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CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS

**Wishing all of our families and friends of the School  
Peace and Happiness this Christmas**

## The Story of Christmas



The Reception Nativity 'Angel Express,' was performed to parents, grandparents, carers and guests. It was a wonderful start to the seasonal

festivities and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and to the Reception staff who put so much time and effort into

staging this wonderful and entertaining performance.

## Party Time

there were some very excited children waiting for a visitor to Pre-Prep ahead of their Christmas Party in the last week of term.



# Christmas Concerts

A remarkable concert took place showcasing the very many musical talents of Prep and Senior pupils, and even a Staff Choir.

It was the first time that both Prep and Senior performers had come together in the annual Christmas Concert and the temporary venue of the Arena proved to be excellent for its acoustics.

A great variety of festive favourites were performed, some in new arrangements, and also first performance of a new carol written by Mr Knight, specially for the Prep Choir. Pupils performed some outstanding solos - moreover this was a concert of great togetherness, not just musically in the ensemble, but of small and large groups sharing the centre stage.

The Prep School's Junior Christmas Concert was also a wonderful celebration of the talent and diversity of the younger pupils in the Prep School. Ranging from small ensembles and solos through to the massed performances of the orchestra and choir the performances were all exemplary.

Merry Christmas to everyone from the Music Department!



## CCF Pass Off Parade

Early in December cadets assembled for the annual recruit pass off parade, combined with tests completed the previous week, this parade is a culmination of all that the Cadets have learnt in their first term with us. Cadets were inspected by Captain Nick Dermott of the Cadet Training Team. After the formal part of the parade was over the Cadets were broken down into their platoons for a drill competition, with scoring going towards the best Platoon / Flight trophies. Flight 1 were winners of the best Flight Competition, and Hampshire Platoon which includes cadets from South Bromsgrove High School were winners by a point of the best Platoon Competition. Trophies were presented by Capt Dermott. The Cadets should be proud of themselves for what they have achieved, and the way they represented the contingent and the School.



## Fencing

The Fencers had a great day competing at the Worcestershire Schools' Team Gala. The team of Sam Sung, Tatiana Morikova and Roger Zhao finished first in the U16 Foil, whilst Mark Cheng and James Alma narrowly missed out to the current National Champions to finish second in the U16 Epee.

Sam Sung also took part in Packwood Haugh's 'Packwood Leon Paul Epee' competition. In the U13 boys' event Sam was fencing against 28 fencers from across the country. Sam fenced well in the pool only losing one fight, he then won all of his elimination fights through to the final where he lost 10-7 to Edward Scott Payne of Swindon Fencing Club.

Congratulations to Sam who fought well and deserved the Silver Medal.



## Flourishing Fiver

The Flourishing Fiver team were extremely busy attending two trade fairs in one weekend. The team comprising of students in Fifth and Sixth Form worked tirelessly to raise both awareness and money for local charity Primrose Hospice. Their efforts were not in vain as they managed to accrue a very impressive £250. This will now be added to what they raised at their cake sale and movie night and puts them a significant step closer to their £1500 target.



## MUN

Ten students participated in London Oratory School's Model United Nations conference. They enjoyed fruitful debate on various topics of global significance and even had to transport themselves 6 months into the future and tackle the problem of the 'Trump wall'!



## Tea and Carols

Residents from local residential homes attended a wonderful afternoon of Christmas cheer which included a quiz, carols, and music. Over 60 residents enjoyed the festivities and the company of our students,

## Cyber Security

Six schools from the local area joined Bromsgrove Prep pupils for an exciting day investigating Cyber Security. Run by the Tablet Academy and sponsored by The Cyber Security Challenge, pupils were introduced to the concept of Cyber Security and given the challenge of unlocking the code for a brief case that was being held in the room. In order to crack the code, pupils worked their way through a series of five tasks in just two hours. A myriad of skills were required including visiting a sound editing suite to change the pitch and reversing a recording. The team work and buzz of excitement in the room was clearly visible. afternoon session. We are relieved that the teams cracked the code and thus thwarted the attempts of the cyber criminals.



## Deloitte Talk

The Bromsgrove Futures department welcomed a Consulting Partner from Deloitte to speak to students interested in business, accounting and Finance. Neil leads the CFO Advisory Practice, helping CFOs optimise their finance functions. Neil spoke to students about careers with Deloitte and the different opportunities available working in one of the world's largest professional services.



## Nat West Rugby

The 1st rugby team played in the quarter final of the NatWest Cup, the boys played very well and won 28-13, gaining them a place them in the semi-final.

## Badminton

Congratulations to the girls badminton team who won the County tournament.

The boys also performed well finishing in 3rd place.



# Cross Country

Bromsgrove hosted the District Cross Country Championships and we achieved some fantastic results. In the junior girls' race the following were placed in the top 10 Daisy-Mai Clements 2nd, Lena Siller 3rd, Shona Mills- 5th, Emily Gittoes- 6th, Hannah Sahota- 9th.

In the inter girls' race the following were in the top 10: Kitty Luscombe- 4th, Siena Horton- 6th, Freya Harper- 10th In the senior girls' race Abigail Saker- finished first, winning the gold medal.

Junior Boys achieved the following places; Mitchell Hare 2nd, Ethan Hart 4th and Tom Holroyd 5th.



## Marmite

Marmite students met up for the final festive Movie and Pizza Evening of 2016, dressed in obligatory Christmas garb (plus a very merry dog and skeleton), Captain America: Civil War proved a great source of discussion. Throughout the term, as VIth Formers studied 'Nature and Culture', and IVth and Vth Formers pondered 'What Remains?', questions arose about the function of private individuals and entrepreneurs in providing or even making obsolete the role of the state. Figures like Trump, Musk, Zuckerberg and Gates have loomed large. In the conflict between Avengers – one side effective but unchecked, one compromised for the greater good, students saw a highly entertaining version of their own political world. Marmite UVIth, preparing for Oxbridge interviews, were tasked to 'Say Something' – when given the flimsiest of prompts. Rarely a problem when Stan Lee provides the material..



## U12 Rugby

The U12A rugby team capped off an incredibly successful season by defeating Warwick 15-5 in a very tight match. Other victories include Solihull, RGS High Wycombe, Cheltenham College, a previously undefeated Denstone College and Monmouth. There were many other victories and the only matches not won included the draw at home against a very strong Sir Thomas Richard's Grammar School, Gloucester and the only defeat for the boys in two years of rugby versus Caldicott Prep School, Berkshire, who defeated our U13 7s team in Rosslyn Park final last year.

The whole squad should be congratulated on their work ethic, commitment, team spirit, sheer determination.

## Clay Pigeon

Congratulations to Isabella Walters who represented Bromsgrove School at two Schools Challenge events at The Oxford Gun Company. Isabella finished in third place and has been asked to attend an interview and shoot in order to be assessed for their academy.



## Netball

Congratulations to the U14 Netball team who have been crowned County Champions after winning every match in the competition. In the pool they beat Heathfield 16-4, RGS, Worcester 12-5 and Malvern College 13-4. In the semi-final they beat South Bromsgrove 9-6 and in the final they faced King's Worcester and won 11-10.