



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

WINTERFOLD

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Headmistress' Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 11th December 2023

Dear Parents,

On Friday last week, parents, pupils and staff enjoyed a much-loved event in the Winterfold calendar - the FOW Christmas Market. Although cold, the rain held off and everyone had a lovely time browsing stalls, visiting the tea room, listening to live music and playing Pack games. A highlight of the day was the Tombola stall – always a firm favourite with both adults and children alike! Thank you to everyone who came along on the day, and special thanks to the wonderful parent helpers and members of staff who put so much effort into ensuring the afternoon was enjoyable for all.



Last Friday, Year 8 pupils visited Foley Grange Care Home to sing Christmas carols for the residents, who eagerly joined in. The pupils then had the opportunity to have a chat and wish everyone a Happy Christmas. It is a real pleasure for the children to be able to share these experiences with members of the community and to develop links with the home through our music and gardening.

Last Saturday, pupils entertained visitors to Bewdley Museum with a wonderful selection of Christmas carols.



Congratulations to this term's winning Pack - Eagles.

Well done to the following pupils who passed ABRSM exams this term:
Georgia L, Sophia O, Arthur D, Amelia W, Thomas L, Alice J, Boe G, Freya C, Daya N, Cameron M, Toby S, Cara B.



On Thursday evening, the highly anticipated Carol Service took place. Once again, we were treated to a wonderful musical delight. Children from all music groups took part and Year 3 enacted a wonderful Nativity Tableaux, whilst Year 8 pupils read passages from the Bible. Parents joined in with traditional Christmas carols, and this year we were even joined by Splash the Pony (playing the Donkey), in what may become a new Winterfold tradition.



Congratulations to Florence N who is the fortnightly Frame of Fame winner for her David Hockney inspired landscape.



There was some amazing percussion playing this week at our Christmas Mini-me concert with Mrs Berry's pupils, who entertained us with festive delights such as Carol of the Bells and a Ukraine carol. Click [HERE](#) to see a clip of them in action.

Thank you to everyone who made purchases at the recent **Scholastic Book Fair**. We took sales of over £800, with 50% commission being returned to the School. The money will be spent on non-fiction books for the Prep and Pre-Prep Library. The following children won a book to the value of £5 in the raffle: Joshua M (Rec), Harrison M (1W), Issa D (2J), Brooke B (5F) and Harriet N (7M).

A huge well done to all our boys and girls who have taken part in the Pack rugby and hockey competitions. They are so enthusiastic about representing their Packs and it is a lovely way to round off the season.

A reminder to all boys in Years 3 to 8 that they must have shin pads and boots/trainers for all Games lessons. They will train on grass or the Astro depending on conditions, so they need to be prepared for either. Boys in Years 5 to 8 must have mouth guards for all Games sessions as they will be doing a rotation of hockey next term. All girls in Years 3 to 8 will be playing netball, so will need white socks.

This week, Year 2 were invited to watch the dress rehearsal of the Prep School Carol Service on Wednesday to give them a taste of what's to come next year. On Thursday, the children visited the Tamworth Snowdome, and enjoyed sliding down the slopes, a pantomime performance, and a trip to the Christmas village. They even had a disco lunch! The week was finished off with Christmas dinner wearing their Christmas jumpers – yummy.



Year 1 have been jingling all the way through this week, getting very excited for Christmas. They enjoyed a fabulous trip to Conkers, Christmas Lunch, and they even saw Father Christmas. The children took part in a Christmas Forest School with Reception...it has certainly been a fun and festive week for all.

Reception pupils were treated to a visit to the Swan Theatre in Worcester to see *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children enjoyed the whole experience and joined in enthusiastically, and they particularly liked the ice creams during the interval. The week continued with lots of craft activities and a special Christmas Forest School with Year 1, where the children got to enjoy a hot chocolate and a cookie around the fire.



Kindergarten 2 children have very much enjoyed the build up to Christmas. They loved crafting a variety of Christmas treasures and the classrooms have been a hive of sparkling activity. They especially enjoyed discovering what mischief Bruno the Elf got up to in the mornings. The children have helped a group of Santa's elves to organise presents by weight and size. They explored the concept of positional language by hiding Bruno and then using positional language to describe where he was hidden so that their peers could find him.

Children in Kindergarten 1 had a busy week preparing for the festive season. They have been singing Christmas songs, especially the class favourite *Reindeer Pokey*. Children have been practising their balancing skills during Christmas tree hopscotch and enjoyed creating lots of Christmas crafts with glitter galore. They all enjoyed playing musical chairs and musical statues along with a Father Christmas Trail.

In the Nursery this week, the Cygnets have enjoyed the story 'The Very Smiley Snowman' and sang 'When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney' at carpet time. They had a creative session making Christmas candles out of toilet rolls, handprint holly wreaths and Rudolf footprint pictures. They also enjoyed playing in the instant snow.

The Goslings have enjoyed getting into the festive spirit by taking part in lots of creative activities, making Christmas hats, stockings and tree decorations. They have also been singing lots of Christmas songs during circle time.

Meanwhile, the Ducklings have completed their calendars and their Christmas tree decorations. Children really enjoyed being in the sensory room, listening to music and nursery rhymes.



Finally, the Lent Term 2024 calendar can be found on the School website, Parent Portal or by clicking [HERE](#).

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School will resume on Monday 8th January 2024.

Best wishes,

Denise Toms
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