



Dear Parents and Carers

4 October 2017

This week, the Wednesday Letter is introduced by our Chair of Governors, Mr Stuart Bellerby:

It is with great pleasure that I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Birkdale High School.

Before I go on to say a little bit about myself and a brief summary of the main functions of the Governors, I would like to thank my predecessor Angie Mulligan. Angie stepped in a few years ago to take over as Chair during a challenging time for the school. She has finished with the school achieving its best set of results for years and places the school in the top 20% of school for its results with the school in a much better place than when she took over.

I have been a parent governor at Birkdale for a year now. I have a background in teaching and recently in senior management in educational roles in local government. I was also recently a governor at a local primary school for 10 years and am still a governor at Greenbank High.

Birkdale High Governors have a general responsibility for the conduct of the Academy with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement. We aim to ensure that students are attending a successful school which provides them with a good education and supports their well-being. Our role in the running of the Academy is largely strategic, ensuring high standards of corporate governance, and includes:

- Policy development and strategic planning
- Ensuring sound management and administration of the Academy
- Ensuring compliance with legal requirements
- Assessing and managing risk
- Setting the Academy's standards of conduct and values
- Managing the financial, human and other resources

The Governors act as a "critical friend" to the Headteacher and staff by providing constructive advice, support, a sounding board for ideas and help where needed. A critical friend may also challenge, ask questions, seek information, improve proposals and so seek to arrive at the best solution.

Mr S Bellerby
Chair of Governors

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD 2017/2018

Attached to this newsletter are full details of the arrangements for the Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions including schedule of dates, costings and an enrolment form. Meetings for parents will take place shortly.

DUKE OF ENDINBURGH AWARD 2016/17

Reminder that the deadline for participants to complete and upload their Skill/Physical and Volunteering sections is 31 December 2017 if they hope to receive their award at the Sefton Presentation evening which will take place in March 2018 - and progress to Silver level. If your son requires support with uploading reports, he can come to O16 after school from 3.15pm – 4.15pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 11 October; Wednesday 18 October; Wednesday 8 November; Wednesday 22 November; Wednesday 6 December; Wednesday 13 December 2017.

If he hasn't already done so, please encourage your son to log on to his edofe account very soon to enter his personal details/sectional information and evidence.

Log in details of username and password will have been sent by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award to the email account provided on your son's registration form. If these have been mislaid or forgotten you can email:

patrice.ycp@live.com who will be able to assist.

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Headteacher:
Mr G Y Bourgade

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2017

A massive thank you to all the parents who sent in cakes and raffle prizes for last Friday's event. We had a super morning and raised £320 for Macmillan!

Special thanks to the following students who helped on the day or provided musical entertainment:

Brody Barclay, Tristan Powell, Kian Thomas, Harley Robins, Tom Nicholson, George Barnfield, Wilf Beadell, Dean Aindow, Jack Chard, Sam Pittam, Harris Eaglestone, Arthur Beadell, Iwan Parry and Nathan Crewe Mrs Jeffery



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STEM BALLOON LAUNCH TRIP

On Monday and Tuesday last week 16 Birkdale pupils from Year 8 were involved in the STEM Balloon launch trip. This involved working with Greenbank High School, Stanley High School and local primary schools to send a balloon into space.

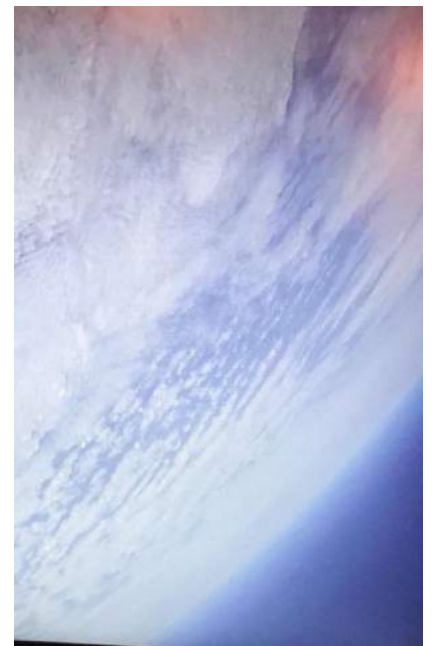
Led by Hi-Impact and Greenbank Science teachers on Monday the pupils looked at the physics behind the balloon launch, predicting the balloon's path using Google Earth and sensing space.

On the Tuesday we travelled to Welshpool to see the balloon take off and then received amazing pictures from the balloon in space.

It was an excellent two days and the boys involved now all want to work for NASA!

The STEM ambassadors involved were – Sean Barry, Edward Bellerby, Jasper Berry, James Caldwell, James Davies, Theo Davies, James Dudley, William Hindle, Joseph McAdam, Ethan Marshall, Jake Rimmer, Tristan Siebert, James Taylor-Dayus, David Tear, Anthony Waite and Lawrie Woods.

Mr Burcher



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school's Year 11 most recent large group photograph is now online on the Tempest Groups website. Please note this service is for viewing images only, ordering takes place via the order forms given to the school. To view the school photographs, go to: www.tempest-groups.co.uk Type the school name into the search box and select the event required. All other photographs will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Mrs Ellis

PE/SPORTS REPORT

Mikey O'Neill – Year 9

Congratulations go to Mikey O'Neill from year 9 who has recently made the Sefton Under 14 representative team, meaning he has a place in the squad from all the other boys his age in all the other Sefton Schools. Not only that but he impressed so much in the trials that he has also earned himself a trial for the Merseyside under 14 schools team. Mikey has been representing Preston North End since he arrived with us in September of 2015. Hopefully he will still have time to play for school! Well done Mikey.

Mr Cunliffe

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GREEN MACHINE

October is a very special month in terms of environmental issues!

Yesterday, Tuesday 3 October, was World Habitat Day and today is World Animal Day, which aims to heighten public awareness of animal issues and encourage people to think about how we relate to animals. Maybe we could all go on the internet and read up about one animal we've never heard of before!

Also, October is International Walk to School Month. It may not be possible for us to walk to school *every day* during October, but maybe we could manage *one day a week*. Some primary schools have WOW – Walk on Wednesdays. We all know that if we walk, rather than use cars, it's beneficial for the environment. Here are some reasons why walking is good for our us – body, mind and spirit:

- Walking regularly strengthens your heart. According to The Stroke Association, "a brisk 30-minute walk every day helps to prevent and control the high blood pressure that causes strokes, reducing the risk by up to 27%".
Walking lowers the risk of diseases like Type 2 Diabetes and certain cancers.
- Walking helps you to lose weight and tones up your body.
- Many people in our country are lacking in Vitamin D, because we don't spend enough time outside in the fresh air. Vitamin D is good for our immune systems and keeps our bones strong.
- A brisk walk is one of the best natural energisers. It boosts our circulation and increases oxygen supply to all the cells in the body, which helps us to feel more alert – so you will be able to do your best in your lessons!
- Walking makes you happy. It releases feel-good endorphins and reduces stress and anxiety, so it's really important for positive mental health.

Energy Saving Week has come round again. More details in next week's Wednesday letter.

If anyone would like to join the Green Machine, our next meeting will be held on Monday 9 October. Please see Mrs Bradley or Mrs Marshall for more details.

Mrs Bradley

BPA (BIRKDALE PARENTS ASSOCIATION)

Meeting and AGM

The AGM and meeting take place next Thursday 12 October at 7pm. We are unsure at the moment which room we will be using, but we will advise on the newsletter next week. Biscuits, a cuppa and a warm welcome will be waiting for any parent or carer. All new ideas are very gratefully received!!

Year 7 Birkdale High & Greenbank Disco.

The BPA have arranged a Year 7 disco for Birkdale High boys and Greenbank girls.

This will take place on Wednesday 18 October at Birkdale High between 7pm - 9pm. Tickets are £3 each.

Tickets are on a first come first served basis, so to avoid disappointment, return your slip and payment as soon as possible. All boys should have received a form but in case this has been mislaid, please find one attached.

BPA 200 Club

The September draw took place at the beginning of September and here are the results.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

1st	£92.50	Helen Beadell	(Lucky Number 61)
2nd	£46.25	Louise Graham	(Lucky Number 18)
3rd	£32.38	Lisa O'Keefe	(Lucky Number 45)
4th	£13.88	Amanda Fraser	(Lucky Number 8)

If you would like to join the 200 Club for ONLY £2 a month and be in with a chance of winning, please find attached the form to fill in and return to school. Its easy to set up a standing order and not even have to remember to send the cash into school! The next draw takes place at the beginning of December (ready for Christmas!!) and to be eligible to enter, we must have received £6 by 2 December.

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BRONZE LEVEL EXPEDITION SECTION – DATES FOR 2018

AWARD LEVEL & GROUP	TRAINING DATES & VENUE	PRACTICE EXPEDITION OVER-NIGHT CAMP	QUALIFYING EXPEDITION DATES & VENUE
BRONZE GROUP 1 (Max 30 Students)	Saturday 28 th & Sunday 29 th APRIL 9am – 2pm Meols Cop Youth & Community Centre PR8 6JU	Saturday 5 th - Sunday 6 th MAY CHARITY FARM Wrightington WN6 9PP	Saturday 2 nd - Sunday 3 rd JUNE BIBBY'S FARM Chorley PR6 9DL

AWARD LEVEL & GROUP	TRAINING DATES & VENUE	PRACTICE EXPEDITION OVER-NIGHT CAMP	QUALIFYING EXPEDITION OVER-NIGHT CAMP
BRONZE GROUP 2 (Max 30 Students)	Saturday 12 th & Sunday 13 th MAY 9am – 2pm Meols Cop Youth & Community Centre PR8 6JU	Saturday 19 th - Sunday 20 th MAY CHARITY FARM Wrightington WN6 9PP	Saturday 9 th - Sunday 10 th JUNE BIBBY'S FARM Chorley PR6 9DL



SILVER LEVEL EXPEDITION SECTION – DATES FOR 2018

AWARD LEVEL & GROUP	TRAINING DATES & VENUE	PRACTICE EXPEDITION 2 OVER-NIGHT NIGHT CAMPS	QUALIFYING EXPEDITION 2 OVER-NIGHT CAMPS
SILVER GROUP (Max 30 Students)	Saturday 23 rd JUNE 9am – 3pm Meols Cop Youth & Community Centre PR8 6JU	Friday 29 th JUNE – Sunday 1 st JULY FOREST of BOWLAND	Friday 13 th JULY - Sunday 15 th JULY SILVERDALE



DUKE of EDINBURGH'S AWARD 2018

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Registration fee at both levels is: **£25.00**

EXPEDITION Section costs are:

BRONZE LEVEL: £125

Expedition Training
Practice Expedition x 2 days
Qualifying Expedition x 2 days
Assessment & Assessors report

SILVER LEVEL: £165

Expedition Training
Practice Expedition x 3 days
Qualifying Expedition x 3 days
Assessment & Assessors report

Expedition places are secured once the D. of E. Registration fee of £25 PLUS £50 expedition deposits have been received by Birkdale High School.

Payment schedules are available and payments must be made via BIRKDALE HIGH SCHOOL.

Check that your son is available for the relevant training & expeditions prior to registering as dates are set and can't be changed.

For Bronze level please make it clear whether you are registering for Group 1 or Group 2 (30 max per group)

To register on Bronze or Silver Levels please complete the attached registration form and return to BHS Office.

Meetings will be held in November for parents and participants to meet the YCP Expedition Team and will be announced in the Wednesday Letter.



Participant Enrolment Form

Please print clearly in CAPITALS or type details in. You must complete all the questions.

Personal details

DofE group:*		DofE centre:		
Title:* : Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Home Address 1:		
First name:*		Home Address 2:		
Middle name:*		Home Address 3:		
Last name:*		Home Town/City:		
Primary Language:*		Home County:		
Email:*		Home Postcode:		
Date of Birth:*		Telephone no (home):		
Age:		Telephone no (mobile):		
Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>		Enrolment level:* (tick one)	Bronze <input type="checkbox"/>	Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/>

Previous levels/sections* – please tick which sections/levels you have completed:	
Bronze	Silver
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed entire level	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed entire level
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical
<input type="checkbox"/> Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Skills
<input type="checkbox"/> Expedition	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedition

Next of kin name:
Relationship to next of kin:
Next of kin telephone:

Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme.

	Print Name	Signature	Date
Parent/guardian:			/ /
I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. You will be doing your programme using our online eDofE system. This system has a set of terms and conditions that you must agree to. These will be available when you access eDofE.			
Applicant:			/ /



Participant Enrolment Form

The following information is used to help the DofE meet the needs of all young people. Only complete this section if you wish to assist in this way. I would describe myself as (please tick the relevant box):

Asian or Asian British				Black or Black British			Chinese or other	
Indian	Pakistani	Bangladeshi	Other	Caribbean	African	Other	Chinese	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gypsy and Traveller				Mixed				White
Irish Traveller	Gypsy	Roma	Other	White & Black Caribbean	White & Black African	White & Asian	Other	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)								

I consider myself to have a disability as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act as 'a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any medical needs which you believe may influence you on certain activities (i.e. the Expedition section)? This information is only used to ensure your safety on DofE activities.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes to either of these questions, please specify:				

Data supplied on this form and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the participant's Operating Authority and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress.

All contact from the DofE Charity using personal data will communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/OAs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity improve the quality and breadth of its programmes. All contact will be via the eDofE messaging system. Participants can choose to receive this information to an external email account or by post using the *personal preferences* section in eDofE. These preferences can be updated at any time.

For Operating Authority/Centre administration only

Date registered onto eDofE	/ /
Participant Fee received	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Username	
Initial password	

Note: This is to record the details in case these are lost. Everyone is encouraged to change their password the first time they log on to eDofE.



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18th September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have organised an Autumn Disco for all Year 7 students from Birkdale High School and Greenbank.

The Disco will be at Birkdale High school on Wednesday 18th October 2017 from 7pm-9pm.

The cost is £3 and numbers are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

If your son would like to attend, he should take his money and form directly to the school office in an envelope marked Disco BPA. A register of who has paid will be taken and entry on the night will only be granted if you are on the register.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REQUEST:

- Please can all parents use the Liverpool Road entrance and park in school.
- No child will be allowed to leave the hall and quad area without an adult accompanying them unless they have written permission. Any letters are to be sent into school with your ticket request.

The Birkdale Parents Association will be running a tuck shop on the night so your son may require a small amount of money for snacks or beverages.

If you would like your son to attend please complete the reply slip below.

Yours sincerely,

Birkdale High School Parents Association

I give permission for

My son.....

Form group.....

to attend the Disco at Birkdale High School on Wednesday 18th October 2017 and enclose £3 payment. (Cheques payable to BHS BPA) and will make arrangements for him to be dropped off at 7pm and collected promptly at 9pm.

Signed.....(Parent/Guardian)

Emergency contact phone number (on the night).....



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BIRKDALE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Name: _____ Pupils Name: _____ Form: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Name of Account To Be Debited: _____ Date To Commence: _____

Amount £ 2.00 per month

Date: 1st of Every Month

Place a tick in the boxes to confirm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

On completion of the above please return to: BPA C/O Birkdale High School, Windy Harbour Road, Southport, PR8 3DT

FOR BPA USE

Membership No:

Date First Payment:

Standing Order Reference:



Please retain this section & set up your standing order either direct through your bank or your online banking.

Standing Order Instruction: Please Debit Account No: Sort Code:

Amount: £2.00 On 1st Of Every Month Until Further Notice.

Account to Be Credit: Birkdale Parents Association 200 Club

Account No: 73448649 Sort Code: 20-80-33

Reference: Your Name/BPA

Signed:

Date:





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BIRKDALE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

200 CLUB



**Would you like to be
in with the chance
of winning up to
£300?**



**Pay just £2.00 a month and you could be in with a
chance of winning up to 4 cash prizes every 3 months**

**Half the contribution goes to actively enhancing your sons schooling
Half the contribution goes to PRIZE MONEY!**

IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION

FACTS:

THE MORE MEMBERS THE HIGHER THE PRIZE FUND!

BETTER ODDS THAN THE LOTTERY!!!

YOUR SON AND HIS SCHOOL BENEFITS



**Just a few of things the BPA have
contributed to are:**

**Animal Cages, Awards Evening,
Science Garden Benches and Paving, Ovens in Food Tech,
Defibrillator, Football Nets, Rugby Posts and Camera Equipment
to name just a few.....**

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**All you need to do is complete a membership form, set up your
standing order and wait and see if a cheque lands on your doorstep!!**

Want to know more, contact Kate Ball via email:

bpa@birkdalehigh.co.uk

