



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

WINTERFOLD

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Headmistress' Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 4th December 2023

Dear Parents,

We began Friday with some wonderful festive carol singing from the Year 7 & 8 children during Coffee Morning. The assembled parents enjoyed festive biscuits and mince pies whilst listening to the children sing so beautifully.



Winterfold's Christmas tree is now on public view in Worcester Cathedral, along with others from different organisations, which will form avenues of glittering trees. Year 2 have been very creative, making natural 'cookies' and hibernating hedgehogs (from horse chestnuts and holly) decorations for the tree. The Winterfold Christmas tree will be subject to the 'People's Vote' run by Worcester Cathedral on their Facebook site. Admission is free - please do go along and take a look and share your pictures on social media and tag us! @WorcCathedral @worcestercathedral #worcestercathedral @winterfoldhs.

The festival runs from 7th December to 14th January, 10.00am-5.00pm (Mon-Sat) and 12:30-3pm (Sun).



☆ Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week ☆

3B – Grayson C; 3W – Sam P; 4B – Harrison G & Anastasia C; 4W – Dominic G & Elliot J-W; 5F – Rafe M-C
5L – Seb G; 6L – Ethan C; 6S – Florence H; 7D – Dominic A; 7M – Harriet N; 8B – Sienna M; 8S – Alisha C

This week's winning Pack is Hawks.

A couple of weeks ago, Gardening Club tidied up our living willow fences. They then re-purposed the willow harvested into sustainable Christmas decorations, for sale on the Greenfingers stall at the Christmas Market.



On Friday last week, all of the Prep School children enjoyed a performance of the C.S. Lewis classic, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* at Birmingham Rep theatre. This mesmerising production made effective use of multi-media projections, lighting, and sound to transport the audience between the different worlds that the characters inhabit in the story. The performances from the actors were impressive, and effective use of physical theatre helped to portray the magical elements in the story. All in all, it was a real Christmas treat. As always, the children behaved impeccably, and all staff commended them for their good manners and enjoyed their company throughout the trip.



Our final fixtures of the season took place this week. The U13 girls travelled to The Downs Malvern for some highly competitive matches. Meanwhile, the U11 teams hosted Kings St Albans where all three matches were played in good spirits with some much-improved play. All of the girls have improved tremendously during the course of the term.



The senior boys enjoyed their final game of the season with The Elms on Wednesday and played some superb rugby. The 1st's have really clicked as a team this season and have played with flair, discipline, courage and terrific teamwork. The 2nd team also played very well this season and have showed tremendous improvement. The boys in both teams have improved enormously over the course of the season and they can be very proud of what they have achieved. They showed character, teamwork and discipline in abundance and came through a challenging match with flying colours.



The Year 5 and 6 boys played at home with King's St Albans in their final games and did very well in a couple of tough matches. They have worked hard to improve their skills and have enjoyed their rugby seasons. Very well done to all of the players and a big thank you to all of the teachers and coaches for their energy and expertise that makes such a difference to the pupils.

Year 2 have explored arrays in Mathematics this week with a carousel of activities. They had the opportunity to create their own Christmas story in English and supported this with a beautiful illustration. In Geography, the children were put into teams to research different parts of the UK. They then presented their findings to the rest of the class in the form of an information video which was recorded on the class iPads. The children will get to watch these back and evaluate them next week.



This week Year 1 have looked at halving shapes and numbers in Mathematics. In Geography, they continued learning about extreme weather including blizzards, hurricanes, tornadoes, and droughts. In Science, children looked at how animals have physically adapted to living in the oceans, and in PSHE they celebrated their differences.

Reception children have begun their Christmas festivities this week. They have made Christmas cards and created some wonderful Christmas tree pictures. In Maths, they have explored the differences between night and day. The children have enjoyed lots of Christmas stories and have produced some lovely emergent writing.

Kindergarten 2 children enjoyed many Christmas activities this week. They have been feeding Santa 'phonics cookies' and created baubles for the Christmas tree. Children have been practising their cutting skills and made some beautiful trees, resulting in plenty of glitter and sparkles in the classrooms.

In Kindergarten 1 this week, children have learnt about the Nativity story and explored a small world Nativity scene. They enjoyed a Christmas craft week, making their calendars and Christmas cards. The children have been listening to the story of *Stickman* and enjoyed exploring outside to collect their own stickmen to decorate.



In Nursery news, the Cygnets are very excited for Christmas. Children have been busy making Christmas cards and calendars for next year. They had lots of fun dancing to 'Merry Twistmas' and exploring the Christmas sensory tray. At carpet time, children looking at, and talked about, their Nativity display and listened to 'The Nativity Story'. The Cygnets have also enjoyed shaking bells whilst singing *Jingle Bells*.

This week, the Goslings have had fun being creative, making Christmas artwork and adding plenty of glitter for sparkle. Children are getting into the Christmas spirit, making the most of this special time of year.

Meanwhile, the Ducklings have been working on their winter and Christmas art activities. They made some beautiful snowmen and snowflake artwork using stamper sponges and have crafted their Christmas art folders as well as making a start on their 2024 calendars.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Handwritten signature of Denise Toms.

Denise Toms
Headmistress