being fantastic during their PE lessons.

When the competition started, the girl's competitive nature took over and they started to realise that they were doing pretty well against the other teams. They showed particular talent in the Kurling competition, however, when the results were revealed and the teams were scored for both the Kurling and the Boccia, we were delighted to be crowned County Champions!

Mrs Bladen was so proud, the girls have continuously showed improvement in skills during all sports in their PE lessons and to transfer these core skills over to a totally new event and be triumphant is a huge achievement.



Rugby



The Year 7 Rugby team travelled with high expectations for the tournament having had an undefeated season so far. The competition was of a very high standard and unfortunately took the boys a bit by surprise. Losing the first game three tries to one was a shock to the system and added to the misfortune of losing their star captain Harry Heard in the first three minutes to a fractured thumb. What was most pleasing for the boys was how much they improved throughout the day and due to the format of the competition, they played each team twice. In each appearance, they beat their previous score against every opposition showing great progress, although it only amounted to one win on the day. A great experience and a lesson learned for a promising young side. Stand-out performances came from Theo Chapman and Charlie White-Jones.



The girl's Rugby team were also unlucky as Ellie Calloway suffered a fractured wrist in the warm up before a whistle was blown. The girls showed a great level of maturity throughout the day and played hard in every game against some very talented opposition. Results did not go their way for the most part, however, they did manage the all important win over trust rivals Sir John Talbot's School in the final game, with some fantastic runs from Eve Wallace-Reed and Paris Williams.

Netball

In October, the Year 8 Netball team became North Shropshire Champions which meant they qualified to represent North Shropshire in the School Games County Finals. The standard of netball was extremely high and it was a pleasure for our teachers to umpire games of such quality. The Marches team did themselves proud, scoring in every game and defence working hard to prevent the other team from scoring. The best game was against Ludlow School, where it was goal for goal for the whole game, and finished as a well-deserved draw. It was a challenging but rewarding afternoon and all of the girls showed why they were selected for the team. Outstanding performances came from Millie Davies and Kayleigh Roberts in defence who worked together to disrupt the attacking play and move the ball back up the court.

Bonington – 1811

Mallory – 1873

Whittaker – 1654

Hargreaves – 1752

Stephens - 1594

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