

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week for us started with a visit from Councillor Marcus Hart. He took a tour of our school with two members of the Pupil Leadership Team and was able to speak with me about education and Walkwood's approach. It was a valuable time for both of us.

The application process for members of next year's Pupil Leadership Team has begun, with potential prefects, College Captains and Head Boy and Head Girl placing letters into the hands of specific staff. Not all applicants will go through to the next round, which for the College Captains, Head Boy and Head Girl are interviews with staff. I know that the quality of applications for the latter two posts has been very high indeed, and a good number for both, which has made selection tricky.

Wednesday was a Deep Day, where the different Colleges have considered Bible stories but carrying out work which looks at what the stories may mean to us. Abberley studied the passage which tells of Jesus calming of the storm, while Cleeve looked at the transfiguration (when Jesus went to a mountain). Malvern worked with the idea of baptism, and Bredon considered the parable of the sower of seeds (we also use this at Harvest time).

The two Arts Days have allowed the pupils to work in year groups on projects that have included designing, cooking, painting and other art, as well as music.

When you read this I will have returned with some of Year 8 who have visited London, along with Mrs Hands and Mrs Russell. We have done lots of walking, been to the top of St. Paul's Cathedral and seen two very different shows - the musical Matilda, and The Play That Goes Wrong (which it did, all the way through, to lots of laughter!). Other members of Year 8 will be off to Snowdonia with Mr Jenkin and Mr Hunt. One hundred members of Year 5 are also in Wales, albeit in the Brecon Beacons, looked after by Mrs Cull and Mr Macdonald, amongst others.

Many of our activities involve staff giving additional time to organising or delivering the events, on top of their teaching or support of learning. Certainly, educational visits are 'extras' which would not be possible without the voluntary time given by Walkwood colleagues, and I appreciate very much what they give.

Rev C Leach  
Principal

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me  
bless his holy name. Psalm 103: 1

#### A Prayer for Father's Day

Dear God,

Thank you Lord for the fathers in our lives, those who are around, those who are not, those who have returned home to you, and we pray that you bless them with the knowledge that you have given them the best gift of all, to love as a Father, but you are also our Father. You created us and knew us before we even existed, you are greater than any human father. You have the most powerful love that any human father couldn't comprehend, and that is the most powerful love of all. Thank you

Amen

This week's theme was:

#### Father's Day

Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.

Proverbs 23:25

**Whole School Attendance – 95.62%**

**Whole School Target – 95.6%**

**11.06.18 - 15.06.18**

**Year 5 — 97.35%**

**Year 6 — 95.76%**

**Year 7 — 94.42%**

**Year 8 — 94.49%**



# For the week ahead



<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Honesty</b>	If you try to be honest, you can be, and it will improve your character as handsome clothing improves your appearance. Birds come to roost with those of their own kind, and the habit of honesty comes to those who try to be honest. <i>Sirach 27: 8-9</i>
<b>The tutor group virtue:</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	We will do what you and the others who honour God's commands advise us to do. We will do what God's Law demands. It is your responsibility to act. We are behind you, so go ahead and get it done. <i>Ezra 10: 3-4</i>
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>Human Rights</b>	Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me. <i>Matthew 25:40</i>

## We ask your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

<b>The weekend</b>	A safe and enjoyable Year 8 Wales trip and the Year 5 trip to Brecon Beacons	<b>Monday</b>	The teachers and support staff of Crabbs Cross Academy
<b>Tuesday</b>	The homeless community in Red-ditch	<b>Wednesday</b>	The migrant challenges in the US
<b>Thursday</b>	Protect the foreigners in Russia	<b>Friday</b>	Those who are becoming addicted to gaming





Pupils make good progress during their time at school. A well-taught and broad curriculum ensures that most pupils work at or above age-related expectations.

That is one of the sentences in the Ofsted report for our school. Behind it is something rather brave - here at Walkwood we do train pupils to complete their SATs, but rather we look for them to have a wide range of subjects throughout their time with us.

Of course, that does not mean we ignore SATs. We prepare pupils through their English and Mathematics lessons, and change only a few times in order to ensure pupils do not get stressed. The children have other subjects that use different skills, so they have variety during the day. This is a benefit from a middle school that has its pupils moving around the building.

### **GL Assessment**

In the coming weeks, pupils in all years will take some assessments. These are matched against other pupils of the same year group across the country. The tests allow us to know how much progress that our pupils are making.

It is because of these assessments that we know that around 85% of Walkwood pupils leave our school working at standards that are above their age in English and Mathematics.

Please remember that it is not just about ‘the results’ for pupils. Even at GCSE and above, it is about how students think, behave and respond. Ofsted said:

“Many teachers balance the development of pupils’ subject knowledge, skills for learning and positive attitudes very skilfully. They blend the lesson objectives with the development of ‘superhero learning traits’ and promote pupils’ understanding of the ‘fruits of faith’.”

They finished by saying:

“During their time at school, pupils develop into confident, hardworking and articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.”



<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/139185>

## Forthcoming Music Events

Trinity Pyramid Concert – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June: afternoon rehearsal followed by concert at 6pm. Limited tickets only.

Walkwood Summer Concert – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm: for families of Choir and Orchestra.

Please send all reply slips and ticket money to Mrs C Griffiths as soon as possible.

Mrs C Griffiths  
Head of Music







# Top Readers for 21st May 2018— 21st June 2018

Congratulations to:

## Top Girl

Enya Hussain (BCLO 7) - who has read an incredible 825,594 words

## Top Boy

Oliver Morgan (MHBA 5) - who has read a fantastic 435,372 words



Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU .....

Here is the link to enable pupils to do a quiz at home

<https://ukhosted23.renlearn.co.uk/2250823>

## Year 6 and 8 Academic Reports

School reports for Years 6 and 8 will be available to view on Insight by 4pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

With this date approaching I would recommend checking your Insight login details here:

<https://insight.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk>

**If you have forgotten your details for Insight** please enter your **username or email address** in the forgotten password form by clicking the link underneath the login box '**Don't know your password?**' Responses to the password reset are instant. Please check your spam or junk folders if the email is not immediate.

**If your email address is not set up or you do not know your email or username** - please complete this form: <http://www.LourdesIT.org.uk/insight-password-reset/> . Make sure you change the school to Walkwood Church of England Middle School in the drop down options. Responses to the form take up to 48 working hours.

## Yr 8 Police visit

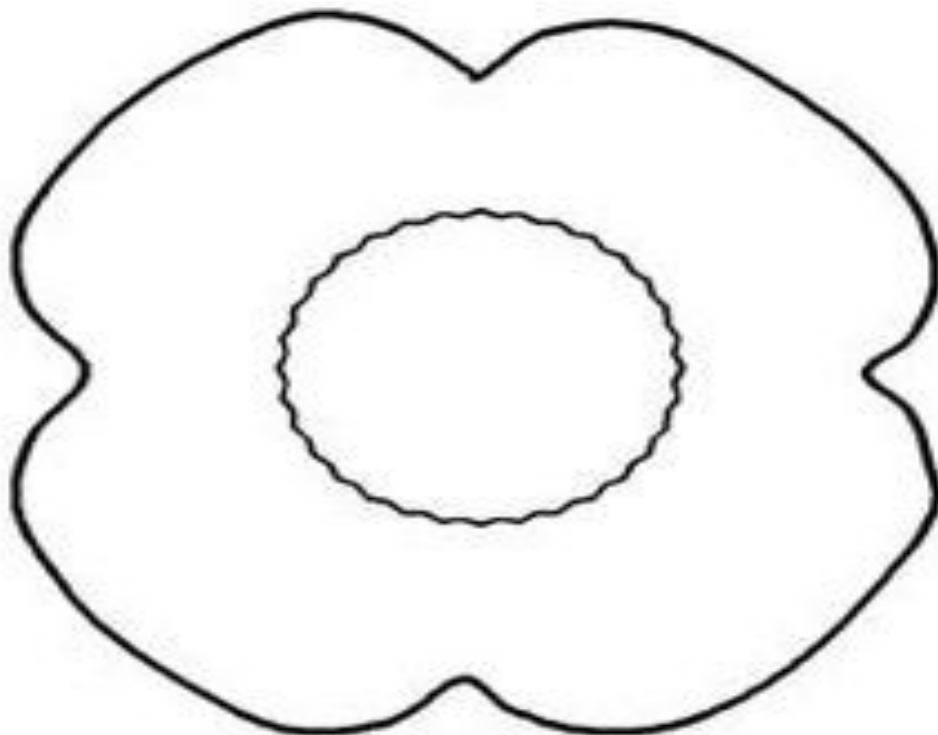
On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, PC Neil Sharpe will be visiting our year 8's to give a talk on anti-social behaviour and drugs. If you would like to remove your child from this talk, can you please contact the school by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.



## LEST WE FORGET

1918

2018



Do you have a family member that fought in WW1 and who you would like to honour and remember?

Walkwood is looking to do a display of WW1 Remembrance in July to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Please cut out the poppy template and write onto it your family member and pupil details (a photo if possible) and send into Walkwood FAO Mrs West or email into School on [office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk)

## Charity News

Last week's bake sale made £87.07 for The Maternity Bereavement Fund at Worcester Royal Hospital.  
The girls involved were:

Lauren Sole (AMLA)

Emily Natrass (ALBA)

Katie Crouch (BSTA)

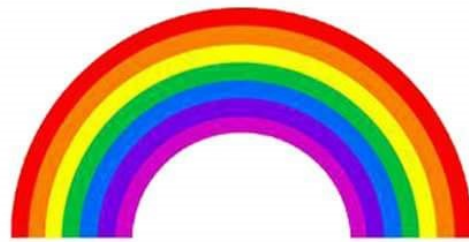
Eleanor Dicken (ALBA)

Well done girls!



Creativity are  
joining us

Balloons and  
Facepainting



# Rainbow Kidz

P R E S C H O O L

Raffle  
Prizes

## Summer Fete

Lots of fun and games  
for the children

Saturday 23rd June 2018

Treasure hunt

11am - 2pm

White  
Elephant stall

Raising money for Cystic Fibrosis  
and our  
Outdoor Equipment Shed.

Tombola and  
Beer tent

Entrance  
£1 Adults  
50p Children

Hot and cold  
drinks

Handmade Jewellery

Glitter tattoos

Handmade Crafts



## Orienteering News

On 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 2 teams of Years 5/6 and 1 team of Year 8s went to compete in an Orienteering Competition at Top Barn. The course was over 3 fields and the Year 5/6 teams had to complete the course by finding the 20 markers around the fields in a time limit of 30 minutes. On the other hand, the Year 8 team had to find 30 markers in the same time limit. One of the year 5/6 teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the other one came 7<sup>th</sup>. The Year 8 team came 5<sup>th</sup> and took a time penalty of 2 minutes because the officials hid the number 30 marker very well. Well done to all of the pupils that took part and were supportive of the other teams.

Written by Ted Carter and Nathan Smyth



On the 14<sup>th</sup> June, Harry, Mia F, Mia Duggan, Finley, Alfie, Kaitlyn, Lexie, Alannis, Zoe, Edward Nathan and I went orienteering. We went around a huge field with a couple of lakes for half an hour. Ks2 had two teams of 4.

Harry, Mia, myself and Mia came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Finley, Alfie, Kaitlyn and Lexie came 4<sup>th</sup>. Ks3 had one team - Alannis, Zoe, Edward and Nathan who came 4<sup>th</sup>. It was great fun and a really good opportunity. I hope we can all do it again.

Written By Ellis Browning





## Swimming News

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 12 Year 5 and 6 pupils went to a Swimming Gala at the Abbey Stadium. All swimmers performed really well. Walkwood came back with a close second, only losing to St Bede's by 2 points on the last race. 4 other pupils from the Sports Council helped time the races and sort people into their lanes.

Written by Lily Mae Lev



Hello, my name is Abigail Salcombe - I am writing this to tell you about my life as a swimmer. I do loads of training throughout the week. I train 6 days a week: Monday 2 hours, Tuesday 2 hours, Wednesday 2 hours, Thursday 1 hour, Friday morning 1 hour, Sunday 2 hours. On Monday I swim at Bromsgrove Private School. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, I swim at Everyone Active. On Sunday morning I swim at Birmingham University. The sets we do are extremely hard - we do over 5000m every night. Every Friday morning we do over 2000m. I have been swimming for approximately 6 years.

In 2017 I went to my very first County swimming event. This was a very big thing as I had never been before so I was nervous and excited to compete. I had 3 races to compete in and I am proud to say I did very well. This year I went to my second County competition. It was a lot more full on this year as I had 11 races, however I am proud to say again that I did very well.

A couple of months ago I went to Regionals for the first time and I had 2 events to race. At Regionals it is harder than County because the times are much faster and the swimmers practice a lot more. However, I gave my all and got times I was very happy with.

My 3 favourite medals are my Silver County Medal, Gold City of Gloucester and Gold Stoke-on-Trent medals. When I'm older I want to compete in the Commonwealth Games and in the Olympics in 2022.



## Year 7 and 8 Hockey Tournament

On 19<sup>th</sup> April the Year 7 and 8 Hockey Team competed in the District Hockey Tournament. In our first match we competed against St. Bede's A and the close game ended 0-0. Next we played Birchensale and we won 1-0. We qualified into the semi-final, second in our group. We then faced St. Bede's B who we defeated 2-0 to secure our place in the final. Unfortunately, we couldn't repeat our earlier display against them and we lost 2-0 to St. Bede's A. Runners up in the District Tournament was a good achievement. Well done girls!

The team members: Catherine, Alannis, Zoe, Charlotte, Jess, Frankie, Emily and Niamh

Report by Niamh Gibbs, Year 7.





# Trips and Visits

## 2017 - 18



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
<b>June</b>					
Mon 23 July	Rewards Trip	Drayton Manor	Y8	£ 25	Mr West





# Clubs and Activities starting 23rd April 2018



	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	<p>Homework Club Library</p> <p>Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club starting 18<sup>th</sup> September (ECO)</p> <p>Monday lunchtime DT block Movie Club all years (AMI)</p> <p>Card Making Club Room 3 (STA)</p> <p>Maths Club for KS2 and KS3 Room 6 (HBA and LTH)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p>Card Making Club <span style="color: red;">(invite only)</span> Art Room (STA)</p> <p>Code Club Tech Block All years welcome (RMA/AMI)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Year 5/6 Science Club 3.30-4.30pm Lab 1 (JHD)</p> <p>All years Athletics Club (starts 1st May due to fixtures) 3.30-4.45pm (RMA/CHU/KRE/LMO/ HTR)</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room (JHA)</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBA)</p> <p>'Colouring for Mindfulness' Club on Wednes- days, Room 9, from 12.50-1.20pm (MMG, PCO)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30–4.45pm (DSL) <span style="color: red;">(rota of when you are cooking will be con- firmed)</span></p> <p>7/8 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWE and PJE)</p> <p>7/8 Rounders Club 3.30-4.45 pm (KRE/LMO)</p> <p>5/6 Girls Cricket Club 3.30-4.45pm (CHU)</p>



## Clubs and Activities Spring Term starting 23rd April 2018



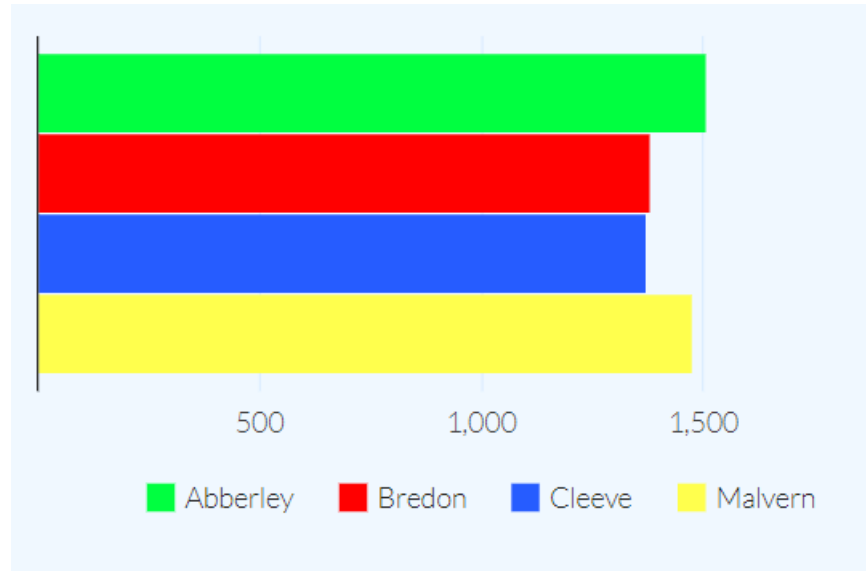
<b>Thursday</b>	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR)  Green Ambassadors Club All years <b>Week 2 only</b> 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm  5/6 Girls Rounders 3.30-4.45pm (KRE/HTR/NFO)  5/6 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWA/CHU/DPA)
<b>Friday</b>	Homework Club Library	EAL club Friday lunch time ( <b>the first Friday of every month</b> ). <b>In the LRC with ZBi</b> For anyone who speaks English as an additional language and your friends.  Bring your lunch along.	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm  All years Boys and Girls Tennis Club (DPA/NFO)



# Epraise Update



## Points This Week: By College



## Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Evie Barnish (AECO) (36)
2. 🟠 Imogen Kesterton (ALBA) (31)
3. 🟡 Zac Abdullah (AMLA) (28)
4. 🟠 Isobel Laight (BCJO) (26)
4. 🟡 Jayden Peasley (ALBA) (26)
6. 🟡 Abigayle Court (AAGA) (24)
6. 🟠 Katrina Forrest (AAGA) (24)
6. 🟠 Freya Harley (AAGA) (24)
9. 🟠 Charlie Guthrie-Higgins (BLBO) (22)
10. 🟠 Tom Payne (BJHY) (21)





# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6.00 pm
	Tuesday 10th July	Summer Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 24 July	<b>End of Term</b>
	Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 September	Staff Development Days
	Wednesday 5 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 29 Oct to Friday 2 November	<b>Half term</b>
	Friday 21 December	<b>End of Term</b>

2019	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 18—Friday 22 February	<b>Half Term</b>
	Friday 12 April	<b>End of Term</b>
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27—Friday 31 May	<b>Half Term</b>
	Friday 19 July	<b>End of Term</b>