



# BROMSGROVE SCHOOL WINTERFOLD

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## Headmistress' Newsletter

**Week Commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear Parents,

Six weeks ago, eighty willing young entrepreneurs from Years 6, 7 & 8 were given £10 cash, taken from the Ncemaneni account and entrusted to them to raise money for our partner school in South Africa. This year's event has surpassed all expectations and has raised the astonishing sum of £9,108.13 from an initial investment of £800. The fundraising efforts were completed last Friday with the first ever **Winterfold Young Apprentice Fayre**. The pupils had the opportunity to sell any remaining items as well as showcase how they had raised money over the previous six weeks. The pupils showed some genuine initiative and raised money through making badges, selling samosas, selling items on eBay, car washing, selling plants, kindling, sweets, bake sales, sponsored push ups and many more. Most importantly, every pupil made an effort to make a difference to others who are not as lucky as them. It really is an incredible achievement by the children, with support from their parents. With additional support from *EdAid*, that sum will be doubled to £18,216.26. This will change lives at Ncemaneni and the Winterfold community should be incredibly proud. The South Africa Tour departed on Wednesday and will be visiting Ncemaneni School on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please keep an eye on the School's social media channels to keep up to date with the tour.



Congratulations to the following Winterfold Drama pupils who took part in the **Worcester Competitive Arts Festival** at the weekend: Isemay L-S (second place and silver medal); Jonny H, Gabby W, Georgia L and Poppy C (highly commended).



Further to the success of our **Greenfingers Plant Sale**, we were delighted to be able to purchase a bench and complete the first section of our plan for Foley Grange Care Home; a bird garden. Pupils from Year 8 visited the home, putting up the birdboxes and feeders made in CDT lessons, planting a blossom tree, and building the bench. They achieved a huge amount in the time we spent there.

### ☆ Stars of the Week ☆

3B – George M-R; 3W – James B; 4B – William L; 4W – Elliot J-W; 5F – Alfie F; 5L – Arjan K; 6L – Harris B; 6S – Florence H. There are no stars for Years 7&8 as all pupils are on trips.

Congratulations to **Eagles** who are this term's winning Pack. In second place is **Swifts**.

Congratulations to the U13 A girls, who reached the quarter-finals of the Cup competition at the IAPS National Finals on Monday. It was a lovely end to the netball season for our Year 5 and 6 girls against King's St Albans this week. It is wonderful to see how much progress they have all made over the term. Meanwhile, our Year 3 and 4 girls enjoyed a fantastically spirited afternoon of netball, playing four very closely contested games.



Well done to the following pupils who took **ABRSM Exams** this term:

Harriet N – Grade 1 Trumpet  
Harriet T – Grade 3 Flute  
Elliot J-W – Grade 1 Alto Saxophone  
Myles E – Grade 1 Alto Saxophone  
Harrison G – Grade 1 Trombone  
Jeevan D – Grade 3 Violin

Georgia L – Grade 2 Piano  
Florence B-A – Grade 1 Clarinet  
William L – Grade 1 Alto Saxophone  
Harry H – Grade 3 Alto Saxophone  
Sophia O – Grade 3 Alto Saxophone  
Jeevan D – Grade 3 Piano

**Year 2** were delighted to finish all of their writing missions on Big Writing Adventures. They were sent a congratulations call from their writing agent and have learnt how to research, present, and form formal letters. In PSHE, the children explored different ways to relax and in Mathematics, they have begun their topic on shape. The children had a wonderful final day consisting of Easter crafts, an Easter Quiz, and an Easter Egg hunt around Forest School. On Monday, the children in **Year 1** enjoyed a treat of tomato soup, cooked on the fire in Forest School. It was both warming and delicious! They looked at the similarities and differences between towns and the countryside in Geography, whilst in Science the children investigated the four main types of space vehicles. English has been full of opposites, with the children learning about the prefix un- and in Maths, they recapped their knowledge and understanding of 3D shapes.



**Reception** children have been busy learning all about Easter this week. They enjoyed making a prayer card and acting out the story of Palm Sunday. The children made Easter cards and have written beautifully inside them. They have been exploring doubles in Maths and showing 'doubles' on their fingers. Children in **Kindergarten 2** thoroughly enjoyed their first school trip to see 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' at the theatre. They were exceptionally well behaved, and the staff were really proud of them. The children have also been learning about the Easter story in addition to lots of fun Easter themed crafts in the classroom. The week ended with egg and spoon race and an action-packed Easter egg hunt. **Kindergarten 1** children read 'Going on an Egg Hunt' and counted how many eggs were found. They used different materials and techniques to make Easter crafts and experimented with watercolours and white wax crayon making magic marks. The children worked together outside to build and balance, using the foam bricks to build tall towers.



In the **Nursery**, the Ducklings and Goslings made Easter cards to send home. Children have also been out for some lovely walks, listening to the birds and looking at the daffodils. They have used the interactive board doing Spring and Easter activities. Meanwhile, the Cygnets have completed their Mini Beast topic. They read the story 'Tiny Creatures' and sang 'There's a worm at the bottom of the garden'. Children made finger painted worms and beetles and collaged dragonflies. They had great fun on the playground going up and down the slide.

The Summer Term begins on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. All pupils should be in summer uniform after the Easter holidays. As a reminder, girls in Year 7 & 8 may wear either the summer dress or their winter uniform with a regulation short-sleeved blouse ([Schoolblazer](#)).

Wishing you a relaxing Easter break.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Denise Toms', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Denise Toms  
Headmistress