



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL WINTERFOLD

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Headmistress' Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 11th March 2024

Dear Parents,

To consolidate their Latin and Classical Studies, Year 8 children had a wonderful, albeit rather soggy day in Bath on Tuesday visiting the Roman Baths. The Baths are one of the best-preserved Roman ruins anywhere in Britain. The pupils toured the Baths in the morning, looking at the Sacred Spring, the Roman temple, the Bath House complex and all the exhibits in the new interactive museum. A highlight for the Latin set was deciphering the Roman curses! Children even had the opportunity to sample the spring water from the Pump Room which they discovered was not to everyone's taste! An informative and memorable day was had by all.



James from Harvington Hall visited the History Club on Tuesday evening, laden with a full Tudor banqueting set. After setting up a full 'board' (banqueting table), the children learnt about Tudor social etiquette, table manners and the hierarchical structure of Tudor society and how this was manifested at the dinner table. Children were also presented with their Harvington Young Volunteer Badges, and an invitation to attend Harvington's Easter Weekend events – this will help them to better prepare for our planned Winterfold-Harvington event in September where we will be bringing to life Tudor childhood. More details of the event to follow in due course.



☆ Stars of the Week ☆

1G – James G; 1W – Alexander A; 2C – Niamh B; 2J – Meva C; 3B – Marcy D; 3W – Jack C-W; 4B – Harrison G; 4W – Bella VW-R; 5F – Tommy L; 5L – Harry H; 6L – Arthur D; 6S – Clara P-N; 7D – Paige T; 7M – Sophia I; 8B – George C; 8S – Daisy K

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

Last week we had a super day celebrating **World Book Day**. Different year groups from the Prep School visited the Pre-Prep, sharing books and reading to each other. There were book quizzes, scavenger hunts, character profiles and the Bookshelf Quiz where the children had to guess which teacher owned the bookshelf from its contents. Each class in Year 2 - 8 transformed their form doors into a book cover, showing creativity of both pupils and teachers alike. A special well done to 4W for their winning door showing the fairy tale Jack and the Beanstalk. We all enjoyed a great day of books and spending quality time reading.



Pre-Prep winning costumes: KG1R - Freddie H; KG1W – Reuben N-B; KG2 - Eesher N & Hattie W; Rec - Isla L & Joshua H; Year 1 - Ayda M & Sibylla S; Year 2 - Minnie L & Freddie F.



Prep winning costumes: 3B - Marcy D; 3W - Kitty C; 4B - Florence N; 4W - Zachary M; 5L - Thea S; 5F - Alfie F & Meredith M; 6S - Daisy H; 6L - Gabby W; 7D - Paige T; 7M - Eddie R; 8B - Darcie C; 8S - Boe G & James B & Ollie H



We had a wonderful **Music Festival** on Thursday with over seventy pupils taking to the stage in the Performing Arts Centre, along with the Festival Choir and Groove Diggers. The categories of Junior and Intermediate were judged by Mr Price and Mr Cotterill and guest judge, Tom Martin from Bromsgrove's Music Department judged the Senior category. Well done to the individual winners: Juniors - Harrison G and Jemima C; Intermediates - Georgia L and Harry H; Seniors - Freddie A and Layla B.



The U13 girls were hosted by RGS Worcester this week and faced some tough opposition. However, they worked hard for the entirety of the afternoon despite the challenging circumstances. Our U11 girls hosted King's Hawford. It was a tough afternoon for our A team, with some of our brilliant Year 5's stepping up to join the team. The girls worked hard, showing great sportsmanship. The B team started positively with some excellent well-connected passes to take an early lead, however during the last few quarters King's Hawford made some excellent shots to get the win. The Year 5 girls travelled to Prestfelde for an exciting set of netball fixtures. With one loss and one win, the girls showed perseverance and determination throughout the afternoon.



Tuesday afternoon saw all of our Year 3 & 4 boys involved in a festival here at Winterfold. Our Year 4 teams had matches with RGS the Grange, King's Hawford and King's St Albans. The Year 3 boys also played some excellent football. The 1st XI football team played against the RGS U13 A team on Monday in a rematch from earlier in the season. It proved to be a tough afternoon with some key players missing, but the boys played exceptionally well and should be proud of their performance.



On Wednesday, the senior boys hosted Moor Park for a rugby match in preparation for the South Africa tour, and a football match for those boys not on the tour. The rugby teams will be taking on three South African teams over the next couple of weeks and are also looking forward to playing football with Ncemaneni School. The football team

played well and rounded off their season in style with some excellent skills on show. The U11 and U10 A&B teams all had fixtures against RGS the Grange and played some very skilful matches. The progress that all the boys have made has been very encouraging over the course of the season and they should be very proud of their efforts.

Year 2 enjoyed a super Jitterbugs workshop at Enginuity in Ironbridge this week. The children enjoyed exploring the museum and learnt how to connect a circuit and design a creature as part of a team. They were treated to a Science experiment session with Mr McCracken on Tuesday and all of the children were fantastic in delivering their poetry performances on Wednesday. **Year 1** children visited the Science Lab where they saw how electricity worked and learned what a fire needs to burn. The children enjoyed a visit to the Think Tank in Birmingham, where they learnt about their bodies, listened to each other's heartbeats and visited the planetarium on a journey into space.



Reception children had a fun week opening up 'Hetty's Hat Shop' and making a catalogue and price tags. The children thought about a special outdoor place where they feel the happiest. In Maths, they explored number bonds to 10 working with a partner. Children in **Kindergarten 2** have explored the life cycle of the butterfly. They enjoyed the story of the 'Hungry Caterpillar' and were inspired to create their own caterpillars and butterflies. The children explored the concept of symmetry and designed their own symmetrical butterflies. Meanwhile, in **Kindergarten 1**, children have been reading 'Jaspers Beanstalk', discussing what a seed needs to grow. They had a lovely session in Forest School, exploring the different plants and trees growing there. The children had lots of fun making their own bird feeders mixing a variety of different bird seeds with lard.

In the **Nursery**, the Ducklings & Goslings have been learning about hippos and elephants. The children took part in a range of creative activities making their own elephants and hippos using a mixture of materials. The Cygnets made butterfly sun catchers and ladybirds from paper plates. They explored the mini beast Tuff Tray filled with porridge oats and printed pictures using mini beast toy models. The children have also enjoyed singing 'There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf'.



There are a few tickets 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, here is the digital link to the Raring2go! Kidderminster & Stourbridge Spring 2024:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/kidderminsterandstourbridge/spring2024/>

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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