

Dear Parents and Carers,



We are delighted to be supporting OsNosh this year as our local charity. This half-term, Year 10 are in charge of the fundraising. They organised a Key Stage 3 Disco last week with a face glitter stall and refreshments. 130 students had a great time just having fun, raising £700 of profit in the process. Thank you to our parent, Mr Tinsley for DJing the night.

As always, we are so lucky to have a team of staff happy to give up their free time in so many different ways – this event was right after parents' evening – so a 10 hour day had already been done before the disco lights got flashing!



The girls had such a good time watching Manchester Thunder vs Loughborough Lightning in the Netball Superleague which was live on Sky Sports, a second trip has already been planned. Lexie Clavin said "it was amazing to see live Netball. We had a great time and did lots of cheering. We even danced to Waka Waka in the stand at the end."

Please look out for the separate letter with this bulletin about **NEU strikes** next week, there are some changes to the past pattern, so please read this carefully. Students who need to be in must attend or use the absence line in the usual way to avoid an unauthorised absence.

*Mrs Alison Pearson*  
**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### West Midlands Schools Tumbling

Congratulations to Dixie Clarke, Marnie Shelston, Paige Manson, Sophie Goodes & Lucie Calloway who did a great job representing the school and Border Counties Gym Club at the West Midlands Schools Tumbling Competition. Highlight of the day was Dixie Clarke pictured who came 3rd in the competition - fantastic news.



### Eco Club Pond Project

With help from Beth Lacey from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Miss Jones, we found several hoggouse, mosquito larvae and natural water cleaners daphnia which we examined under the microscope. We tested the pond and found low levels of nitrates and slightly higher levels of phosphates indicating good water quality. This spring, we will be using funding from the Ernest Cook Fund (as part of the Green Influencers' Scheme) to plant aquatic plants and improve habitats for pond species.



### Birmingham Symphony Hall - Classic FM Hall of Fame Concert

'The orchestra was very professional and fantastic to hear! The conductor was incredible to watch and we very much enjoyed being able to see them. We loved the experience and would definitely go again.'

**Beau Creaser and Chloe Evans**



**Amazon Study** – to the end of the month – loads of free maths study books to download and view [here](#), with some science for Year 7, and lots for primary if you have younger children keen for more.

## FOCUS

### Year 7 Titanic

As part of their Titanic topic, students have been working in teams to design, construct and test life rafts that will float and hold as much mass as possible. 7K2 produced some fantastic vessels and despite there being fierce competition, 'The Olaf' was the winning vessel, holding a massive 957 grams! Well done to every student for showing great scientific creativity.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- Further NEU Strike planned – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March.
- Years 12/13 Parents' Evening (online) – 16<sup>th</sup> March.
- Alton Towers Rewards Trip – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

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