

A word from the Headmistress

Normally I like to look back on the week, and reflect on the highlights (of which there are many). However, this week I would like to draw your attention to two important events taking place next week.

The first is on Tuesday 6th February, when Mr Ruben (Deputy Head at Bromsgrove School) and Ms Green (Director of GCSE) will be coming to speak to Year 7 and 8 parents who are interested in sending their children to Bromsgrove School. The particular focus of this event is around GCSE options, which start in Year 9.

On Thursday 8th we have our first ever 'Music Makers' concert where our children from Kindergarten 2 and Reception will be performing a medley of songs. This will be interspersed with some singing from the Girls' Harmony Choir, accompanied by the Groove Diggers. All Winterfold parents are welcome, but I warmly encourage parents with children in these particular year groups to come along and see your talented children perform.

Mrs Denise Toms

★ CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES ★

Congratulations to this week's Prep Stars of the Week:

3A - Alexander Darby; 3P - Oliver Stark; 4T - Poppy Jones; 4H - Matthew Howells; 5FJ - Orla Hession-Wilson; 5R - Annabel Lucking; 6B - Emily James; 6L - Emily Bower; 7F - Sophielouise Earp; 7D - James Dunn; 8C - Sophie Spittle; 8M - Poppy Pinfield.

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to Harry Cooke and Sophielouise Earp for sharing the wonderful Tudor costumes they designed and made in Celebration Assembly today. Congratulations to this week's winning Pack - Swifts.

In a Winterfold first, Year 8 visited the National Civil War Centre in Newark on Thursday. As well as having time to explore the fascinating gallery of Civil War artefacts, the pupils enjoyed two interactive sessions to explore two key questions: who was responsible for the war, and whether Charles I could have done anything differently to win the war?

This was a fantastic trip that consolidated and complimented much of Year 8s learning in class over the last six weeks.



Sports News

Girls

The U11 and U10 girls had great games over at The Downs, Malvern on Wednesday afternoon, and despite mixed results, they played some superb netball. At home, our older girls in the U13 A, B and C teams also played The Downs with the A team winning convincingly, the B team losing by one goal in a very even game, and the C team struggled against their opposition.



All teams benefited greatly from the experience and worked to the best of their ability.

Boys

All the boys in Years 3 and 4 were involved in matches against RGS The Grange this week. The U9 teams played at home whilst the U8 boys were away. The games were played in excellent spirits, they are showing improvements in their skill levels, and we look forward to playing King's St Albans next week.

The Senior boys played away to the Downs and despite their best efforts, came second. The first team conceded some late goals trying to catch up towards the end of the match. For the seconds and thirds, despite playing some good football at times, the Downs proved to be too strong and had well deserved victories. The Colts teams played at home and the A team had a thrilling game that could have gone either way; Winterfold managed the winning score with less than 1 minute left! The B and C teams also had close competitive fixtures and are enjoying their football so far this season.

Next week we have fixtures for both boys and girls against King's St Albans and Abberley. We also have the U13A Netball playing in the Wyre Forest District Netball Tournament at Stourport on Wednesday and we wish them all good luck.

Drama News

Year 5 & 6 have spent the afternoon with The Young Shakespeare Company, watching and participating in an active drama workshop on A Midsummer Night's Dream. The actors, costumes, props and scenery were outstanding, as were the children's contributions, both oral and dramatic! This begins a series of activities and lessons celebrating Shakespeare.

On Saturday at Open Morning, Year 7 will be performing key scenes from Romeo and Juliet to continue our Shakespearian theme.



PRE-PREP NEWS

Early Years

Reception children have continued with their topic on 'The Environment' and thought about what they saw on their way to School. They created their own maps of the journeys they make each day and used illustrations to highlight some of the interesting features that they see. In Maths, they have enjoyed an outdoor lesson looking for both 2D and 3D shapes around the School and finished their lesson by visiting Mary's garden, where they watched the new water fountain.

Kindergarten 1 children have been learning about the planets, and their classroom is beginning to look like outer space with all the wonderful creative activities hanging. They have used bubble wrap to model the moon's surface and have been matching numbers to the corresponding rocket. Whilst Kindergarten 1 children have been flying high, Kindergarten 2 children have been in the deep blue sea and making boats and fishes.

Key Stage 1

The children have been busy rehearsing for their debut performance in the Music Makers concert this week. It is going to be a magical musical extravaganza!

Topics within Science have included a 'sound walk' in Year 1 and a materials practical investigation in Year 2. RE has centred on childhood celebrations for a Hindu child and favourite miracles in Year 2.



NURSERY NEWS

This week, the Babies have made some lovely bobble hats to finish their winter display, and we have welcomed Darcey Oakley to the baby unit.

The Tweenies have had a lovely messy play week with pasta, peas and jelly and they all had a fun time hiding in the shredded paper! They have also used different techniques with paint using string, cotton reels, hands and brushes.

The Toddlers have enjoyed painting, gluing and colouring their Chinese New Year pictures, and have decorated the Nursery hallway with their artwork. They too have enjoyed some rather messy gloop and shredded paper play.

All of the children have had some lovely Winter walks and music sessions.

NOTICES AND GENERAL INFORMATION



February Half Term Holiday Clubs

A reminder that the booking forms for Early Years, Fun Club and iQ Sports are available on the School website and in Reception. The holiday club charges will be added to your school bill.

<https://www.winterfoldhouse.co.uk/schoolLife/holiday-clubs/>

February Half term

Winterfold IQ Sports Camp

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2018

Daily sporting games and activities on offer include: Basketball Eliminator, Power Cricket, Capture the Flag, Sumo Wrestling, Zorbing, Crashmat Dodgeball, Obstacle Relays, 3 Mat Game, Longball, Adventure Playground Fun.

8.30am - 5.30pm

**Daily or weekly bookings being taken now, £35 per day,
including a hot lunch**

For all children in Years 3-8

For more details about Winterfold IQ Sports Camp,
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