

Brightside

JULY 2022



Dear all,

As we are about to complete the end of this year, I look back with pride and admiration of what we have achieved as a community.

The last few months have been exceptionally busy and I am sure that we are all ready for a break before we return for more successes in September.

This edition of Brightside shows some of the different events that we have put on over the past few weeks and I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work.

Over the Summer holidays, we will be beginning some of our building projects. Thanks to the generous donations made by members of our community we have scheduled various projects over the next year. I would like to thank everyone who has donated their time and money; it will make a huge difference to our school.

At the end of the academic year, in most schools, it is usually time to say some farewells to staff and this year is no exception. As you are aware from previous correspondence, Ms Protheroe will be starting her new Headship from September; again I would like to pass on my thanks for her continued hard work and support over the time we have worked together. Miss Wilson, Mr Ruddle, Mr Clarke, Miss Johnson and Mrs Jones are also leaving us; I wish them all the very best in their promotions and future ventures.

I would like to remind everyone that from September we will all be in the new school uniform; there will be no exceptions. We have offered support for families who have been financially struggling and are looking forward to seeing everyone smartly dressed, ready for their learning. Our Inset days are on the 1st to the 5th of September with Year 7 only coming to school on Tuesday 6th. The rest of the year groups will return on Wednesday the 7th of September.

So, I hope that you all have a great Summer break. Stay safe and enjoy yourselves. I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Neil Pritchard

HEAD TEACHER

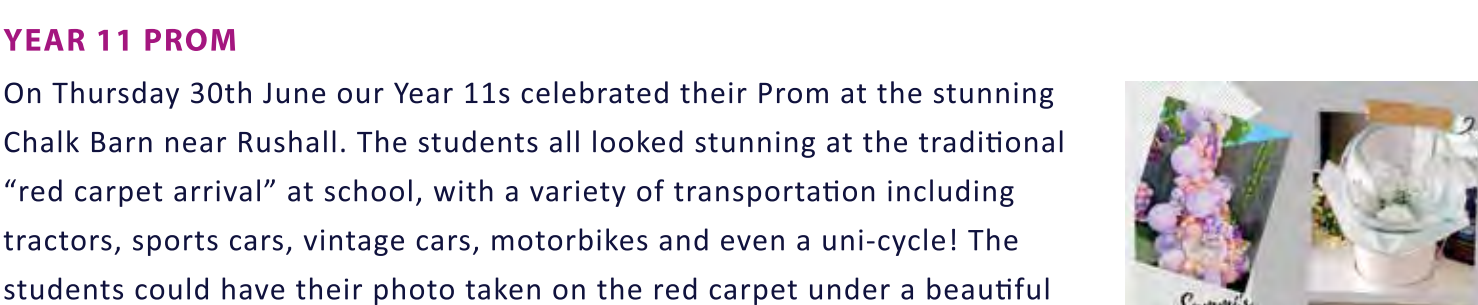
ACE EVENING - JUDITH BARCLAY - GOVERNOR

Now the dust has settled after the ACE evening, I'm sure everyone will agree that it was a wonderful event, made even more special by the long gap since the previous celebration events; the sense of anticipation in the room was palpable from parents and students alike. The event was very well attended and we were greeted into a beautifully dressed hall, looking like a wedding and giving off cool vibes on an extremely warm evening. The students who received awards across a whole range of subjects and activities should be extremely proud of the accolades given to them by their teachers.

Similarly, the students who performed music and drama were really well rehearsed and delivered great performances. It must be daunting to put your head above the parapet to sign up to this and it was lovely to see so many participating. The three teachers in particular who sang solos brought the house down, and the looks on student faces, who had never heard these teachers sing before was classic! What I really want to say however, is how much hard work went in to the evening to make it such a special event. Mr Pritchard said many thank yous on the evening and I can't imagine how many additional hours of work must have gone in from everyone involved, plus the last minute changes and challenges presented by unexpected absence, or technical hitches.

It felt like a true community event, with all staff, not just teachers contributing to the smooth running of the evening, and the preparation, the PTFA running the bar and all the other 'stuff' that must have been happening in the background that we as the audience were blissfully unaware of.

The school should be congratulated on this achievement- there were lots of smiling faces as we left.



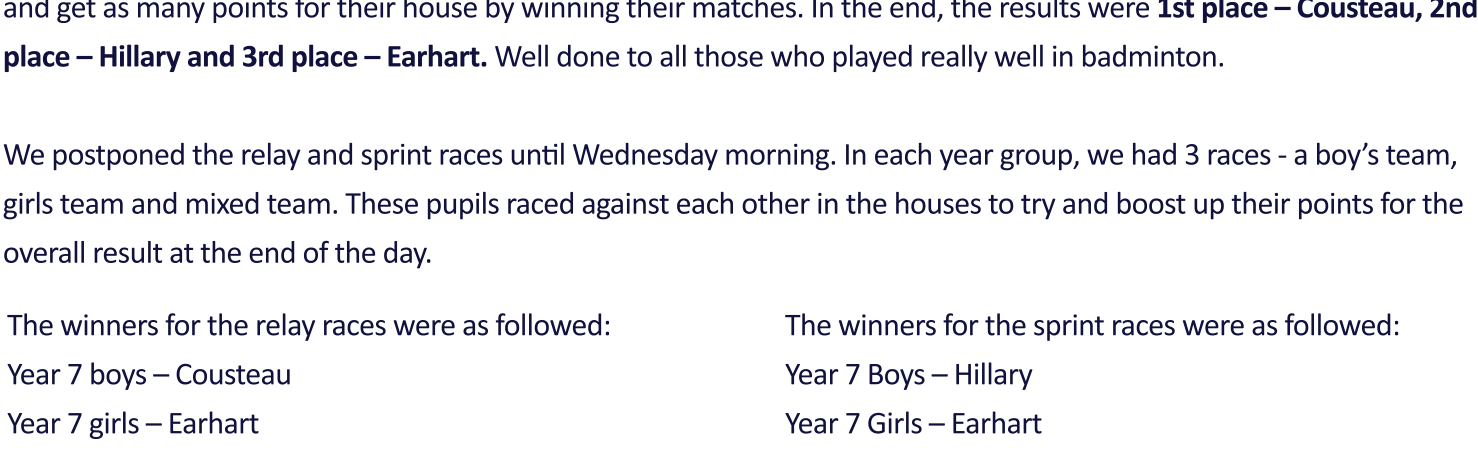
YEAR 6 TRANSITION

On the 6th July (and 12th July for those who were unable to make the initial date) we had our Transition Day, where we welcomed our new Year 7 students who will be starting with us in September. They met their tutors and other tutees and joined in some ice-breaking games and began to orientate themselves with the school campus. It was lovely to see them all enjoy themselves on their first visit to their new school. This was followed by our Transition Evening, where parents of the new Year 7s were invited into the school to meet the Tutors, try on the new uniform and meet the PTFA. It was lovely to see the buzz of excitement from all the families as their children embark on this next big step on their education journeys with us, and we look forward to greeting them all on their first day with us on the 6th September, when they will have the school to themselves for their first day.

YEAR 11 PROM

On Thursday 30th June our Year 11s celebrated their Prom at the stunning Chalk Barn near Rushall. The students all looked stunning at the traditional "red carpet arrival" at school, with a variety of transportation including tractors, sports cars, vintage cars, motorbikes and even a uni-cycle! The students could have their photo taken on the red carpet under a beautiful balloon arch created by the talented 'Sammie's Balloon Room' (find her on social media) before heading up to the Chalk barn for the evenings festivities.

This venue really is stunning, with panoramic views over the Pewsey Vale, where the students could dance the evening away (thanks to our fantastic DJ Dexter), enjoy marshmallows over the fire pit and have many more photos taken under a second lovely balloon arch creation by Sammie's balloon room. What a great way to celebrate.



SPORTS DAY - PE DEPARTMENT

The sun was definitely shining this year for sports day. We had a wide range of activities taking place today, including, football, rounders, badminton, athletics and chess, to involve and motivate all pupils.

Taking place up on the field we had rounders and athletics. Within rounders, pupils played in their tutor group against the other houses in their year, we had participants from all year groups. In regards to athletics, we had pupils from all year groups participating in the 200m, 100m, javelin, discus and standing long jump. **Overall, the winners were Cousteau, 2nd place was Earhart and 3rd place was Hillary.** Well done to all of those who participated!

Down on the courts we had football taking place, we had 7s and 8s playing on the courts and the year 9s and 10s on the field. The pupils played small 5 a side games to try and win points for their house, well done all for playing so well. **Overall the winners for football were Cousteau in 1st place, Hillary on 2nd place and Earhart in 3rd.**

In the library, we had several chess games taking place. We had pupils from all year groups playing against different houses to try and gain points for their team. Once the results were in we had **Hillary win in 1st place, Cousteau in 2nd place and Earhart in 3rd place.**

In the sports hall we had single badminton games happening. Pupils played against the own year group to try and get as many points for their house by winning their matches. In the end, the results were **1st place – Cousteau, 2nd place – Hillary and 3rd place – Earhart.** Well done to all those who played really well in badminton.

We postponed the relay and sprint races until Wednesday morning. In each year group, we had 3 races - a boy's team, girls team and mixed team. These pupils raced against each other in the houses to try and boost up their points for the overall result at the end of the day.

The winners for the relay races were as followed:

Year 7 boys – Cousteau
 Year 7 girls – Earhart
 Year 7 mixed – Earhart
 Year 8 boys – Hillary
 Year 8 girls – Cousteau
 Year 8 mixed – Cousteau
 Year 9 boys – Cousteau
 Year 9 girls – Earhart
 Year 9 mixed – Earhart
 Year 10 boys – Cousteau
 Year 10 mixed – Earhart

The winners for the sprint races were as followed:

Year 7 Boys – Hillary
 Year 7 Girls – Earhart
 Year 8 Boys – Earhart
 Year 8 Girls – Cousteau
 Year 9 Boys – Earhart
 Year 9 Girls – Hillary
 Year 10 Boys – Cousteau
 Year 10 Girls – Cousteau

Well done to every who nominated themselves to run, a great effort!

The two mornings of sport were a great success!!
With the final winners being 1st place – Cousteau, 2nd place – Earhart and 3rd place – Hillary.

Thank you to all the pupils who participated and all the staff for helping out, couldn't have done it without you all.

ART AUCTION - MRS SLATER

We have had a fantastic response to our Silent Art Auction. At the close of bidding we have raised an amazing **£830**, which will go towards art studio tables and chairs.

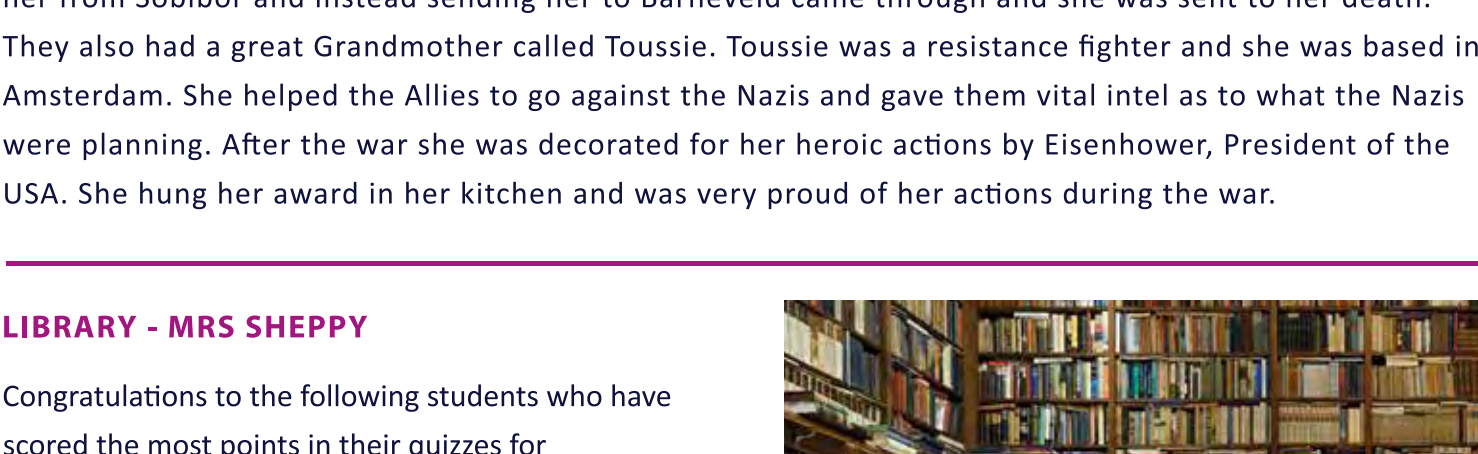
Many thanks to everyone who donated artwork and everyone who placed a bid.



MUSIC - MRS DU TOIT

On Thursday the 21st of July, Mrs Du Toit, Ms. Allen and Mrs. Hannon took a group of 30 year 9 and 10 students to see the musical School of Rock, at the Mayflower theatre in Southampton. We departed from school at 12:00 to watch the matinee performance and returned after a long journey back (the M3 looked like a parking lot!) at 19:00. Everybody had a fabulous time; every student was clapping and cheering with the finale at the end! One student's comment was "that it was better than the movie"! Take that, Jack Black!

I would just like to commend the students on their impeccable behaviour on the bus and in the theatre. It was such a pleasure to share an experience like this with you.



HISTORY CLUB - MISS WHITBY

Below are some write-ups by the students who have been attending History Club this term.

What are we doing? (Daniel and Will)

In year 9 we are currently learning about the Holocaust. A group of us have been invited by Royal Wootton Bassett Academy to join a group of schools to research certain family's Holocaust stories. The project links to the two-part documentary My Family, the Holocaust and me. We are specifically focusing on the Clein family as they discover what happened to their Great Aunt Elsie and their grandmother, Toussie.

What are our aims? (Zara and Connie)

The aim of this project is to educate people about the Holocaust and to show that the people who were victims were humans, not just numbers. We want to share the story of Elsie and Toussie to show respect for what they, and all other victims went through. Leaving an impact is important so that we can learn from what happened and help anyone effected by the Holocaust.

What we have done so far (Katelyn and Oliver)

Within our project we have learned about Natalie and Louisa Clein's grandmother, Toussie. Additionally, we have learned about the timeline of the Holocaust and that after the war, Toussie was awarded a certificate for service to the resistance by President Eisenhower. We also had a Zoom question and answer session with Louisa Clein and asked her about the programme and her family.

What do we know about the Clein family (Aaron and Annie)

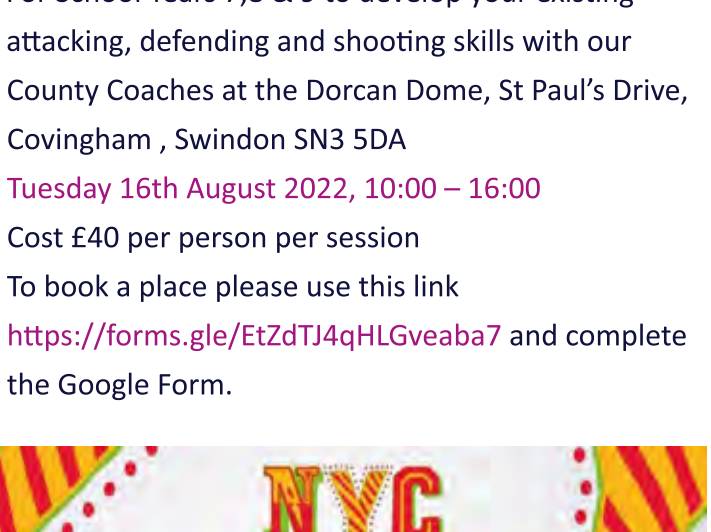
Louisa and Natalie, whose story we are following, are sisters. They were both born in England but their ancestors are from the Netherlands. They are second generation Holocaust survivors.

So far we have been following the Clein family and what they experienced pre-war, through the rise of the Nazis and to the end of the war. Their Great-Aunt Elsie was an 'elegant dancer' and she was Jewish. When the Nazis invaded the Netherlands in 1940, she refused to wear the Star of David. For this she was sent to Westerbork Camp, and later Sobibor where she was killed. A day too late, her papers excusing her from Sobibor and instead sending her to Barneveld came through and she was sent to her death. They also had a great Grandmother called Toussie. Toussie was a resistance fighter and she was based in Amsterdam. She helped the Allies to go against the Nazis and gave them vital intel as to what the Nazis were planning. After the war she was decorated for her heroic actions by Eisenhower, President of the USA. She hung her award in her kitchen and was very proud of her actions during the war.

LIBRARY - MRS SHEPPY

Congratulations to the following students who have scored the most points in their quizzes for Accelerated Reader for June/July.

- Yr7**
- Charlie R
 - Scarlett
 - Amelie
- Y8**
- Eleanor
 - Nyasha
 - Korbin



SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

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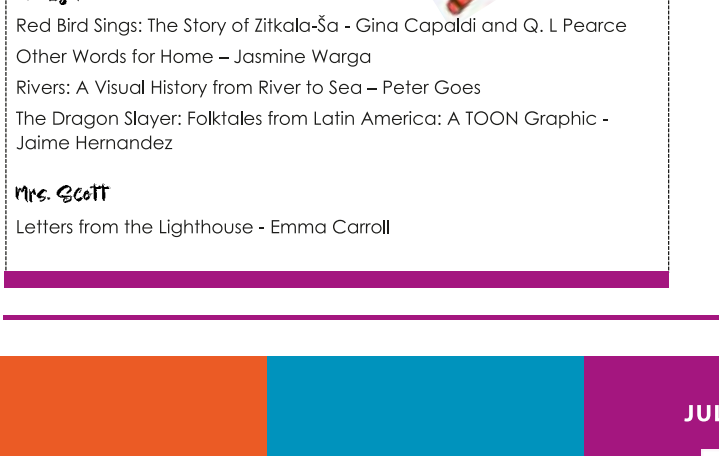
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Mr Carter
 The Guards series – Terry Pratchett ('Guards! Guards!', Men at Arms, Feet of Clay, Jingo, The Fifth Elephant, The Nightwatch, Thud and Snuff)
 The Tiffany Aching set (Wee Free Men, The Wintersmith, Hat Full of Sky, I Shall Wear Midnight and The Shepherd's Crown)

Mrs Fawcett
 Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
 The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson
 Tom's Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce

Mrs Whitby
 The Book Thief – Markus Zusak
 A thousand Splendid Suns - Khaled Hosseini
 The Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini

Mr Lytle
 Red Bird Sings: The Story of Zitkala-Sa - Gina Capaldi and G. L Pearce
 Other Words for Home – Jasmine Warga
 Rivers: A Visual History from River to Sea – Peter Goes
 The Dragon Slayer: Folktales from Latin America: A TOON Graphic - Jaime Hernandez

Mrs Scott
 Letters from the Lighthouse - Emma Carroll

Mr Wacott
 Klara and the sun - Kazuo Ishiguro

Mrs Garing
 When We Were Liars - E Lockhart (for older students)
 The Fountains of Silence - Ruta Sepetys (for older students)
 When the Sky Falls - Phil Earle
 The Girl of Ink and Stars - Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Mr Andrews
 The Miss Peregrine Home for Peculiar Children - Ransom Riggs
 The Atlas Six - Olivie Blake
 The Witcher Series and Child 44 - (for older students as they contain some violence and more adult themes)
 The Perks of Being a Wallflower - Stephen Chbosky

Mrs Protheroe
 To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee
 The Life of pi – Yann Martel
 Curious Incident of the dog in the night - Mark Haddon
 I am Malala – Christina Lamb and Malala Youssafai

Mrs Young
 Wonder - R. J. Palacio
 The Choice – Edith Eger
 Milkweed – Jerry Spinelli
 The Giver – Lois Lowry
 When Hitler stole pink rabbit – Judith Kerr
 The Humans – Matt Haig
 How to stop time – Matt Haig