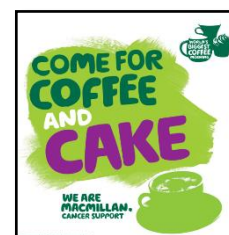




We will be hosting a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on **Friday 28th September** in Penryn Hall from 8.00am onwards. Please do come along and have a coffee and a cake, and relax in our 'tea room' – everyone is very welcome. Alternatively, we will have take-out coffees available for those parents who need to drop and go! We will also be selling raffle tickets on the day. Children who wish to purchase a cake at break time can bring in a £1 donation.

If you would like to contribute, we would welcome cakes and cookies of all shapes and sizes. Fake it or bake it – it's really up to you (please do remember we are a **nut-free school!**). Please drop them off at Reception either on Thursday 27th pick-up or on the morning of Friday 28th. Donations of prizes for the raffle would also be greatly appreciated (again, please leave at Reception or see Lisa Samuel). Thank you for your support.



Thank you to everyone who attended the FOW Meeting last night – it was lovely to see some new faces amongst the regular members.

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

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

3H – Hattie M; 3J – William G; 4W – Anna H; 4L - Charlie L; 5F – Lily C; 5S – Max J; 6L – Emma W; 6S – Luca P; 7B – Lily W; 7D – Edward D; 8M – Olivia G; 8C – William M

This week's leading Pack is Hawks, and the leading pupil on pluses is our Head Boy, Alex W.

We enjoyed a full week of extra-curricular activities at Winterfold. This year, we have introduced a greater variety of activities, including more optional lunchtime clubs to increase our already wide choice of extra-curricular opportunities.

Curriculum Handbooks have now been given out to the pupils to bring home. These are also available to download from the Parent Portal. Please see Form Tutors if you have not received a copy.

You can now view or download your child's timetable from the Parent Portal. If you have any issues with logging on, please contact the Database Manager, Chris Ginns – cginns@bromsgrove-school.co.uk.

As the weather begins to turn more Autumnal, please can you ensure that children have a coat in School, as a light shower has never stopped us enjoying some fresh air!

Finally, we wish our Year 8s a fun and dry night at our Camp Out tonight.



Summer Diaries

A huge well done to all of the Prep School children who wrote summer holiday diaries during the break away from School. The diaries were very informative and I thoroughly enjoyed reading them all. The children were awarded SUFGs for their efforts during Celebration Assembly. Some of the diaries will be kept on display in the Library until Christmas.

Science

This week in the 'Rockets and Robots' Club, four teams of five pupils from Years 3 to 8 competed in designing a balloon rocket and racing them over a ten metre distance. All had great fun ensuring that their rockets could not only cover the distance but also complete it in the fastest time. Working scientifically, pupils needed to ensure that they controlled all of their variables to ensure a fair test, but consider those variables that were difficult to keep the same.

Sports News

In order to follow Health and Safety guidelines, the Games Department has purchased a batch of boil-in-the-bag mouth guards in several sizes to keep in case of emergency. In line with Bromsgrove School, any child who forgets or loses their mouth guard will be given one of these temporary ones, which they will take to Matron in order to be fitted. If a mouth guard is needed, the amount of £3 will be added to your end of term bill.

Boys

The Senior boys had their first fixtures this week with RGS Worcester. The 1st team game was closely matched and whilst there were plenty of positives to come out of the game, there are also a few things that we will be working to improve before next week's fixture with Abberley. The 2nd team game was enjoyed by all and was very sympathetically refereed, ensuring a fair outcome for our boys. Taking part and competing at the right level is important and it is great that we have this ethos on our fixtures circuit. The season gets fully underway next week with Senior, Colts and Junior fixtures in a very busy week. Good luck to everyone.



Girls

Fixtures went well on Wednesday with the usual mix of fortunes for our teams. Our girls played some competitive games over at Malvern St James and enjoyed their trip, even though it was only the U11B team that managed to come home with a victory.

It is lovely to report that Jaime S (8M) has been selected for the U14 County Netball squad whilst Isla C (7B), Lâra S (6S) and Lily W (7B) both have second trials coming up for the U12 squad. Well done Jaime and good luck to Isla, Lâra and Lily.

Several of our children will be attending County Cricket trials over the next few weeks and we wish them all success in their trials.

PRE-PREP NEWS

Early Years

What a wonderful week it has been for all of us. Despite the mixed weather, the children have still been able to explore the amazing outdoors.

Kindergarten 1 children have been making new friends and looking for similarities between each other. They have enjoyed listening for environmental sounds inside and outside the classroom and have been printing with their fingers.

The children in Kindergarten 2 have been on a listening walk in the school grounds and started on their sound work in class.

Back in the classroom, reading has been a priority for Reception children this week and all their activities have linked into their topic about 'Everyone is Different'. We already have displays in the classrooms and some very strange skeletons and monster boxes and bottles! Handwriting is in full flow, with children practising how to form their letters correctly.



Key Stage 1

Fostering our links with the Prep School, Key Stage 1 have welcomed Miss Howarth into their weekly RE lessons, as well as our assemblies. This week, the Year 2 children have explored the layout of the Bible. They identified the two different parts of this special book and mind-mapped a variety of stories from both the Old and New Testaments.

On Wednesday, the Year 1 children enjoyed an exciting visit to Harvington Hall. They travelled back in time to Tudor England where they learnt all about food, fashion and the lives of rich and poor families. They even got the opportunity to experience dancing and hiding in the Priest Holes.



NURSERY NEWS

This week, the Babies have enjoyed some fun sessions of sand play and the sensory room. Walls have been prepared in readiness for the autumn artwork, and hand painting for the new babies' picture books has also been done. The Tweenies continue to settle in and have made lots of artwork for their new displays. They have also enjoyed some lovely walks and outside play in the garden. Meanwhile, the Toddlers enjoyed an autumn walk collecting leaves, sticks and conkers, and then made some lovely pictures when they got back. They have also enjoyed some rather noisy music sessions this week, as well as lots of outdoor play.