

A word from the Headmistress

Well, we thought Spring had arrived and then the snow came. This does not deter us from our commitments as The Dudley Music Festival is still going ahead this weekend and we have over 50 children from different age groups competing in different categories.

It is wonderful that events such as this highlight our ethos of developing the individual and nurturing special talents. Good luck to all those taking part!

Mrs Denise Toms

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

With the wintry weather returning, we have been extremely pleased with how sensible the children have been; wrapping up warm and playing sensible games at break times. The Penryn Hall has been transformed into a cinema for those that want a break from the cold conditions.

Well done to all of the children who have already handed in their Maths Challenges to Miss Florida-James – it isn't too late to take part. Congratulations to Kites who are this week's leading Pack.

This week, children in Year 4 have been working hard designing and making bird houses out of natural materials.



Music Competition

Well done to all pupils for playing so well this week in the first round of the Music Competition. The standard of playing and level of preparation was very high. All children who took part will be receiving a certificate over the coming week, and a large number got through to the next round of the official competition on Tuesday.

All are very welcome to come along to this event, which takes place in the Performing Arts Centre. Refreshments will be served before the Junior Competition from 8.45am in the Drawing Room. We are delighted to welcome this year Dr Philip Aldred, the Chief Examiner of the London College of Music, to judge the competition.

Sports News

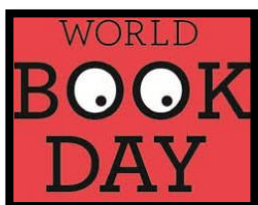
Unfortunately, due to the extreme weather conditions, all of the sports fixtures this week were cancelled or postponed. The Under 13 Netball County finals have been re-scheduled for Tuesday 13th March at RGS Worcester, and the Under 13 IAPS Regional round at Uppingham will now be on Monday next week (5th March). The Under 11 IAPS will be on Tuesday 6th March - weather permitting of course. Unfortunately, the Oratory Sevens has also been cancelled, and will not be re-scheduled.

On Friday 9th March, we are hosting the CTA Under 11 and Under 9 football competition here at Winterfold and on Saturday 10th March, some of our Under 11 and Under 9 girls will be taking part in the CTA netball competition at Blessed Edwards School in Worcester. Finally, to finish off the week the Under 11 boys' Cross Country team will be taking part in the National Prep Schools Championships at Malvern College on Sunday 11th March.

We wish all of our children good luck in their competitions.

Read for Good Campaign

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that, so far, Winterfold School has raised **£1900** for the Read for Good Campaign. All of the children who have raised money will be presented with certificates in assembly next week and the top fundraisers in each year group will have a book prize. A huge thank you to all children and parents who have supported this important cause.



World Book Day 2018

World Book Day is **postponed** until Friday 23rd March. This decision was made due to an uncertain weather report. The money we collect from World Book Day will be added to our huge Read for Good total.

PRE-PREP NEWS

Early Years

In Reception, we started our week with a Story Sack about 'The Hungry Caterpillar' with tactile food and a beautiful butterfly at the end of the story, which the children loved. Following on from that, children have made their very own life cycle of 'The Butterfly'. On Tuesday, children had the story about Mary and Martha and learnt about making the right choices. The children also celebrated St. David's Day by making daffodil pictures.

In Kindergarten 2, the children have been investigating things under the ground and have been looking at roots and shoots. The most exciting that they have done, is to make a wormery in the classroom, which is presently creating great interest from the children, and I think the worms are pleased to be indoors too!

Kindergarten 1 children have been thinking about all the things that make our school a happy place. They have been focusing on animals in their activities and have also looked at patterns.

Key Stage 1

The children have generated their own heat by working hard this week, despite extremely cold temperatures and an exciting amount of snow flurries. On Wednesday, Year 2 explored the School Chapel as an introduction to their RE topic 'The Mass'. They completed an I-Spy task on artefacts and contributed to a question and answer session with Deacon Sean.

The Year 1 children have been exploring the story of 'Super Worm' and considered the roles of super heroes and villains, as well as following the life of a robin through the seasons within their Science lessons.



NURSERY NEWS

This week the Babies have been finger painting their Mother's Day cards as well as exploring the sensory room, whilst the Tweenies have been creating lots of Mother's Day artwork including tea cups, tea pots, and flowers.

The Toddlers have continued to create fairy-tale characters for their wall display, as well as enjoying lots of sand and shredded paper play. All of the children have had fun playing outside in the snow flurries, catching snowflakes in hands and on tongues!

Charity News

At Winterfold, we are fortunate to be blessed with pupils and parents who are not only supportive of our charity works, but who are proactive in their own right. This particular group of children have supported the charity 'Help Harry Help Others' over the course of several years, sometimes in helping their parents but in many instances, they have worked independently to raise funds for this charity.



The children who have previously been and are currently involved are: Jenson and Lewis Till, Sophie and Frazer Spittle, Joe Batham, Felix Jolley, Jakson Shepherd-Manley, James Dunn, William Millard, Charlie Baddams-Todman, Harry Cooke, Joshua Titley and Oliver Sirett

They have written their own comments about the work they have done and ended with a prayer for Harry:

'Harry Moseley raised £50,000 in his lifetime for Cancer Research, by making bracelets to raise awareness about his condition. Sadly he died from a brain tumour at the young age of 11. Between us all, we raised £1008 in the first year we brought it into school and £857 in the following year by continuing to sell the bracelets in Harry's memory.'

Our prayer for Harry:

Dear God,
We hope Harry is safe and happy, doing what he loved doing and being what he loved being.
We send our prayers to all those who are suffering from the same condition.
Amen

Well done to those children, we are extremely proud of them for their commitment and sense of responsibility towards others.