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Dear Parents and Guardians

Summer Concert

Last Friday's Summer concert was a magnificent evening, celebrating the musical talents of so many pupils. The choir opened the concert with wonderful singing which set a very high standard for the other performers to follow. The many ensembles showcased the wide variety of instruments that our pupils are learning to play.

The evening was an immense success and I am very grateful to Miss Hyland and all the music teachers who worked so hard to ensure the concert went so well.

Bushcraft

The pupils in Year 4 have spent an amazing three days camping in the forest although the conditions were extremely wet and muddy. During this time, they learned how to carefully set up camp fires, cook over their open fires including, worked in tribes to build wonderful dens and entertained me with camp fire songs and riddles when I spent the day with them. My thanks go to Mrs Wingfield, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Dakin and Mrs Holden for providing the pupils with such a fabulous experience.

Year 6 Bushcraft

Miss Cadwallader and her team depart with Year 6 to the Dorset coast early on Sunday morning for an action-packed programme of bushcraft workshops with adventurous activities. Set in a safari-style woodland camp near the Jurassic coastline, the expedition will build on the skills acquired from the Year 4 camp in the woods.

Prize Giving and Speech Day Preparation

This is a formal occasion for all – parental dress code on this day is lounge suits for men and dresses or trouser suits for ladies, with hats optional.

Pupils should come to school in summer uniform; clean dresses, skirts and shirts, polished shoes. Please will you also ensure that any missing blazer buttons are in place for this special day.

Girls with long hair should have it tied back neatly for school using regulation scrunchies or bands.

Boy's hair should be off the collar, above the ears and eyebrows, tidy around the face. This is a school rule across the three sections of Bromsgrove School.

As we prepare for Prize Giving and Speech Day on Friday 1st July we do ask that parents check that their child's hair is suitable for school. Thank you.

We wish all our Year 8 leavers a happy and successful time in their new schools. For most of them this will be the Senior School and we will certainly see them again and watch their progress through the school with interest. We hope they will all keep in touch with us.

Headmistress' Commendations were awarded to: Megan Langford, Poppy Summers, Nathan Summers, Louis Schell, Annaliese Rice, Suani Tamang, Charles Cooper, Cameron Owen, James Moberley, Jasmine

Underwood, Henry Scott, Joshua Graesser, Angelina Sanghera, Billy McDonough, Phoebe Hodgkisson, Oscar Bridgewater, Gabriel Brown, Tallulah Bond, James Box, Olivia Edwards, Paris Siviter, Elaine Lin (2), Annaliese Rice, Olivia Whitfield, Cyrus Passman, Louise Osborne, Katie Murray, Simisola Jolaoso (2), Francesca Jeacock, Eliza Eddington, Laetitia De Belgique, Borislava Mekushina, Lucy Jenkins and Harrison Philpott.

Sport

Boys

On Saturday, the U11 boys swimming teams competed in the National Swimming finals at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. The boys were placed fifth in a time of 1.14.36; thirteenth fastest in the country. In the Freestyle relay final, the boys came fifth and are again thirteenth fastest overall.

Well done to Cyrus Passman, William Brown, Harry Draper-Barr, Lochlann Mitchell, Oliver Holden and Ben Collett for a fantastic day of effort and achievements.

On Saturday, Sam Roberts finished in 5th position in the triple jump at the Mason Trophy when representing the Year 9 Worcestershire county team competing against athletes from Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Staffordshire, Shropshire, West Midlands, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire. Sam was also in the relay team and they finished in second place.

On Monday athletes from Years 7 and 8 were at the Midland Final of the National English Schools track and field cup. The boys started on the track first and were only a point behind at the half way stage with our best performances from Lewis Harper and Ethan Hart in the 300 metres and Sam Roberts in the hurdles. In the field events, Sam and Ethan scored nearly fifty points between them in the triple jump while Nhun Sasalaksananon and Teddy Venables scored over forty points between them in the hammer, with both throwing much further than the previous school record mark. Nhun in the end just held off Teddy's challenge with his best throw 28.32 metres.

On Wednesday the U12A and B cricket teams both won versus King Edward VI Five Ways School with Toby Hill scoring fifty runs not out. The U13B and C teams both won their matches versus Oldswinford Hospital U13A and B teams. The U11B team completed an unbeaten season away at Cheltenham College while the U10A and B teams both won away at Kings Hawford.

On Thursday 23rd June forty boys from Years 5,6,7 and 8 took part in the IAPS regional track and field championships at Tilsley Park, Abingdon.

Our best results on the day in Year 6 involved Louis Upton and Billy McDonough in the 70 metres hurdles. Both boys broke the school record by nearly a second in the heats with Louis being the slightly fastest and holding on to the record for nearly an hour before Billy broke the record again in the final to win with Louis very close behind in second place. Billy followed this with victory also in the long jump. The 4 X 100 metres relay team of Billy, Louis, William Brown and Sebastian Purvis also won and qualified for the national final. Sebastian Purvis was very unfortunate not to gain selection in the 1500 metres as he posted the fastest time over the distance for the event by any Prep School pupil this year and just missed the school record by three tenths of a second. Other notable performances included William Brown 4th javelin, Harry Draper-Barr 6th discus and Rafferty Gallagher 6th shot put.

In the Year 7 age group our leading athletes were:

3rd Max Parsons shot put

4th Benjamin Whitby discus

5th Oliver Brown 70 metres Hurdles, Gordon Wong 1500 metres, Toby Hill long jump

6th Teddy Broadhurst 200 metres and long jump, Stuart Shannon 70 metres Hurdles

The Year 8 boys recorded many life time best performances; Sam Roberts who won both the long and triple jumps. The race of the afternoon featured Ethan Hart and Lewis Harper in the 300 metres. Ethan just about held on to win by two tenths of a second with both athletes going under 42 seconds. Ethan also came second in the triple jump. Sebastian Feenan came second in the discus and sixth in the 800 metres.

Max Rusling came third in the shot put. Harrison Meadows came third in the discus and fifth in the 800 metres. Nhun Sasalaksananon came fourth in the 200 metres. Vinay Nayak came sixth in the 75 metres as did Mitchell Hare in the 1500 metres. The 4 x100 metres relay team of Ethan , Sam, Simi Jolaoso and Lewis won and will now contest the national final on Monday 4th July at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

Girls

On Monday, the Years 7 and 8 athletics team competed in the ESAA Midland final at Tipton. The girls started on the field where they accumulated 151 points. On the track we had some excellent performances to amass a total of 182 points and therefore a total of 333 points overall. The girls were 3 points behind second place and only 9 points behind the first placed school who scored 342 points in total. This places them third in the Region. Well done to Ariana Jones, Daisy Clements, Hannah Sahota, Lena Siller, Shona Mills, Gemma Calthorpe, Ruby Hanke, Emily Gittoes, Lucy Day, Natasha Malam and Ellen Ashton for all their efforts on the day.

On Wednesday afternoon, Years 5 & 6 rounders teams played against the Dragon School. The majority of these games were very close and well done to the U10C and U11C teams who both won and the U11B team who drew 8 all. We had 36 girls playing tennis away against Trent College where we were hugely successful, with 5 out of the 6 teams all winning convincingly with the only loss by a single set.

Well done to our National IAPS athletics qualifiers: Daisy Clements became Regional Champion in two events - Long Jump (4.60m) and Triple Jump (10.13m), Hannah Sahota Regional Champion in 75m hurdles (12.10 secs) and Lucy Day qualified in second place in javelin with a throw of 26.89m. Our U14 4 x 100m relay team also qualified in second place behind the Dragon School.

Lost property

Sophia Sellers - Maroon Windbreaker & Navy Tracksuit Bottoms

The staff and I would like to wish all parents and children a happy and enjoyable Summer Holiday – we look forward to seeing you back again for the start of the new academic year on Monday 5th September 2016.

Yours sincerely
Jacqui Deval-Reed