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Dear Parents and Guardians

Malvern Show

Preparations for the Malvern Spring Flower Show have been taking place in earnest this week. Mrs Dakin and her team of green fingered gardeners from both Prep and Pre-Prep travelled to the show ground on Monday to start the planting of the show garden. Their enthusiasm for the work and pride in their garden was lovely to witness. The garden entitled " Out of this World" has a space theme which has enhanced the learning experiences of all involved. The end result is fantastic and includes creative planting, a rocket bench and a beautiful mosaic. We are also very grateful to Mr Whitlock (parent) and the Support Staff, especially Scott and Ash who have been working on this project from the start and have conveyed their passion for gardening to our pupils. The Malvern Show begins on Thursday and will be open to the public, should you have the opportunity to visit. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Dakin for the time, energy and commitment she has given to this enrichment activity which has been enjoyed by so many.

Year 8

Year 8 have enjoyed a number of GCSE taster sessions this week. All pupils were taken on a tour of the Senior School Art department where current Year 10 and 11 pupils spoke eloquently about their experiences of GCSE Textiles and Art. All DT lessons in the last two weeks have also been taking place in the Senior School DT department.

We also welcomed the Business Studies department who led pupils in a business game to illustrate the skills needed to take a product to market. Miss Cronin (Head of Business) was very impressed with the entrepreneurial skills she witnessed. All of these tasters will be very helpful ahead of Saturday's GCSE information morning.

Year 8 GCSE information morning

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the GCSE information morning on Saturday in the Senior School Sports Arena. All parking for this is in the South Car Park and **not** at the Prep School. The dress code is smart casual. Following on from Saturday you will be sent a link by email through which you will select your child's GCSE option choices. We would be most grateful if this could be completed by Wednesday 17th May.

We would also like to remind you that we are holding a drop-in session in the Senior School LRC on Monday between 4- 6.30pm should you require any additional guidance regarding your child's options. Miss Leech (Head of Bromsgrove Futures), Miss Green (Head of GCSE) and Mrs Holden will all be available at this time.

Fish Demo

There was a wonderful display of sea and river fish, together with shellfish in the Prep dining room on Wednesday. The children were fascinated to see whole gurnard, hake, sea trout, seabass, a live lobster and crab as well as prawns, sole and other varieties. The chef cooked the various fish in front of the children and they were all able to sample the delicious results. The children ate enormous quantities of the fish and most tried the whitebait too, which proved to be very popular. The School's fish supplier was also in attendance and answered many questions about sustainability, fishing and the different types of fish on show. Thank you to the catering team for making this such an enjoyable event.

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Local Residents

Please may I remind all parents that we are situated in a residential area. Please do not mount the kerb and drive along the pavement for any reason as this is clearly dangerous. Please drive courteously and remember that our school neighbors may be trying to access their driveways at the end of the day. Please try to refrain from turning right into the school drive if there is already a queue, as this blocks the entire road and would prevent any emergency vehicle access. Thank you for your consideration.

Blazer buttons

I have noticed that many pupils are missing blazer buttons, in some cases pupils have no buttons at all. All pupils are expected to button up their blazers for assemblies and Chapel, as well as to look smart in their uniform. Please would you check your child's blazer this weekend and make sure that it has the correct buttons on it. Buttons may be purchased from the School Shop. I have asked form tutors to check blazers in tutor time next week and we will hold button sewing sessions at lunchtime for any pupils from Year 6 and above who still have buttons missing from their blazers. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Hair

Please would you check that your child's hair complies with school rules. There are several boys in school who will need a haircut during the half term break. Boys' hair should be off the collar, above the ears and tidy around the face. Hair gel and other visible styling products are not appropriate and should not be used for school.

Plastic bottle tops

Thank you to everyone who has helped to collect plastic bottle tops for the Year 8 Geography project. We still need a lot more to create a piece on the scale that we are planning. All plastic drinks and milk bottles are suitable in any colour.

Activities

Please note that Pottery, Forest School and Clay Shooting are all cancelled this Saturday.

Year 3 Strings

The Year 3 Strings Presentation is a short informal concert, 4:00-4.30pm, in the Memorial Chapel, showcasing our year 3 string players. They will be performing a wide range of pieces demonstrating their achievement over the year. It would be wonderful to see parents and guardians there to support all their hard work over the year.

Cake sale

Year 4 pupil Grace Morrall organised and hosted a cake sale and raffle at Bromsgrove Preparatory School on Friday 5th May. This charity fundraiser, in aid of supporting Somalian Refugees, was well supported by pupils and their families. "The cake sale went really well," reports Grace. "We have raised a total of £395 so far, but we still have more donations coming in."

Half term

School will close at 3.50pm on Friday 26th May for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and 4.30pm for pupils in Years 7 and 8. All pupils must be collected by 4.30pm.

Please note that there will be no bus running after the morning of Friday 26th May. If you usually use school transport for collecting your child, please make alternative arrangements.

May half-term Activity Camp

Just a reminder that Bromsgrove is offering a May half-term Activity Camp with lots of fun activities. Please contact Sue Atkinson – satkinson@bromsgrove-school.co.uk with your booking and payment details.

Musical Moments

Please find attached the schedule for the final two Musical Moments performances of this year for pupils in 4GB and 3RI.

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Fine Diners

Congratulations to this week's Years 3 and 4 Fine Diners: Emily Wiggins, Lucy Porter, Morgan Kirkden-Smith, Henry Greaves, Shreya Parsotam, Jasper McKelvey, Amelia Abraham, Ewan Head, Alfie Leighton, Jai Singh, Henry Barnes, Hannah Sutherland.

Sport

Boys

Well done to the boys who swam in the National IAPS swimming finals on Saturday. U10 4 X 25 metres medley relay team comprising of William Pridden, Oliver Dieppe, Beau Vaughan Hawkins and Bobby Riley finished in ninth position overall. Beau Vaughan Hawkins finished 10th overall in the U10 25 metres butterfly breaking his own U9 school record and also the U10 school record. William Brown finished 12th overall in U12 25 metres butterfly in a new PB time. Cyrus Passman finished in 11th position overall in the U12 50 metres freestyle in a new PB time and Oliver Brown finished in 16th position overall in the U13 50 metres breaststroke. Sebastian Perry finished 7th fastest overall in the heats and maintained that position when finishing in 7th position in the final of the U13 50 metres backstroke.

Many congratulations to our swimmers and a big thank you to all our parents not only for their support on the day but throughout the year.

Cricket

On Saturday we fielded six cricket teams versus Cheltenham College with the U13C, U12B and U12C winning. Finley Shaylor scored 52 runs for the U12B team. On Tuesday Freddie Fallows played up for the U14A team and took six wickets versus RGS, Worcester in a cup match. On Wednesday the U13A and U13B teams travelled away to Moor Park and won both matches with Matthew Hill scoring 51 runs retired. The U12A and U12B teams also won versus The Elms School, Colwall with William Brown taking three wickets and Archie Greaves-Hall scoring 61 runs not out for the U12A team. Centre stage though has to go to another first for the Prep School when we fielded an U12E team versus Abberley Hall, as well as an U12D team, both teams lost narrowly. The U10A and U10B teams hosted Kings St. Alban's, Worcester and won both games. Well done everybody. On Thursday our U11A cricket team were in action at home in the Worcestershire county round of the National 8 a side cup and we took three U9 cricket teams over to Winterfold with the U9A and U9C teams both winning.

Girls

On Saturday, the U11 and U10 girls played tennis against Cheltenham Prep School. Bromsgrove enjoyed some close matches with the final results reading U11's losing 5 - 8 and the U10s winning 9 - 7.

Well done to the girls who swam in the IAPS National finals who did incredibly well to reach the top 16 swimmers from Prep schools all around the country. Our relay team consisting of Jemima Vaughan-Hawkins, Louise Osborne, Bryony Lowe and Hannah Hunt came 6th in both relays. An excellent result against such strong opposition. The individual swimmers also swam extremely well. Isabelle Kavanagh swam her heart out and finished 14th overall out of about 350 girls. Jemima Vaughan-Hawkins had the swim of her life in the U12 girls 25m butterfly and swam 16.08 secs missing out on the main final by one place, finishing 9th. Bryony Lowe swam in the U12 backstroke and again, this was a brilliant swim with a new pb of 37.48 secs improving her qualifying time by 2 seconds. She finished 12th overall. Louise Osborne competed in the U12 freestyle and achieved a time of 31.6 secs finishing 12th overall. Finally, Katy Rolph swam in the U13 freestyle - another great swim in what was the toughest event of the afternoon. Katy finished 15th in a time of 32.79 secs. The girls were a true credit to one another and to the school.

The girls played rounders against Foremarke Hall in the return leg of their matches. The U11A won 15 ½ - 12 ½, the U11Bs lost only by one rounder 17 ½ - 18 ½. The U10As won 13 - 12 and the U10B just lost by half a rounder 12 - 12 ½. The Years 7 & 8 girls had 21 pairs out playing tennis against the Dragon school away. The girls enjoyed their afternoon and improved with each game played but sadly we lost overall.

Pupil News

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Congratulations to Rose Willetts, her father and sister for taking part in a 'Swimathon' at a local swimming pool raising over £3,000 for Marie Curie.

Congratulations to Ava Colley on gaining grade 2 in her Musical Theatre exams.

Lost property

Nicholas Dolan – saxophone & case

Finbar Dinnen - play tracksuit bottoms

Grace Morrall - school coat

Alfie Higgins - tennis racket (name label on neck of racket)

Attached

May half-term Activity Camp

Musical Moments schedule

Yours sincerely

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Headmistress

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