



# The **EDWARDIAN**

The latest news from King Edward VI High School

**SUMMER 2015**

## **KEVI students at Bushcraft 2015**

### **Activities included:**

- Building camp fires
- Outdoor cooking
- Nature walk and games
- Tribal life

On the 20th May, Years 7, 8 and 9 went on a trip to Bushcraft, an outdoor experience which allowed the students to get a feel of what surviving in the outdoors was like. The students were told to take a diary to write what they did on each day, one Year 7 student wrote an account of what they did:

#### **Day 1**

On day one, we took a coach to

Bushcraft, which was at Cholmondeley Castle, we met our camp leader and we started our day activities; there were lots of them! The first thing that we did was learn how to start our own fires, which we cooked our lunch on, we had lamb kebabs (they were delicious!) After that, we made our own shelters which were very warm and comfortable, and we actually slept in

them that night!

#### **Day 2**

We all woke up bright and early on day two, and went straight into our morning activities. On this day, we split up into our tribes and each made a dance, song or chant and we used camouflage paint to camouflage ourselves. After lunch we went on a nature walk and then had dinner,



**KS3 students taking part in Bushcraft 2015**

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played a few games of predator, in which the aim of the game is to hide in the forest and avoid being caught by the person who was 'it'. After that, we slept in our tents for the night.

**Day 3**

Today was our last day at Bushcraft, we learned how to make survival bracelets and how to make wooden pegs. After lunch we learned a few first aid tricks and put our skills over the days to the test by rescuing our tribe leaders from the forest. After that, it was time to go back to school. Overall it was a really good experience. One of my friends, Abby Ward, said "I had an amazing time at Bushcraft and if I got the chance, I would definitely do it again"

**Report by Emily Bromley**

## Maths success for KEVI

The Junior Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and is aimed at those students in Years 7 and 8. It is a one hour multiple choice paper that tests students' ability to solve mathematical problems and challenges. Marks are awarded for correct answers but are deducted for wrong answers so it does encourage students to think rather than to guess.

Students at King Edward VI High School achieved 1 gold, 6 silvers and 8 bronzes in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 250,000 students from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and then next 21% bronze.

This year's certificate winners are:

**Year 8**

- Isabella Terry (Gold and Best in School)
- Robbie Cartlidge (Silver)
- Jack Gulliver (Silver)
- Oscar Harte (Silver)
- Tamsin Pritchard (Silver)
- Lottie Lowndes (Bronze)
- Molly Dewsbury (Bronze)
- Harry Taylor (Bronze)
- Shannon Hendy (Bronze)
- Lauren Mills (Bronze)
- Georgia Stanyer (Bronze)

**Year 7**

- Ethan Edwards (Silver and Best in Year)
- Lucy Evans (Silver)
- Beth Bowyer (Bronze)
- Jessica Hedar (Bronze)

A huge congratulations to all of the students who took part.

## Important Dates

**16th July**

Sports Day

**17th July**

End of school term

**13th August**

A Level Results Day - 9.00am

**20th August**

GCSE Results Day - 9.00am

**7th September**

INSET Day

**8th September**

INSET Day

**9th September**

Start of new school term

For more dates please visit the school website, [www.kevi.org.uk](http://www.kevi.org.uk)

## STEM take a trip to the zoo

On the 26th June STEM club, selected Y7s and Gifted & Talented science took an exciting trip to Dudley zoo. First of all we went to a talk about conservation, here we learnt about why animals become extinct and we also learnt about the red list which is about the classification of animals which is a scale that runs from least concerned to extinct, this increases people's awareness.

The lady who was introducing us to conservation brought out some animals one of the animals was 'Ace' the fancy rat, which is an alien invasive species, this means that they dominated a native species. She also brought out a chinchilla named 'Crumpet'. They are very, very soft so they are hunted for their fur. Finally 'Echo' the owl was brought out, these animals are dying out because when humans poison unwanted rodents the poison passes into the owl because they are the top of the food chain. After that we had a walk around the zoo, where we saw: lemurs, a variety of primates, flamingos, penguins, giraffes, lions, tigers and many more unique animals. A great day was had by all!

**By Chloe and Vhari Y8**



STEM students learned about conservation and wild animals

## New Year 7 are all set for September after Transition

In September, over 100 new Year 7s will start their high school career and our new recruits are well-prepared after several weeks of transition activities and events. Staff and students at King Edward's have hosted taster classes, bath bomb challenges, sports events and much more. All the events culminated in Induction Day on 1st July where Year 6s met their new form tutors; Mrs Eaton, Mr Bradbury, Mr Abel, Miss Shepard and Mrs Kelly [who will be taking up her post as Leader of English in September]. Year 6s said how much they enjoyed the variety of activities on the day, which included a tour of the school, team-building exercises, football and rounders.

The new Year 7s will wear the new school uniform from September, along with their peers in Years 8-10, which will see the KEVI blue blazers become compulsory as well as the new house ties, which will incorporate the student's house colour.

Headteacher, Mr Christey, extended his welcome to all the new Year 7s. He said, "We look forward to welcoming the new Year 7s to King Edward VI in September. It will be an exciting, yet perhaps a nerve-racking time as you make the transition from primary to secondary. However be assured that you are coming to a friendly, supportive environment where we want you to do your best. You will have the benefit of support from our dedicated team of Hear4U mentors as well as your Year Leader, Mrs Harte".

Mr Christey also thanked the staff and students involved in the transition programme, especially Transition Manager Mrs Harte.

*To find out more about starting at King Edward's in September and the new uniform, please see the Pupil Information Pack sent to all parents/carers. Please contact the School Office if you need a new copy. For more information, please see the school website.*



## Primary circus skills

On the evening of Tuesday 5th May, over 50 Year 1 & Year 2 pupils from St Lawrence, Gnosall and Castlechurch filled King Edwards' sports hall for a fun evening of circus skills. The children (and a lot of the teachers and sports leaders) all appeared to thoroughly enjoy attempting new skills such as plate spinning, juggling and using a diablo as well as many more. The event was well attended by

King Edwards' pupils who acted as sports leaders, allowing the evening to run smoothly and the adults from the participating schools to enjoy the event and learn some new skills too. The sports leaders were also invaluable, helping to teach the Year 1 & 2 pupils new skills and encouraging them to persevere with each activity. As always the evening was well organised by Mrs Gibbs and well attended by the participating schools creating a fun environment for the pupils to develop their new skills. Overall the evening was fun for all involved and the attending pupils all appeared to enjoy the activities greatly.

**Report by Hannah James Y13**

## Olympics for primaries

On 29th June over 200 primary school children arrived at King Edward VI High School to partake in a mini Olympics day.

The day began with registration in the sports hall and an introduction into what the exciting day had ahead. In total 3 schools took part and they were all different ages. From Castlechurch Primary School there were children from years 1, 2, 3 and 4. Woodseaves Primary School arrived on a coach and they had year 3's and 4's with them. Gnosall St. Lawrence CE(C) Primary School also arrived on a coach with year 3 and 4.

The children were divided up into coloured teams and in the colours divided into 7 groups. There were sack races, egg and spoon races, target throw, golf related activities, shuttle runs and even some football related activities.

All children thoroughly enjoyed themselves as the weather stayed lovely all day. I can imagine that the children went home and told their parents all of the exciting things they did on that day as it was a fun day for all involved.

**Report by Sam Cotterell Y12**

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