

Term 2 - Kemp Newsletter

The boys returned after the Christmas Holidays with renewed energy and gusto after recharging their batteries after Term 1. Many of the Yr 7s returned as hardened veterans and were therefore much better prepared for being away from home having got used to our routines and boarding generally. Some boys felt the pangs of homesickness before settling into things.

We welcomed the addition of Mr Orr as our newly appointed Activities and Extra-curricular coordinator. This meant the boys were able to enjoy more sports and activities to take part in including the advent of Yr 7 fitness which many have tried or have been attending since its inception.



Our Head of House, Ben G, and Deputy Head of House, George F, organised a Tractor protest competition where boys were invited to decorate their tractors with protest colours and the best won some tuck prizes. The boys did a great job organising the event. Charlie C and Jack A won the competition and the money raised went towards the house charity RABI - A leading farm charity. Charlie E and George S are our Year 7 Charity Reps, and they have done an amazing job selling sweets and organising charity events including our sponsorship event. We have raised just short of £1,000 so far.

After breakfast when boys have finished tidying and had their rooms inspected, we sometimes have some impromptu fun. One morning we opened a pop-up 1920s barber shop!! James B and Ollie W invited boys to have their hair styled in a 1920s fashion! It was very popular with some very fetching side partings! Only a comb and water were used - no scissors or hair clippers! The boys have an abundance of imagination and we want it to be fun. This term many boys have been enjoying building dens in the common room with the sofas and their cushions. We really like them putting their tech down and playing and being children. This is vital we feel. We have created a carpet farming area in their common room too, which they enjoy playing with as well as in their rooms using artificial grass to recreate sun scorched pastures.



Our Catering Team reps Majeed T and Aubrey P spoke to our boys and gave feedback to the catering team to let them know what we like and what suggestions the boys have. Both boys collect the house food each night too and make sure we have provisions in-house - well done both for all that you do - thank you.

Kurt P has been holding Debate Club for the Year 7s in prep. They get given a 'thunk' and then argue why they chose their answer with critical thinking. It is fun and no right or wrong answer, only rationalised perspective. Kurt P has also organised Krut's Reality Check Film Club where a small group of boys watch a true story inspired based film and then discuss their thoughts about it.

Many boys this year including Harry B have enjoyed Choc Club after it came out on top when we asked boys to complete a survey on what craft clubs they would like after prep each night. George M, Dom S and Jacob V enjoyed Choc Club recently making choc cornflake cakes with marshmallows!



Boys now having privacy film on their windows as well as privacy screens within their rooms. This helps the boys have more space and privacy when needed. This is in addition to the three private booths we have made into comfortable hideaways for boys to use when needing space and privacy away from others. Each has a soft light and a beanbag chair as well as some planting and chalk for doodling.

I was blessed on my birthday in January with the boys holding a fun party which was a nice surprise! We had lots of treats. Thank you boys and thank you to Mrs McLean too for organising it. Pancake day was fun too. Mrs McLean brought in a pancake maker and all the boys enjoyed pancakes in the house!

Tico C dramatically beat me in a game of Mastermind after previously being unbeaten my whole life! I controversially suggested he saw my code reflected in my glasses - a sore loser, I'm sure! Alongside this traditional game boys have also enjoyed playing Pucket.



Ollie W, Harry Bu and Ben S have been enjoying the new telescope and have been stargazing and looking at the craters on the moon! Wow! It has been incredible and very enjoyable. We managed to get it working eventually after the boys wanted to jump straight to star gazing rather than reading instructions - How? We read the instructions!

We are starting to see more daylight and the days are getting longer. We will see our pool open after Easter as well the field when the summer term begins. William R is probably our most active boy, as he is always getting the most out of his experience here at Brymore and many boys could be inspired by such commitment and follow suit. Last of all and sadly, we say a farewell to Alex B who is leaving us for a new school - Good Luck Alex!

Have a great Easter holiday and have fun!