



# BROMSGROVE SCHOOL WINTERFOLD

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## Headmistress' Newsletter

**Week Commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, Fr Lamb was installed as a Canon at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. Along with other priests from across the region, the cathedral was full of parishioners from their respective churches. The St Ambrose community, wearing their beautiful hats, made the journey to witness this beautiful and traditional Mass, as Fr Lamb's commitment to the church was celebrated. It is a real honour for Canon Lamb to receive such an accolade and we are incredibly proud that he plays such an important part in our special community.



Thank you to all of the pupils in Year 4-8 and the staff who worked so hard to make last Saturday's Open Morning a success. We were joined by many families who enjoyed the School tours and the hospitality of the French and Spanish café. Radio Winterfold took to the air with a two-hour show which featured quizzes, factual information to make you go "wow", interviews with staff about our charity work as well as some great music. The show is now online as a shortened Podcast and can be heard by clicking the link [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code.

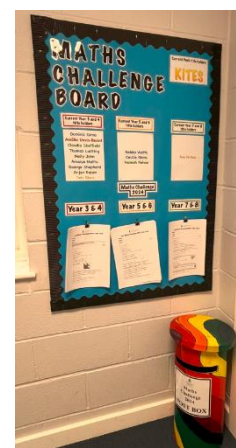


### ★ Stars of the Week ★

3B – Charlotte L; 3W – Oswald F; 4B – Frank S; 4W – Ted B; 5F – Isaac W; 5L – Emily C; 6L – Oliver Y; 6S – Iona H-F  
7D – Daya N; 7M – Florence D & Eddie R; 8B – Sienna M; 8S – Ollie H

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

Winterfold's **inter-Pack Maths Challenge** returns this term and children from Years 3 to 8 are having a go at some tricky mathematical conundrums. Children will be competing for personal glory as well as valuable points for their Pack. Last year's winners were Kites and several children achieved 100% for which they were awarded prizes. If any children still wish to take part, they can take a challenge paper for their year group from the Maths Challenge Board outside Mr Loughton's classroom and post their answers in the rainbow post box by Friday 16th February. Results will be revealed in Celebration Assembly after half term. Good luck everyone.



Last week, all of Year 5 and 6 enjoyed taking part in a workshop exploring 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Year 6 have been studying this play as part of their work in Drama and Year 5 have been exploring the plot in English lessons. Four energetic actors from the Young Shakespeare Company guided the children through key moments in the play, allowing them to consider the motivations of the characters within it. The workshop was a truly immersive experience and many of our pupils took on roles in the workshop, using token costumes to denote their character. A lot of fun was had during the afternoon and all pupils came away with a more secure understanding of the plot.



It has been a very busy week for the **Music Department**. On Tuesday, the Year 5 children enjoyed a trip to Birmingham Symphony Hall and experienced a wide range of classical music to tie in with their learning. We held two Mini-Me concerts - on Wednesday, Mrs Carey's cellists played with confidence and a lovely warm tone and on Friday, Mr Durham's bass players showcased their talents. Year 1&2 pupils travelled to Birmingham Symphony Hall for an exciting 'dino disco' where they had great fun and learnt a lot about different instruments.

Last Friday, the U13A netball team travelled to Uppingham to take part in the IAPS Netball tournament. The girls played some excellent netball on the day, just missing out on a place in the final by one goal. In the play-off for third place, the girls rallied and put in a composed performance to secure a well-deserved spot in the Nationals.

Last Sunday, our U13 and U11 boys' and girls' cross-country teams took part in the inaugural Moor Park event. All of the runners did well and showed a very positive attitude. There were some excellent individual results:

Amelie D-B: 3rd - girls U11	Maddie L: 2nd - girls U13
Jack E: 2nd - boys U11	James B: 1st - boys U13
Tommy L: 5th - boys U11	Olly F: 3rd - boys U13



On Tuesday, our U8 and U9 girls enjoyed netball fixtures against RGS The Grange and played some evenly matched games with lots of well-connected passes and effective marking. The Year 3 and 4 boys displayed good skills and teamwork in their triangular football fixture with King's Hawford and The Elms.

On Wednesday, the U11A netball team showed great determination in their match against RGS The Grange resulting in a well-deserved draw. The U11B team put up in a valiant effort and showcased resilience and sportsmanship, demonstrating great promise for the future. Year 5 enjoyed an exciting afternoon of Stingers netball in which every child played every position in an exciting six periods of 6 minutes. Our 1st XI football team play a very high standard match with the RGS U13A team. It was very close throughout and the game finished 2-2 at full time. The 2nd team had a very enjoyable couple of matches with RGS, whilst the Year 6 football teams played RGS the Grange. The A team scored some fantastic goals in a narrow loss, whilst the B team showed improved tactical awareness and teamwork to earn a one goal victory. The Year 5 teams had a very enjoyable afternoon of football at Winterfold with some excellent goals being scored by both teams.

**Year 2** children researched the life of Charles Dickens, as well as sketching a portrait of the author/artist in the style of the era, completing fact files, word problems and puzzles throughout the day. In Mathematics, children in **Year 1** learnt about o'clock and half past on analogue clocks. In History, they wrote about Charles Dickens and Christopher Columbus and in Science, they focused on the difference in daylight hours between the seasons.



**Reception** children have been learning all about tigers this week as they eagerly await their trip to the West Midland Safari Park. They listened to the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and made fantastic collages and drawings of tigers.

This week, **Kindergarten 2** children have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children had fun taking part in the dragon dance using musical instruments and created beautiful dragon pictures. **Kindergarten 1** children have been sorting and counting objects into colours, creating a giant colour graph. They recreated animal movements to traditional African music, used maps in pretend play and listened to the story 'The Ugly Five'. The children practised their balance on the outdoor obstacle course and searched for hidden animals in the classroom.



In **Nursery** this week, the Ducklings have continued to learn and explore through play. They have enjoyed 'cooking' with play food in the kitchen role play area. The Goslings have explored the Small World animals and made pandas out of paper plates and panda collage pictures. The Cygnets have tasted different fruits and listened to the story 'Handa's Surprise'. They sang 'Five Currant Buns' using props and made Year of the Dragon pictures using paintbrushes in the glitter tray.

A reminder that **holiday camps** for older children in Years 3-8 are available at Bromsgrove School during the February half term holidays. Please contact [activities@bromsgrove-school.co.uk](mailto:activities@bromsgrove-school.co.uk) for more information or click [HERE](#) to book. There are very few spaces left in the Winterfold Holiday Clubs for children in KG1 to Year 2. For enquiries, please contact [headspa@winterfoldhouse.co.uk](mailto:headspa@winterfoldhouse.co.uk).

Finally, to report **School absences**, please use the email address [office@winterfoldhouse.co.uk](mailto:office@winterfoldhouse.co.uk).

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Denise Toms'.

Denise Toms  
Headmistress