



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL WINTERFOLD

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Headmistress' Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 4th March 2024

Dear Parents,

Last Friday, Year 4 enjoyed participating in a fantastic Ancient Greek Festival. Lead by the superb *Discover History* team, pupils learnt about everyday life in Ancient Greece and then participated in a warfare workshop. This culminated in Year 4 reenacting the Battle of Thermopylae which proved to be the highlight of the morning. In the afternoon, they enjoyed taking part in an Ancient Greek Olympic Games and the day ended with a drama practical which was very entertaining. This was a fun and informative day and the behaviour of all the pupils was exemplary.



On Thursday, the School celebrated World Book Day together in various ways. The children and staff looked amazing with some very creative costumes - please do take a look at the photos on our social media sites. A full report will appear in next week's Newsletter.

Some of our musicians enjoyed success last weekend at the Dudley Music Festival. Congratulations to the Festival Choir, Georgia L, Dominic G, Jemima C, and Harry H for coming first in their respective classes.



The **Fortnightly Frame of Fame** winner is Imogen H for her powerful self-portrait in fine liner pen.

★ Stars of the Week ★

3B – Oliver G; 3W – Edward H; 4B – Belle P; 4W – Jemima C; 5F – Meredith M; 5L – Ed G;
6L – Ethan C & Savannah B; 6S – James J-E; 7D – Paige T; 7M – Phoebe L; 8B – Cara B; 8S – Phoebe P

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

On Thursday evening, we enjoyed a Jazz & Pop concert in the Performing Arts Centre. The Groove Diggers and Off Beats showcased their talent and were joined on stage by former Winterfold pupil Layla B to the delight of the assembled parents. Two bands from Bromsgrove School played pop songs demonstrating the high level of music in the Senior School.



The **U9 girls** took part in the netball tournament at RGS The Grange and displayed some fantastic netball throughout the afternoon to secure three wins, taking them through to a straight final against Blue Coat. The game went to extra time, then to golden goal, and our girls managed a well-deserved win. Meanwhile, our **U13A girls** took part in the County Finals at King's School. The girls played excellently in all of their matches, securing a place in the final. Despite a valiant effort, the girls finished in second place by a mere two goals.



On Wednesday, our **U11 girls** hosted King's Hawford and Kings St Albans. They worked extremely hard, displaying some fantastic skills that have developed tremendously throughout the term. The **U12 girls** enjoyed an afternoon of football with Moor Park. Games were played in good spirit with an opportunity for all of the girls to experience a different sport.

Our football success continued on Monday at the annual **CTA Tournament**. Ten teams competed for the U11 shield and nine teams for the U9 shield. The U9 team won their semi-final convincingly to put them through to the final. It was a tense match, which went to a golden goal, then penalty shoot out to decide the winner. Winterfold finished runners-up but can be very proud of their performance. The U11 team moved through their group stages smoothly and played superbly as a team. The semi-final was drawn at full-time and again after the golden goal period. After the regulation penalties had been taken it went to sudden death and our goalkeeper made a superb save to give us the advantage. The next penalty was scored to put the boys through to the final which they won in style to be the 2024 CTA champions. Special thanks to the Year 8 referees who did a fantastic job and received many compliments from visitors on the day.



The **Year 3 & 4 boys** were all involved in matches with King's Hawford and RGS Springfield and showed the improvements that the boys are making this term with their skills. The **senior boys** travelled to Moor Park and had some excellent games that extended the 1st XI's unbeaten run to nearly three seasons. Our **U11A** team had some high-standard matches at home with RGS The Grange and King's Hawford whilst the **U11B** team and the **U10** team all played games against King's Hawford and displayed some great teamwork and skill to produce some very encouraging performances.

Year 1 have had a lovely week with the excitement of World Book Day and preparations for Mother's Day. They have started a new English topic, centred around the Simon Bartram book 'Man on the Moon' in response to the children's enthusiasm towards Space and Exploration. It was lovely to see the children dressed as World Book Day literary characters on Thursday. **Year 2** enjoyed a World Book Day quiz, a visit from Year 8 pupils and turned the door of their classroom into a popular book cover. The topic of measurement has continued in Mathematics, focusing specifically on temperature and capacity.

Reception children have had a creative week, making Mother's Day cards and spending time designing hats for their new Literacy writing topic, 'Hetty's Hat Shop'. They enjoyed playing in the role play vets; taking phone calls, making appointments and looking after the soft toy animals. **Kindergarten 2** children have been learning about the life cycle of a frog, creating pond pictures, and sequencing the growth stages in order. They listened to frog stories and continued to develop their mathematical skills by counting frogs and identifying numbers to ten. Meanwhile, children in **Kindergarten 1** thoroughly enjoyed reenacting the story 'The Enormous Turnip'. They talked about what sounds might be heard on each page and made imaginary turnip soup. The children enjoyed a listening walk in the School grounds and planted sunflower seeds.



In the **Nursery**, the Goslings and Ducklings had lots of fun together, creating elephants and moving like elephants to music. The Ducklings are settling well into the Gosling Room, learning new routines and exploring their new surroundings. The Cygnets have been learning about and matching different mini-beasts by playing 'Mini-Beast Bingo'. They made snails from paper plates and created handprint ladybirds.

A reminder that tickets are still available for our senior play, **Mary Poppins Jr** which takes place at Cobham Theatre, Bromsgrove School on Friday 19th April at 4.30pm and 7.00pm. Book tickets via the Bromsgrove School Box Office website [HERE](#).



Finally, please [click the link here](#) for the March/April online edition of Families Magazine Hereford & Worcester.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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

Denise Toms
Headmistress