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Newsletter Summer 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

How quickly this year has flown!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this year at the many different events. The recent BBQ with the enterprising stalls was a great success, raising over £1,350. Your help and encouragement is always appreciated by the students, staff and trustees.

The students, with the continued dedication and commitment from staff, experience a wide and very varied range of opportunities throughout the year which supports and embeds their learning.

On a sad note, for us, Mr Drury is retiring at the end of this week. I am sure that you will all want to share with me in offering him our good wishes for his retirement and to thank him for his commitment to the students and school during his time at Wightwick Hall. He has been a valuable asset to the school and will be greatly missed by all students and staff.

And finally I hope that you have a safe and relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing all the students on Tuesday 4th September refreshed and ready for the next exciting year.

Mandy Morris

Headteacher

Wightwick Hall School

Summer BBQ & Fete

On behalf of the Friends of Wightwick Hall School I would like to thank the students, staff and families for all their support in making the BBQ and Fete the great success that it was. It enabled us to raise £1362.45p which will be put back into the school to enable us to support the students in all areas of the curriculum

Treasurer

D Lyn Thomas



On 13 June, pupils in year 7, along with selected pupils from year 9 and year 11, enjoyed a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) day '**Future Flight**' hosted by Mrs Betts and Miss Quigley.

The pupils were organised into mixed year group teams and started the day by researching the forces that act on aircraft using iPads and watching a short film. Pupils also discussed the different wing designs of various aircraft, for example, glider aircraft as opposed to the highly manoeuvrable, modern military jets. The next stage involved folding a range of paper planes with different wing spans. The groups needed to use both their design and science skills, first folding and making paper model aircraft and then planning and completing an investigation to test their designs and identify the model with the longest flight distance. Prior to testing, pupils were encouraged to use their science skills to identify dependent and independent variables and they also had to consider potential difficulties of taking flight distance measurements, for example, when the models do not fly in a straight line. Pupils then spent the afternoon testing the paper aircraft by measuring the flight distance and recording the data. Finally, pupils calculated the mean flight distance for each type of plane and discussed the results.

speed	altitude	mass	gravity
forces	airmass	lift	STEM
horizontal velocity	drag	mean	Altitude at descent
horizontal distance	surface area of wing	wing span	surface area

Well done to Michael's team (Dani and Kyle) and Rachel's team (Esti and Felicity) who folded and flew the model aircraft types with the longest flight distance.



Also, a big thank you to Mrs Davies for creating the fantastic STEM display and to Miss Bell for supporting the pupils throughout the day. Look out for the next cross curricular event which will be the Guinness World Record Attempt (Largest Mathematics and Science Lesson) - The Mathematics and Science of Bubbles in October 2018.

6HS Residential

We had an amazing time in Blackpool for our residential. We stayed in a caravan at Haven enjoying exploring the sights each day. We enjoyed watching the Circus at the top of the Tower, visiting the zoo, going on the rides at the Pleasure Beach, and dancing at the Haven discos each night.



Bully treads the boards



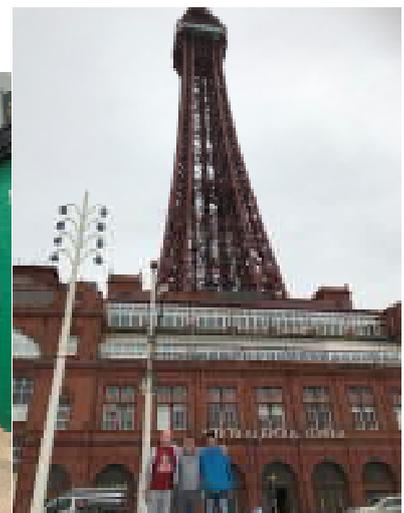
Bully, Ian Adams and Julie Paton from the Grand with Wightwick Hall pupils

Wolves legend Steve Bull ditched football in favour of the theatre as he stepped in to help children at a pantomime workshop.

The former England player visited The Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton for an interactive pantomime performance of *Sleeping Beauty* with school children from Wightwick Hall.

The Steve Bull Foundation, helped fund the show. The Grand hosted the workshop, *An Introduction To Pantomime*, to help reach more people through the magic of the theatre.

Children learned about the traditions of the panto, including principal boy, dame, slapstick, songsheets and more from the Grand's pantomime dame Ian Adams and a supporting cast.



Laches Wood Residential 2018



6EF joined Class 4 on residential this year. The pupils surpassed themselves in all the different activities that they took part in. A tiring and very physical week but a pleasure to take the students to Laches Wood.

Sleeping Beauty

The school was very lucky to watch the Grand Theatre Wolverhampton's show, Introduction to Panto, featuring Sleeping Beauty. There were cries of, "He's behind you" and other well-known panto phrases. The pupils got involved with the workshop, by dressing up, telling jokes and singing songs.

We were also very lucky to have an honorary guest, Steve Bull, whose charity The Steve Bull Foundation allowed the theatre to bring the show into schools in the area.



Automata
Animals

In D and T this term the class studied automata animals. In groups they designed their own models and using different tools made animals that move! They learnt lots of new techniques whilst working on this project.



Sounds Amazing!

We have had great fun whilst learning all about sound this term.

We made some string telephones and tried them out outside. Yes, they did work, but we all decided that mobile phones are a better option!

We designed an experiment to find out which biscuit had the loudest snap. We collected a range of different biscuits and then weighed and measured them. Using a sound meter we recorded how loud the snap was.

The humble wafer won. We also enjoyed eating all the different samples!



The pupils of Bannatyne department have enjoyed learning new skills and testing their abilities on the residential visits this year. In May a group of Year 7 & 8 pupils visited Standon Bowers, where they experienced archery, caving, BMX riding, blind fold trails, scrambling at The Roaches and jumping off the three story power fan.

In July a group of pupils from Year 10 – Year 12 also visited Standon Bowers and were challenged with climbing, abseiling, BMX riding, hiking, kayaking, power fan and racing up the gladiator tower.

All of the pupils and staff had an amazing time and made some fantastic memories. The pupils were an inspiration, as many had to overcome their fears. They all rose to the challenges presented to them and it was wonderful to watch their confidence grow as the week went on.



Class 3

What a year we have had. We have had numerous visits to different locations and had many experiences to help us understand the world around us, our favourite being the Wild Zoo where we had a Lemur experience and adopted one called Julian.

We have also collected materials from the outside environment as part of forest schools and completed a range of collages.

We have enjoyed a couple of picnics in different park environments to link with our curriculum work. In Science we have completed some fun experiments including making sugar candy which everyone liked. We have been busy in the kitchen learning different skills and incorporating maths. Many times it has become sensory with flour flying, but it's all good fun.! We have also used pre-cut materials to make plaques.

In creativity we had fun miming and copying our friends within class, everyone produced some excellent mimes.



BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2018

We held our annual Friends' BBQ and Enterprise Fete again this year and once again it was a very well supported event. Thank you to all who attended.

The stalls were judged during the afternoon by the Rotarians of the Rotary club of Tettenhall.

The judges were given the information sheets and then they individually went around to speak to the students who were working on the stalls and each stall was scored out of 10. The Rotarians asked some quite probing questions at times and I am always pleased when they feedback to me on how well the students have performed.

The Rotarians wanted me to express how impressed they were by the enthusiasm and product knowledge that Ella from Year 7 demonstrated to them when they spoke to her.

Following the event I add up the scores to see which House Group has won the various categories.

The overall event raised over £600 in profit from the stalls alone. The highest grossing stall was **House Roddick - Plant Pot Pals**.

I would like to thank you all for your support in making this year's Business & Enterprise event a very successful one once again.

Results

BEST TRADE STALL & CUSTOMER SERVICE

BUTTERFLY & BEE FEEDERS (GATES)

CREATIVITY AWARD

BUTTERFLY & BEE FEEDERS (GATES)

MOST INNOVATIVE STALL

BUTTERFLY & BEE FEEDERS (GATES)

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

BUTTERFLY & BEE FEEDERS (GATES)

PRODUCTION AWARD

BUTTERFLY & BEE FEEDERS (GATES)

MARKETING AWARD

BUTTERFLY & BEE FEEDERS (GATES)



**Rotary Club of
Tettenhall**

End of An Era.

In April 1996 a young(ish) male supply teacher arrived at Wightwick Hall School to teach PE for a week. Twenty two years and hundreds of activities later Mr Michael Drury is to retire.

During his time here at Wightwick, MD has organised many and various sporting events, competitions and educational visits which have all enhanced the development of our students both past and present.

MD has responsibility for the curriculum areas of PE, Geography and History. Apart from the sports and games expected in PE, other less obvious sports have been tried in, one form or another, e.g. Footgolf, boccia and dodgeball.

History and Geography have been made more real by visits to castles, working museums, farms, canals and stately houses, ancient ruins and geographical features.

MD has organised two residential visits to Outdoor Activity centres every year, one for KS 3 and one for KS 4 & 5. These opportunities have given our students chance to become more independent and develop socially whilst being challenged by exciting new sports.

Apart from MD's commitment to subject areas he has been involved in taking pupils to represent the school in county, regional and national competitions in the Consumer Challenge. Our pinnacle was achieved with participation in two national finals, one year in Brighton and one year in London.

MD has been a central figure in our fund raising for Compton Hospice (Now Compton Care) by holding an annual sponsored Cross Country event at Wightwick in which all pupils are encouraged to participate.

MD has contributed enormously to the life, workings and ethos of the school. He has always put the pupils first and foremost in his thoughts and has offered exciting, challenging opportunities to hundreds of children. They have really benefitted by having Mr Drury as their teacher.

We wish him all the best in the next chapter of his life. He will be greatly missed by all staff and pupils so, good health, good luck and good bye.

P.S. We will need a replacement 'burger flipper' for the 2019 BBQ!