

June 2003

Dear Parents

Success is always good to report, and to have two important successes for the same Newsletter is a real bonus. News arrived just as this year's students went on study leave that we have again received the School Achievement Award as a result of our examination successes in 2002. Let us hope for a third year running as the 2003 students strive for their own success. In addition, the award of the "Sportsmark" is recognition of the breadth and quality of the sporting opportunities available to the boys. Congratulations to Mr Preece and his team on their achievement of the award, of which there is more on page 2.

It is unusual for a teacher to leave in mid-term but Mrs Sheila Reed will be leaving her English post with us at the end of next week. We wish her every happiness in her new school and are grateful to her, not only for seven years of dedicated service but also for setting work to maintain continuity for all her classes until the end of this term.

Our final Training Day of the school year will be on Friday, 27 June, and, near the end of term, parents are warmly invited to our Awards Presentations that will be taking place as follows:-

Year 7 – Friday, 4 July, 2.05 pm  
Year 8 – Thursday, 17 July, 2.05 pm  
Year 9 – Wednesday, 16 July, 2.05 pm  
Year 10 – Friday, 18 July, 12.15 pm



All the presentations will be in the school hall and will last approximately one hour.

I must also mention the PTA Quiz from 7.30 pm on Friday, 13 June. The Quiz has become a popular annual feature that brings parents, governors, staff and pupils together for a light-hearted evening. Please book in your team(s), by completing the form at the end of the Newsletter and returning it to the school office.

*Mr Sonley*



### VACANCIES FOR PARTNERSHIP GOVERNORS/FUTURE GOVERNORS

A vacancy for a Partnership Governor exists following the resignation of Alan Cockayne, bringing to an end his excellent stint both as a Parent Governor and subsequently in his Partnership role. The Governing Body elects to this post but must invite nominations from parents which Governors must take account of. Nominees must be members of the community which is served by the school, who are committed to the good government and success of the school. A nomination paper is enclosed with this newsletter; please complete it and return it to me before 24 June.

The Terms of Office of two further Partnership Governors, two Parent Governors and also two Co-opted Governors (representatives of local business) will also shortly come to an end. The composition of the Governing Body is currently under consideration, but I am sure most, if not all, of these posts will remain.

If you would like information about or wish to be considered for these posts, or know of anyone who you feel might fill any of the forthcoming vacancies, please give me a call at the school.

### INSURANCE FOR PUPILS' BELONGINGS

Parents are reminded that the school does not provide insurance for pupils' personal belongings and will not pay for any losses incurred by pupils whilst at school or attending school activities. This includes outdoor activity trips to the Snowdome, Edgbaston Reservoir for sailing, canoeing, mountain-biking trips, etc.

The only exceptions to the above rule are for specific trips which take pupils away from school for an overnight stay, such as Duke of Edinburgh trips, skiing trips, History and Geography trips. For these visits insurance cover is arranged at extra cost, and these charges are included in the trip costs.

Parents are therefore advised to check that their home contents insurance will cover losses incurred by their sons whilst at school. Alternatively, personal effects insurance can be purchased, and, as

an example, HSBC offers a scheme costing £10.00 per term. If you would be interested in this, please contact me at school.

**Mr Groom**

**Clerk to the Governing Body/School Administrator**

### MAY MERIT AWARDS

The following students were awarded their merit badges at our recent merit assembly:-

20 badge: **Josh Hackner (8A), Errol Rowe (7B).**

40 badge: **Philip Barraclough (7B), Jevon Handcock (7B), Chris Smith (7B), Reece Tierney (8A).**

60 badge: **Philip Barraclough (7B), Chris Smith (7B).**

140 badge: **Richard Brotherton (7C).**

Well done, everyone! Merits were presented by Mr Vine and Mr Sonley.

### SUPPORT FOR CHARITIES

On Friday of this week, at assembly, we were pleased to present a cheque for £500 to the Cystic Fibrosis Charity. The boys currently in Years 8, 9 and 10 collected this money as a result of their efforts in the Sponsored Walk last July. Donations have also been given to the Birmingham Focus for the Blind (£1,000), Barnados (£250), and Whizz Kidz (£800), a charity that gives wheelchairs to disabled children. These donations are the result of a lot of hard work by both staff and pupils, and special thanks must go to Mr Paul Chapman for his enthusiasm in not only organising the day but for following up the collection of money from the boys. We were also recently thanked by the Comic Relief organisation for our donation of over £1,000, the result of the non-uniform day and other activities on Comic Relief Day, 14 March. Again, a lot of people worked hard to achieve this total, and many staff and students entered into the spirit of the day to make it a success.

**Mr Brett**

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD

Congratulations go to **Simon Ibbetson and Ben Julian** on being awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.

**Mr Lomas**

### ACTIVITY CHALLENGE DAY – 11 JULY

On Friday, 11 July, I intend putting on for our Year 12 students some challenging activities of a theoretical and practical nature. If there are any parents or Old Boys who are currently or have been involved in this type of exercise, please get in touch with me. I would expect the activities to bring out certain qualities in the students, such as initiative, leadership, negotiation skills, etc. Any practical help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

### PRACTICE INTERVIEWS

During the next academic year I will be holding some practice interview sessions with the Sixth Form students. Again, if any parents or Old Boys have been or are currently involved in this type of exercise, please contact me if you are willing to sit on an interview panel. The sessions will be held either on a school training day or during an afternoon/early evening. Thank you.

**Dr Griffith**

### SPORTS NEWS ‘Participate to reach Potential’

Sportsmark Award:

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded a prestigious national award by Sport England. Sport England aims to lead the development of sport in England and also distributes lottery funds to sport.



Sportsmark is a national accreditation programme which sets a range of challenging targets. Particular areas of focus include the provision of a well-balanced physical education programme; an out-of-school-hours programme that offers all students access to a range of opportunities and sporting links with the local community to help students make links from school sport to sporting opportunities in their community.

We strive to ensure that our students have access to appropriate opportunities in all these areas and achievement of the Sportsmark Award acknowledges the high level of provision we are achieving.

Achievement of the award has required the school to complete a thorough application process. We have welcomed this opportunity to review our PE and sporting provision and are delighted to receive recognition for the wide range of opportunities we provide for all our students.

We aim to provide all our students with the opportunity to be active and involved in sport and have an enjoyable and satisfying experience in doing so, whatever their level of ability. In this way, we hope to foster a positive attitude towards sport so that students continue to participate in, and reap the benefits of, a physically active lifestyle.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped to make the achievement of this award possible. Should you have any questions regarding our achievement of Sportsmark or any other aspect of PE and sports provision, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mr Preece**  
**Head of Physical Education**

Interform Football:



A thoroughly enjoyable week all round! The boys organised themselves and played very competitively and sportingly. The staff were particularly pleased at the way in which the boys changed the teams around to give everyone a chance to play.

Winners in Year 7 = B:

Well done to **Muaz Buaben, Josh Kelly, Alex Spooner, Jack McCarthy, Tim Jones, Aaron Taylor, Gary Richards, Jake Coleman, Tyrone Renford, Adam Freezer, Stephen Bache, Steven Jacques, Joe Fox, Adam Smythe, Ned Walker, Nathan Allen, Ryan Payne, Eamonn Martin and Carlos Roberts.**

Winners in Year 8 = A:

Well done to **Elliott Smith, Liam McNoga, Amir Aftab, Richard Ricketts, Karl Taylor, Steven Byford, Matthew Reynolds, Jaime Thorne, David Romp, Matthew Craddock and Josh Hackner.**

Winners in Year 9 = D:

Well done to **Benjamin Coates, Lee Hobson, Majed Ali, Phillip Whitehouse, Daniel Gallagher, James Green, Sean Madden, Anthony Ward, Naseem Arar, Jermaine Pencheon, Daniel Jennings, James Clifton, Ryan Cush, Othman Sabir, Bryan Elliott, Stuart Bailey, Ben Wright and Joshua Turbill.**

Winners in Year 10 = C:

Well done to **Samuel Ensor, Stephen Farnell, Michael Madden, Richard Sabastian Harris-**

**Gregory, Benjamin Peach, Luke Wilkins, Max Davis, Daniel Hancock, Christopher Duffy, Aaron Butt and John Couch.**

Winners in Year 11 = A:

Well done to **Adam Wilkinson, Nathan Coates, Daniel Morris, Michael Wylde, Daniel Whyborn, Thomas Hickey, Mark Avery, Kristian Stiller, Jayson Keane and Nathaniel Regisford.**

Year 11 Football: News has reached us that the Year 11 lads have won their league championship by winning four of their five games. They beat Baverstock, Bishop Challoner, Frankley and King's Norton High Schools, and owing to the weather their final game against Colmers Farm could not be played. The second-placed team won only two of their four games. Congratulations go to the team in their final year of compulsory schooling.

Squad: **Adam Wilkinson, Nathan Coates, Daniel Morris, Jayson Keane, Simon Flanagan, Justin Williams, Michael Wylde, Tom Hickey, Joe Firth, Ricardo Manouchehri, Adam Ricketts, Daryl Brandy, Adam Willett, Steve Bird, Mark Avery, Daniel Whyborn, Chris Ashforth and Oliver Edwards.**

Debut at St Andrew's: Year 11 pupil, **Frank Walker**, was rewarded for his good work refereeing youth football matches by being selected to officiate at St Andrew's. Frank was Assistant Referee (Linesman) for the Blues Cup Final when Cockshut Hill School beat Bishop Walsh School. This was an exciting occasion for Frank, taking such responsibility in front of a large crowd and Birmingham City FC officials. He was well supported by a contingent of family and friends.

Cricket:

Year 8: The boys were fortunate to find a break in the wet weather before half-term to get their season under way against Yardleys School. KNBS batted first and scored a respectable 72 for 3, losing **Karl Taylor** on the last ball as he tried to hit out. Opener, **Josh Bateson**, batted sensibly throughout the innings to score 21 not out. Despite an early breakthrough, when a couple of wickets fell, Yardleys batted competently to overtake our total with 10 balls remaining.

In the two weeks leading up to half-term the bad weather and rain ruined the cricket fixtures and practices. The Year 9 boys had five games arranged and have managed to start only one and are yet to finish a game. All years have suffered, and it has

been a disappointing and frustrating time for staff and pupils.

Year 9 v Sheldon Heath: The team has shown real promise so far this year. In a weather-affected game the boys had Sheldon Heath on the rack at 62-8, **Pencheon** taking 4 wickets for 9 runs.



In reply we scored 23-1 from 3 overs; victory surely would have been ours until the heavens decided to open and wash the game away. After sheltering behind the hut for ten minutes, Mr Preece called the coastguard to see if we could get a boat back to the school!

v Kings Heath: the pace attack of **Pencheon, Page, Raithatha and Ahmed** ripped out the heart of the Kings Heath batting attack. Page and Pencheon picked up one apiece; Ahmed then stole the show producing a display of swing bowling which led to him taking five quick wickets (the first time this feat has been achieved in six years). Ram Raithatha cleaned up the tail end with three wickets (32 all out).

**Adams** and Ahmed opened the batting against the Kings Heath 'quickies', one of whom plays for the England U13 Team. The faster the ball came, the faster it was dispatched into all corners of the field. We soon reached our target of 33, losing only two wickets. **Millard** seemed to be late for an appointment as he strode in, struck two fours and ended the game in style.

Well done, boys – a great start!

Year 10 v Bournville – Tuesday, 3 June: In their first match of the year the KNBS Year 10's were pipped at the post by an organised Bournville team. Having lost the toss, Bournville put together a solid score of 98 for 6. Pick of the KNBS bowlers were **Mall and Weaver**, although all of the attack stuck to their guns well. We have a pacy and dangerous set of bowlers, although greater accuracy is still required.

In reply, KNBS started slowly but gradually upped the rate of scoring. Despite some tight bowling from the opposition, Andrew Weaver was able to wield his bat to good effect. Scoring a succession of wonderful boundaries, mainly off the back foot, he amassed an excellent score of 36 not out. Ultimately, the boys fell short by 10 runs.

A great effort!

Year 10 v Kings Heath – Wednesday, 4 June: After a narrow loss against Bournville the night before, the Year 10's played away at Kings Heath. Our opponents opened the batting and, with some indifferent bowling, managed a score of 109 for two wickets. **Ravi Mall** was the pick of the bowlers, taking both wickets, with one of them resulting in a good catch for **Luke Wilkins**. Kings Heath might have lost a further wicket with **Andrew Weaver** unfortunate not to hold what would have been a great catch.

Chasing what would have been a record score for the year, the boys started slowly with **James Peckham and Daniel Hancock** opening the batting, scoring 18 runs. **Richard Sabastian Harris-Gregory** then scored a quick 13 to give the boys a chance.

In came Andrew Weaver (31) and **Saad Jawed** (24) who put on a partnership of 47 to leave us 94-4 with two overs left. Jawed and **Tom Vincent** then played some excellent shots to win the game with two balls left. Well done to all those involved!

Year 11: The boys' winning streak of over two years and seven games came to an end against Waverley. After defeating Kings Heath on Tuesday, 6 May, the lads then lost narrowly to Waverley on Thursday, 8 May. They have been a great team to manage over the last two years, and I wish them well in future cricket ventures.

Notable performances came from:

**Key** – 4 overs, one wicket for one run  
**Tipping** – 4 overs, one wicket for 13 runs  
**Braniff** – not out 39  
**Edwards** – not out 25  
**Wilkins** – 27  
**Wylde** – 21  
**Key** – 3 overs, 3 wickets for 8 runs  
**Afzal** – 4 overs, 17 runs, 2 wickets.

Athletics: The following boys competed in the District Trials and did the school proud. Well done, lads.

Year 8:

**Berhon Laidley** – (2<sup>nd</sup>) Long Jump, (4<sup>th</sup>) 200 m  
**Steven Byford** – (3<sup>rd</sup>) 800 m, (5<sup>th</sup>) 200 m  
**Richard Ricketts** – (4<sup>th</sup>) 100 m  
**Jack Hitchinson** – (3<sup>rd</sup>) 100 m



Year 9:

**Alex Fleming** – (1<sup>st</sup>) High Jump, (5<sup>th</sup>) 400 m

**Sean Madden** – (1<sup>st</sup>) 1500 m

**Aaron Daniels** – (2<sup>nd</sup>) 100 m, (4<sup>th</sup>) Long Jump

**Daniel Cottrill** – (2<sup>nd</sup>) Long Jump, (2<sup>nd</sup>) 400 m

Year 10:

**Richard Sabastian Harris-Gregory** – (4<sup>th</sup>) Javelin

**Max Davis** – (2<sup>nd</sup>) Shot Put, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Triple Jump

**John Couch** – (2<sup>nd</sup>) 800 m

**Jonathan Ford** – (3<sup>rd</sup>) Shot Put

**Richard Bishop** – (1<sup>st</sup>) Long Jump

Well done to **Sean Madden, Alex Fleming, Aaron Daniels and Daniel Cottrill** (Year 9), who finished in the top two of their events to go through to represent Selly Oak at the Alexander Stadium.

**John Couch and Max Davis** from Year 10 have also qualified. Well done, lads!

Selly Oak District Meeting – 21 May 2003:

The following boys represented the Selly Oak District at Athletics on Wednesday evening. On a disgustingly wet night the lads did themselves and the school proud.

**Daniel Cottrill** won his event (400 m) with a time of 57 seconds; this was a great achievement and showed real guts and determination as Daniel was being caught all the way down the back straight. **Sean Madden** came fourth in the 1500 m, beating his personal best time by 20 seconds. **Aaron Daniels and Alex Fleming** both came fifth in the 100 m and High Jump respectively.

**Max Davis** in Year 10 managed to come fourth in the Shot Put. If his last attempt had counted, he would have won the event. **John Couch** ran a time of 2.22 minutes in the 800 m and came eighth in a very tough race.

All these boys did well to get to this level of competition and deserve our full recognition.

Athletics Meeting at Norman Green Stadium, Solihull - Tuesday, 3 June:

Boys from Years 7 – 10 competed in the above event against pupils from Arden, Baverstock, KE Camp Hill, Fairfax, Handsworth and KE Stratford Schools, and the results were as follows:-

Year 7:

800 m	-	<b>Tyrone Renford</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>
100 m	-	<b>Travis Hall</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>
400 m	-	<b>Ewan Whyte</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>
200 m	-	<b>Joseph Fox</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1500 m	-	<b>Steven Jacques</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Relay	-		3 <sup>rd</sup>
High Jump	-	<b>Steven Jacques</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Javelin	-	<b>Muaz Buaben</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Triple Jump	-	<b>Travis Hall</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Shot	-	<b>Tyrone Renford</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Long Jump	-	<b>Ewan Whyte</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>
Discus	-	<b>Joseph Fox</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>

Year 8:

800 m	-	<b>Jack Stoker</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>
100 m	-	<b>Jack Hitchinson</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>
400 m	-	<b>Jack Hitchinson</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>
200 m	-	<b>Berhon Laidley</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
1500 m	-	<b>Andrew Murphy</b>	-
Relay	-		5 <sup>th</sup>
High Jump	-	<b>Jack Hitchinson</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Javelin	-	<b>Karl Taylor</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Triple Jump	-	<b>Berhon Laidley</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Long Jump	-	<b>Jack Stoker</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Discus	-	<b>Karl Taylor</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Shot	-	<b>Andrew Murphy</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Year 9:

800 m	-	<b>Sean Madden</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>
100 m	-	<b>Aaron Daniels</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
400 m	-	<b>Daniel Cottrill</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
200 m	-	<b>Alex Fleming</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1500 m	-	<b>James Hull</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>
Relay	-		disqualified
Triple Jump	-	<b>Daniel Cottrill</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Shot	-	<b>Mitchel Millard</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Long Jump	-	<b>Aaron Daniels</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>
Discus	-	<b>Sean Madden</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>
High Jump	-	<b>Alex Fleming</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Javelin	-	<b>Stuart Bailey</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>

Year 10:

800 m	-	<b>John Couch</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
100 m	-	<b>Daniel Rumble</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>
400 m	-	<b>Daniel Hancock</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>
200 m	-	<b>David Browning</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1500 m	-	<b>Daniel Hancock</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Relay	-		6 <sup>th</sup>
Long Jump	-	<b>Richard Bishop</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>

Discus	-	<b>David Browning</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Shot	-	<b>Max Davis</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
High Jump	-	<b>Daniel Rumble</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Javelin	-	<b>John Couch</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Triple Jump	-	<b>Daniel Hancock</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>

Well done to everyone who took part in this event.

**Interform Scores 2003:**

This year's scores as of May 2003 after six competitions are as follows:-

<b>7D</b> = 85 points	<b>8B</b> = 75 points
<b>7A</b> = 105 points	<b>8C</b> = 100 points
<b>7C</b> = 180 points	<b>8D</b> = 130 points
<b>7B</b> = 235 points	<b>8A</b> = 205 points
<b>9B</b> = 50 points	<b>10B</b> = 40 points
<b>9C</b> = 130 points	<b>10A</b> = 45 points
<b>9D</b> = 180 points	<b>10D</b> = 105 points
<b>9A</b> = 230 points	<b>10C</b> = 220 points

<b>11D</b> = 80 points
<b>11B</b> = 100 points
<b>11C</b> = 115 points
<b>11A</b> = 125 points

**Practices:**

Monday	-	Recreational football Cricket for Years 7-9
Tuesday	-	Short Tennis
Wednesday	-	Hockey
Thursday	-	Athletics

*Come along and get involved!*

**Mr Preece**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

***Friday, 13 June***

- PTA Quiz: 7.30 pm.



***Monday, 16 June***

- A2 Lessons begin for Year 12 (until 4 July).

***Friday, 27 June***

- Staff Training Day-School closed to pupils.

***Monday, 30 June***

- New Y12 Induction Day and Parents' Meeting at KNBS.
- Y8 Geography Visits start (until 4 July).

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**PTA FUN QUIZ - Friday, 13 June – from 7.30 pm**

***Tuesday, 1 July***

- Y13 Leavers' Ball.

***Wednesday, 2 July***

- New Y7 Induction Day.

***Thursday, 3 July***

- New Y12 Induction Trip.
- IIP Re-assessment.

***Friday, 4 July***

- July Newsletter issued.
- Awards Presentation for Y7: 2.05 pm.
- Years 7, 8 and 10 Reports issued.

***Monday, 7 July***

- Y7 Residential Trip begins (until 11 July).
- Y7 Activities in school.
- Y10 Work Experience Week 1.
- Y12 Activities Week 1.

***Wednesday, 9 July***

- Y9 Industry Day 1.

***Thursday, 10 July***

- Y8 Activities Day 1/Y9 Industry Day 2.
- ONA Six-a-side Cricket Competition.

***Friday, 11 July***

- Y8 Activities Day 2/Y9 Industry Day 3.

***Monday, 14 July***

- Sports Day.
- Y10 Work Experience Week 2.
- Y12 Activities Week 2.

***Tuesday, 15 July***

- Sponsored Walk.

***Wednesday, 16 July***

- Awards Presentation for Y9: 2.05 pm.
- Y8 Trip to Drayton Manor Park.
- Y9 Reports issued.

***Thursday, 17 July***

- Awards Presentation for Y8: 2.05 pm.

***Friday, 18 July***

- Y10 Work Experience Debrief.
- Awards Presentation for Y10: 12.15 pm.
- END OF TERM.

I wish to register a team for the Fun Quiz.

Name

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 Contact number