



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL WINTERFOLD

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Headmistress' Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 15th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Rachel Truswell, who this week celebrates 20 years loyal service and dedication to Winterfold School.

This week's *Theme of the Week* is 'It's Important to Talk'. In our PSHE Assembly, Mrs Langston spoke about being clear on our needs, instructions, and how this helps us to explain to others how we feel. On Wednesday, we were blessed to be joined by Lesley Redhead in Assembly. She talked about her incredible career journey, through to now becoming a counsellor for the Bromsgrove School community. Lesley shared the importance of talking through worries and how it helps us untangle any challenging thoughts that we may have.



★ Stars of the Week ★

1G – Rafferty S; 1W – Noah D; 2C – Niamh B; 2J – Myla D; 3B – George A; 3W – Ethan E; 4B – Lucas S
4W – Munlene S; 5F – Amaiya M; 5L – Harry H & George G; 6L – George W; 6S – Daniel R; 7D – Jeevan D
7M – Phoebe L; 8B – Layla B; 8S – Savannah L-F

Congratulations to **Swifts** who are this week's winning Pack.

Year 6 have started their Healthy Living Project with Kidderminster Harriers which tackles topics such as healthy eating, dental care, traffic safety, anti-smoking and mental health issues through sport. It always proves to be very informative and popular with the children.

On Tuesday, our U9 and U8 girls enjoyed their first netball fixtures of the season with The Downs Malvern, demonstrating impressive passing and shooting and great teamwork. The U13 A&C teams secured commanding victories at Moor Park, showing super skill, teamwork, and dominance on the court. Meanwhile, the U13B team faced a setback, losing their match. Despite this, they displayed commendable effort, sportsmanship, and teamwork on the court.



The U11 A&B teams hosted Moor Park and both teams played superbly, demonstrating a strong presence, and creating a number of opportunities on goal. The Year 5 girls showed true sportsmanship at their fixture against Bromsgrove Prep, showing 'The Winterfold Way' by empathising with the opposition and congratulating the progress of their opponents.

Two of our junior football teams played Moor Park at home on Tuesday and had excellent games.

Congratulations to the Colts A team who won the Matty Thacker Shield for the first time since it was renamed in memory of former pupil Matty, fifteen years ago. Matty's mum came along to watch and inspired our boys with a pep talk after their second game. The team only conceded one goal in all seven of their matches and were the deserved winners in an excellent final with RGS The Grange. The Colts B&C teams played at The Elms and had exciting draws in two very evenly contested matches. The 1st team continued their successful run with an 8-4 win against The Elms, whilst the 2nd team had a very enjoyable home game with The Elms and played some skilful football.



It was another busy week in Key Stage 1. Year 1 children helped 'Alan the Explorer' to put countries and cities into alphabetical order in English. During their Forest School session, they examined ice patterns and enjoyed hot chocolate to warm up. In History, children learnt about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. In Year 2 Mathematics, children looked at measurement, and sang their hearts out in Choir with Mrs Richardson. In English, the children researched famous attractions in England, and in PSHE, they reflected on their achievements from last year.



In Early Years, Reception children have been learning about African animals. In Literacy, they created story maps and sang the rhyme *Five Little Ducks*, retelling the story using language such as first, next, and after. In Mathematics work, they focused on one less and one more. In Kindergarten 2, children talked about the signs of winter and shared their ideas during circle time. They played a Build a Snowman game and created a beautiful winter collage, and in PE, children used their imagination skills and danced like snowflakes whilst listening to classical music. Meanwhile, Kindergarten 1 children listened to *We're Going on a Lion Hunt* and roared like lions. They ordered lions by size and played a problem-solving guessing game. All the children enjoyed making lion paintings and looking at pictures of lions in their natural habitat.



In the Nursery, the Ducklings have been singing *Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes* and looked at themselves in different mirrored objects. The Goslings had fun collaging hats and scarves for the display board, and looked at winter animals on the interactive board. Meanwhile, Cygnets have listened to *Room on The Broom* and got to know the characters. All of the children have been for some lovely, frosty walks in the School grounds.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Handwritten signature of Denise Toms.

Denise Toms
Headmistress