

A word from the Headmistress

We began the first week back after half term with a Teddy's Bears Picnic for children from Kindergarten 1 through to Year 2. Despite the adverse weather conditions, we moved it inside, but this did not spoil the fun of the occasion, as the children enjoyed a really tasty picnic in the company of their favourite teddies! Our dining rooms have had a makeover in line with the new menus, and I am sure you will be delighted to see a fully balanced and nutritional menu with variations to the offerings (but still inclusive of the old favourites). We are also trying to encourage children to try new tastes and foods, and now have crudities on the tables' to start and different dips for them to try. The children have been very excited to sample the new flavours, and have also welcomed the more varied but home cooked approach. We look forward to the feedback as we explore balancing good quality food with balance and variation of menu, in order to create a healthy lunchtime meal for everyone.

Mrs Denise Toms

CONGRATULATIONS



Many congratulations to former pupil and Head Girl, **Emily Clark**, who took five wickets in just one over for Worcestershire Women's Rapids Under 15 team against Herefordshire Women's Under 15's. Emily, who is in her 5th year for Worcestershire and made her debut for the U11's in 2013, also plays for Old Elizabethans and is currently in Year 9 at Bromsgrove School.

Congratulations also to **Abbie and Luke Culwick** who took part in the 8.5 mile Great Midlands Fun Run in aid of Edward's Trust, a charity which provides support for families who are facing loss and surviving bereavement.



Sports Day Cups And Trophies A reminder please for all engraved Sports Day cups and trophies to be returned to school AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Thank you.

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

The children have all worked extremely hard during our exam week. Smoke has been seen rising from exam papers and pens drained of ink, as pupils eagerly write their answers to show just how much they have learned. Teachers have also been working equally hard and the majority of papers are already marked. We are looking forward to sharing the results with the children in the week beginning 19th June. Please be aware that this is to allow time for moderation. I am sure that the children will have recognised that some of their exam papers have been more challenging and it is important that this is reflected in the grade boundaries.

However, no matter the result, it is important to remember that the purpose of the exams is to consolidate learning and build confidence and familiarity with the exam process. Exam technique and learning to revise independently are crucial skills in themselves. And, whilst the achievement of the most successful children might be the most obvious, at Winterfold we celebrate every achievement; the greatest steps of progress are often less obvious but are deserving of the greatest recognition. We would like to pass on particular congratulations to our Stars of the Week who have been chosen for their positive and purposeful approach to their exams.

Also this week, the children have been running, throwing and jumping to gain points for their Packs in the Pack Athletics Competition; the last round of this takes place on Sports Day. With Pack Swimming on the horizon and the Pack treat just 4 weeks away, the Pack leaders are encouraging their children to earn those extra pluses that could make the difference!

Next week, Year 6 are away at their River Study Adventure Camp in the Wye Valley, whilst Year 8 are away at Bushcraft. We look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return. Please can I remind both trips to meet staff at the Sports Hall on Monday morning.

Mr Cotterill, Academic Deputy Head

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Well done to all Winterfold pupils who have worked tirelessly and determinedly during exam week. The following awards go to pupils who have shown extra effort, organisation and preparation - all key to doing well in any exam!

3A - Jack Blakeway; 3G - Toby Weekes; 4T - Philippa Ranasinghe; 4H - Oliver James; 5FJ - Louis Malanaphy; 5R - William Fleming; 6W - Sam Mason; 6B - Alex Witt; 7C - Poppy Pinfield; 7D - Zach Chattin

A special award goes to all of Year 8 for their mature and positive approach to their important exams this week!

Well done to all.

Miss Humphrey, Head of PSHE

PRE-PREP & WOODHOUSE NURSERY NEWS

On a wet start to June, **Year 2** have had a productive week. Singing....dancing....quizzes....and a Science conclusion have kept all of the children busy. We hope that the children's bulbs are growing well at home!

Year 1 have looked at pop-up books in DT and tried to understand how the picture moves. They also had a go at making their own moving pictures. In Science, we have started out 'light and dark' topic, focusing on different light sources. In History, we learnt about the rich and poor in Tudor times.

Reception children were fortunate enough on Monday, to enjoy the skills of Mrs Darby giving them yoga lessons. It was a very relaxing start the week! On Tuesday, our Teddy Bear's Picnic was governed by the weather and took place in the classrooms. A good time was had by all, including the Teddies, who were included in Teddy Bear games before indulging in a wonderful picnic lunch provided by the kitchen staff. The highlight of the picnic was Mrs Toms paying each class a visit with her Teddy Bear 'Humphrey'

In **Kindergarten 2**, we have introduced the children to the new topic of 'Journeys.' They have been listening to the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and they have been discussing and sequencing the story. In Forest School, the children collected sticks to make a bridge and they all had fun acting out the story.

In **Kindergarten 1** this week, the new topic on 'Transport' has started in earnest! Children have guessed the mode of transport by segmenting the words. They have used their handprints to make aeroplanes and counted backwards to rocket launch! The children and staff all welcome Lily Stafford-Hill who has joined them from the Woodhouse Nursery.

This week in the **Woodhouse Nursery**, the Babies have been doing roller ball painting to make beach balls to put on their seaside display. They have also had fun with the colourful chiffon scarves, balls and hoops. The Tweenies are continuing with their transport project and have painted, glued and glittered helicopters, hot air balloons and fire engines. The Toddlers have started their Under the Sea theme, painting fish and octopuses and gluing seaweed. The older Toddlers have enjoyed their visits to 'big school' ready for September! A reminder of our Princess and Heroes week next week to raise much-needed funds for Crackerjacks Children Trust - a Kidderminster-based charity.



Mrs Bolton (Head of KS1), Mrs Thackery (Head of EY) and Mrs Parker, Nursery Manager

ENGLISH & DRAMA NEWS

Senior Play – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory The performances of this year’s Senior Play will take place on Tuesday 20th June at 2.00pm and again at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to see the performances. All of the Winterfold children (Pre-Prep and Prep) will be attending the Dress Rehearsal on Monday afternoon.

Props We urgently need empty plastic water bottles for the Fizzy Lifting Room and any sealed sweets that can be attached to the scenery. Many thanks for your help.

Mrs Miles, Head of English & Drama

SPORTS NEWS

It has been another very busy week of sport at Winterfold. On Tuesday our U9A Rounders team found success in the tournament at King’s Hawford finishing in third place overall and returning to school with lovely bronze medals. Meanwhile our U9B team hosted a very close game against RGS Springfield losing by just one rounder in the end but enjoying a very friendly and exciting match.

On Wednesday, our U11 Rounders team also had a tournament at King’s Hawford. Unfortunately, they found the going a little tough and despite their best efforts, and winning two matches, they were unable to progress further than the group stages. Meanwhile our U10 girls travelled to RGS Springfield and enjoyed a super game with lots of changing positions and moving around which helped to create a very even and exciting game for both teams to enjoy. At home, our U13 girls hosted Moffats and, after losing to them last week, our girls were really up for a good battle and that’s exactly what they got. Our batting was below par but our fielding was some of the best I have ever witnessed and amazingly, we managed to get all of the opposition out in 15 balls. This pattern continued in the second innings and in the end it came down to the last ball and we managed the closest of victories by half a rounder....What a match!



The Junior boys managed to dodge the showers on Tuesday and we had three good games of Cricket with King’s St Albans. The bowling overall was good and continues to improve, but the awareness in the field is something to keep working on. A good effort boys - we look forward to next Tuesday’s matches against King’s Hawford where all the Junior boys will have the chance to play.

The 1st team took on Bedstone on Wednesday and were a little strong for our opponents. Winterfold scored 150 runs from their 20 overs and Bedstone found the run chase to be a little too challenging.

Looking ahead, we have James Rolinson and Isabelle Bolton competing in the county Athletics tomorrow, the U13 girls cricket competition next Sunday...as well as our usual fixtures, and the big build up towards sports day. We wish all of our children good luck in their sporting week ahead!

Mrs Humfress, Director of Sport

MUSIC NEWS

On Monday 12th June at 8.45am, there is a meeting for parents interested in helping out or getting more involved with music at the school. We shall be meeting in the School Music Shop, and all are very welcome to attend.

Also on Monday at 3.30pm, Year 4 retell the classic tale of The Pied Piper in the form of song, dance and action. Please do come along to watch – they have all worked very hard! Tea will be served afterwards!

The Groove Diggers are having a very busy term! On the first Saturday of half term they played at Fred Fest, held at the River Rooms in Stourbridge. This was an excellent experience for them playing in a professional venue supporting signed bands. Thanks to all the pupils and parents who gave up their time for this event. They are going on to play this Saturday, 10th June, at the Summer Ball and also at the Upton Jazz Festival.

Mr Price, Director of Music

GENERAL NOTICES AND INFORMATION



Everything is on schedule for Saturday evening and the FOW Summer Ball! We would like to remind you of the running order:

Drinks Reception at 7.00-7.45pm
3 course meal served at 8.00pm followed by live entertainment
Last orders at the bar 12.30pm
Carriages 1.00am
There will be a small cash bar available on the night.

Whatever the weather on Saturday, we will be sure to have a great night and we are really looking forward to seeing you there!

Kemp Hospice Midnight Walk On the 17th June, Mrs Bolton, Miss Kavanagh and Mrs Miles are walking around the Wyre Forest at midnight to raise money for Kemp Hospice. If you would like to donate to this wonderful, local cause, there are sponsor forms at the bottom of the Year 1 and 2 stairs or you can donate online at Justgiving.com *Sarah Miles Midnight Walk*. Many thanks for all your support.



Chiltern Challenge We would like to invite all parents as well as children in **Years 5 and above** to join us for a wonderful day of walking, talking and socialising in the Chiltern Hills. We hold this event every two years to raise money and awareness of our sister school, Ncemaneni. If you are interested in taking part, please either return the entry form or speak with either Mr Cotterill or Mr Brinkley. For catering arrangements, we need to confirm numbers by the end of next week. However, sponsorship forms do not need to be returned until the day. **If you are unable to take part but would like to sponsor our team of walkers, please see the sponsorship forms at the front desk.**

Gaps for Hire! A reminder that the Gap Students are available after 6:00pm during the week and on some Sundays for babysitting or odd jobs. They are eager to earn some extra pocket money to help with their summer travels!