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Headmistress' Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 15th April 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term! The children have returned to School rested and raring to go. During Easter, some of our pupils enjoyed a fantastic tour of South Africa – you can read all about this in the attached report. The Year 6 pupils are currently enjoying a wonderful residential trip in France. We look forward to hearing all about their exciting adventures next week.

☆ Stars of the Week ☆

3B – Darcy H; 3W – Henry T; 4B – Anastasia C; 4W – Munlene S; 5F – Florence P; 5L – Amelia D-B
(No stars this week for Year 6 – French residential and Years 7&8 – Senior Play)

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

Please keep the children who are preparing for the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** in your prayers: Ani C, Kitty C, Grayson C, Marcy D, Jonny H, Darcy H, Henry T.



It was lovely to be able to start the cricket season on Wednesday after an incredibly wet winter. The Year 5 boys enjoyed a practice match with Bromsgrove Prep on the AstroTurf, enabling the boys from both schools to practice their batting and bowling skills before they start playing hardball cricket next week. There were some superb skills on display from both teams, with the Winterfold A team showing excellent running and fielding in particular.

A Reminder that **Early Morning Running Club** will start next week, taking place every Friday morning at 8.00am on the athletics track. Everyone is welcome to attend, it really is a great way to start the day.

Children in **Year 2** worked on the topic of Shape, exploring lines of symmetry in 2D shapes during Maths, and created 3D shape structures using cocktail sticks and marshmallows. Miss Howarth took the children to see the Paschal Candle which had been delivered and blessed by Father Lamb. **Year 1** pupils embarked on an exciting journey delving into a new Science topic looking at the wonders of the body and senses. In History, they revelled in exploring the Tudors, with a special focus on the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Maths focused on the properties of 3D shapes and in ICT, the children crafted storyboards using the PicCollage app.



Reception children have been developing their phonics skills and are growing in confidence to write independently. In Maths, they are building numbers to 20 and investigating tens and ones using Numicon. The children are eagerly anticipating the arrival of some caterpillars to look at life cycles as part of the 'Come Outside' topic. Children in **Kindergarten 2** have had a lovely week developing their language skills during 'Pet Question Time'. They showed their pet photos to the class and enjoyed listening to 'The Great Pet Sale' story and 'Dear Zoo'. During outdoor learning, the children had fun looking for numbered paw prints and placing them in order. In **Kindergarten 1**, children have started the new class topic 'Under the Sea'. They made waves with a parachute and created wave shapes with scissors, as well as creating an under the sea display and have listened to theme-linked stories.



In the **Nursery**, the Cygnets read 'Windy Wednesday' and talked about the weather each morning during carpet time. They played 'weather bingo', and made kites, windsocks and windmills and fluffy clouds using cotton wool. The children enjoyed playing outside, watching the bubbles blow in the wind. The Ducklings and Goslings made car pictures and rolled a car

through paint to make tracks on paper. They created motorbikes, using lots of different shapes and glued them on to paper to form a motorbike picture. The children have also made the most of the sunny weather, going for walks around the School grounds and playing outside in the garden.

A reminder that the Information Evening for the **2025 Performing Arts trip to Prague**, Czechia (for children in current Years 5, 6 & 7) takes place next Thursday, 25th April at 5.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre. If you are interested in attending, please complete the online form [HERE](#). We look forward to sharing our exciting plans with you then.

Over the Easter break, the School migrated the pupil database (iSams) to the cloud. This may cause potential connection issues if you are using the iParent app on devices where data has been cached. If you experience any connection issues, please find the app in your Settings menu, and select the “Unlink” or the “Clear Cache” option. If successful, you will be asked to re-enter the School’s code which is: BROM. Please contact Chris Ginns at cginns@bromsgrove-school.co.uk should you require further support.

Best wishes,



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