



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

Bromsgrovian

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A word from the Headmaster

The Senior School were a little shocked during Routh Assembly some weeks ago, when I began to read out the list of newly appointed Monitors. They had not been expecting the announcement for another fortnight and were instantly attentive, listening for names of friends and House members. Frowns spread across their faces as none sounded familiar. The roll call ran: Douglas Mawson, Rosa Parks, Diana Spencer, Luis Urzúa, Malala Yousafzai...

The penny dropped for the staff before the pupils, so I stopped and confessed

that three of my nominees were dead, one had been shot and one was probably deep underground as I spoke. It was actually their leadership traits to which I wished to draw attention. The Antarctic explorer, Mawson, had an enormous capacity for work. Urzúa, leader of the trapped Chilean miners, knew the power of camaraderie. Rosa Parks epitomised conviction. With young Malala Yousafzai, shot by the Taliban, it was courage. And of course, Princess Diana's lasting legacy was of compassion.

Such were the personal qualities we sought in our pupil leaders, along with humility, optimism, a sense of humour and above all, pride in the School. When the actual list was read at assembly some weeks later, frowns were replaced with smiles, nods of approval and warm applause, suggesting that staff had correctly identified the 24 young people who best matched the calibre of the five famous examples.

PETER CLAGUE
Headmaster

Drumming



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic African drumming workshop where they played authentic African instruments includ-

ing the distinctive Djembe drums and the big Djun Djun bass drums. All of the children learned traditional rhythms

and techniques and created a stunning piece of music as a finale.



Pre-Prep Violin Concert

A special assembly was held at Pre-Prep when the Year 1 and 2 violin groups and the Year 2 fife group performed in a concert. The children had been working hard all year on a variety of ensembles, duets and solos. The finale was a rousing rendition of The Hokey Cokey, which everyone enjoyed enormously.



Pre-Prep Royal Wedding Celebrations

A Union Jack flag was hoisted up Pre-Prep's Forest School flagpole in recognition of the Royal Wedding. The courtyard, adorned with red, white and blue bunting and flags was the perfect

setting for a street party to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle. The children, all dressed in red, white and blue, enjoyed a wide array of royal wedding themed

activities, from making flags, designing mugs and wedding dresses to sending cards and competing in royal wedding quizzes and games.

Annual Falconry Visit

A beautiful day on Gordon Green was made even more spectacular with the Lower Fourth falconry display; an annual treat and a highlight in the Head of Year calendar.

The Falconry Centre in Hagley paid us a visit with a range of different birds of prey including a hawk owl, a hawk, a spectacled owl and a bald eagle. The end of the display was an impressive show from a falcon who circled Gordon and Routh Greens before punching his lure out of the sky.





Brass Masterclass

Brass players were treated to a masterclass by professional trumpeter, James Thompson. James was finishing three months of workshops around Europe before returning home to America where he is a Professor of Trumpet at the prestigious Eastman School of Music. Whilst with us, he worked with the Brass Group and four trumpeters, all of whom worked hard to master the new suggestions he made.

County Athletics

Fourteen of our Year 8 athletes recently competed in the first round of the National ESSA track and field cup at The Ryland Centre. The boys did well to accumulate a total of 432 points, a very impressive score.

Special congratulations must go to Louis Upton who has become the first Bromsgrove boy to beat the 'magical 12 second' mark in the 80 metres hurdles event. Zachary Armstrong also set a new school record in the 3.0kg shot put event with a throw of 11.67 metres.



Out of Africa



Year 2 have been developing an awareness of conservation through their 'Out of Africa' topic. The students came to School dressed as wild animals to raise money to support World Wildlife Fund's work to tackle the growing threat to the natural environment and its precious wildlife. Throughout the day they enjoyed animal themed activities - modelling clay hippos, making 3D snakes and going on an animal safari treasure hunt in the School garden.

Clay Shooting Success



Isabella Walters won the Senior Girls Schools Challenge Clay Shooting today at Oxford Gun Co. She shot well on a challenging course to tie 1st with a 43/50 and had to take part in a nail biting "shoot off" in which she held her nerve and concentration to come out as the winner.

Junior House Music Final



Well done to all pupils who took part in the Junior House Music Final, with particular congratulations to the following section winners:

Erica Lewis (piano)	Aarush Thapa (voice)
Sophia Moberley (strings)	Beau Langford (percussion)
Rebecca Woolmore (woodwind)	Joseph White (brass)

The overall winner was Beau Vaughan-Hawkins (woodwind and percussion)



Food, Glorious Food

Year 1 were treated to a taste test by School Chef, Chris Micklewright. The children had great fun learning about different vegetables, watching a variety of foods being cooked and tasting a range of root, stem and leaf vegetables. This was part of their science lesson linking to the topic, *Food, Glorious Food*.



Henley Rowing Experience

Three Senior School students were given the opportunity to attend a rowing experience day in Henley-on-Thames, home to the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta. The pupils heard a motivational talk from Matt Langridge (Olympic Champion in Rio 2016) before being coached on the rowing machines by Alan Sinclair (European Champion and Olympic Finalist). In the highlight of the day, the students all took to the water, rowing in three quadruple sculls with the addition of Polly Swann (Olympic Silver Medallist in Rio 2016). It was a valuable experience for the pupils, whose enthusiasm for the sport was stimulated, in no small measure due to the gloriously sunny weather. The students were afforded this opportunity through the generosity of Matthew Taylor, Foundation Trustee and OB (Walters, 68-73), to whom we give our most heartfelt thanks,

Eco Work

Prep School Eco Committee volunteered to take part in our termly litter pick around the local area. The pupils collected a lot of interesting rubbish but were particularly sad to find plastic bottles dropped especially after finding out they take 450 years to decompose. This event linked well to Year 4 learning about plastic pollution as part of World Ocean Day.



Rainforest Adventure

Year 3 enjoyed a fascinating 'Rainforest Unwrapped' session delivered by a representative from ZooLab as part of their "Jungle Fever" topic. They met some creatures that are commonly found in various rainforests around the world, they learnt about each one, including how each creature is suited to its environment, their 'lifestyle' and habits, what they eat and which layers of the rainforest they are usually found in.

The session also reinforced messaging related to recycling and sustainability - how by making a few, small changes to our lives, we can help ensure the preservation of this fascinating habitat for years to come, something our Year 3 pupils feel very strongly about.



Leavers' Concert

The range of music in the Leavers' Concert was, as expected, very diverse. From a serene performance by the Vocal Consort of If Ye Love Me by Tallis, via the majesty of Rachmaninov's Prelude in C sharp Minor played on the new piano by Vinzenz Freigassner, a noble Mozart Horn Concerto played on the tuba by Rachel Weller and the haunting Empty Chairs at Empty Tables from Les Miserables sung by Ed Mooney to Steve Reich's fascinating Clapping Music clapped by George Bingham and Emily Evans, every performance was a testament to the dedication and musical talent which we are so lucky to have at Bromsgrove.





County Tennis Champions

The Senior School tennis team recently competed at the County Tennis Championships where both the U14 and U16 girls' doubles teams were placed first in their respective divisions. Congratulations also to Georgie Jaynes-Cupper and Stuart Shannon who both played exceptionally well to be crowned the U18 singles champions for girls and boys.

Chesterton Cup Winners



Following outstanding bowling in both the semi-final and final matches, our team won the Chesterton Cup Trophy. The discipline of the bowling unit has been a major strength this season, but this reached new heights during the Chesterton Cup Final. With Malvern 42-0 off 4 overs, it was not looking good. However, cool calm captaincy and great skill levels with the ball meant the boys restricted a talented Malvern College team to 126 from their 20 overs.

Special mention to Tom Maidment taking 5-24, to Olly Davidson for stepping in at the last minute and taking one of the best one-handed catches ever seen at schoolboy level, and to Fahd Janjua, who showed his class with the bat elegantly making his way to 90 not out off 58 balls. Bromsgrove were eventual winners by 7 wickets with 15 balls to spare.



Outdoor Learning

Year 4 pupils had a perfect day for their outside learning experience. They were involved in a range of activities including constructing complex sentences in English, making Aztec masks in History, measuring upthrust in Science, mindfulness and making a life sized whale in Art.



Global Development Essay Competition

Congratulations to Ellie Chan and Emily Lyle whose essays have been shortlisted for the Global Sustainable Development essay competition. The winners will be announced at the GSD Campus Day at Warwick University.



Oxbridge

Congratulations to the following pupils who have secured Oxbridge offers:

- Natasha Durie: Human, Social and Political Sciences, Cambridge
- Nikita Bedov: Natural Science, Cambridge
- Henry Stone: Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, Oxford
- Youyang Zhao: Natural Science, Cambridge



Summer Activities

Bromsgrove Summer Activity and Sports Camps, offer children the opportunity to make new friends, improve skills and, crucially, burn off energy in the most productive and exciting ways.

The camps, for children aged 8 - 13 cater for all interests and tastes, and are held for six weeks in the summer holidays with additional sports camps being held at Winterfold. Camps run daily from 8.30am until 5.45pm and include a hot lunch.

The camps are open to all children in the area, so if your children have friends who don't attend Bromsgrove but would like to come along please give them the details.

To book a place on the Activity Camps please contact the activities team by phone on ext 357 or by email: activities@bromsgrove-school.co.uk



Bromsgrovians Commemoration Day

Old Bromsgrovians and their families are warmly invited to join us at the School's annual Commemoration Day for the traditional end of academic year celebrations. This year, the event will be held on Saturday, 30th June 2018. The OB marquee will be on Lower Charford, open from 1.00-5.00pm. There will be a pig roast (vegetarian option available) and a selection of drinks for all the family. To register your attendance, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OBmarquee2018>, email us at oldbromsgrovians@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or telephone 01527 579679 ext 357.



Rugby

It was great to see Henry Walker (E 05-16) being cheered on by Mr Wid-dop when he played for England U20s vs Springboks at Six Ways. The match ended 26-12 in favour of the Junior Springboks.



Golden OBs

Congratulations to Old Bromsgrovians (2017 leavers) Daniel Johnson, William Draper-Barr, Olivia Bond, Rebecca Reeves and Callum Stirrat who received their Gold DofE certificates.

The group were invited to Buckingham Palace where they received their awards from Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, Prince Andrew, Duke of York, and HRH Countess of Wessex.



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Limited Edition Print

We are delighted to be able to offer former pupils and staff an opportunity to own a stunning limited edition print of an 1884 painting of the historic quarter of the School. Beautifully capturing the scene of 134 years ago, this one-off print is from an original painting by the Birmingham artist Walter Reeves - depicting Hazeldene and Cookes House (the then Headmaster's house), the Drama Studio (Big School) and the old School Chapel (once the Drama Studio and now the School's Archives).

With the original painting having recently been donated back to the School after an absence of nearly fifty years, Bromsgrove School Foundation has commissioned 500 high-quality prints - and this is your opportunity to own a rare souvenir of your time at Bromsgrove. Perhaps your nostalgia will be stirred by your memories of time spent at School, Cookes or Hazeldene Houses? Or for those whose love of art, drama and the humanities/literature was kindled in one of the buildings shown? Or maybe you are one of the School's eldermen who is able to recall running along the famous tunnel that lies out of sight, underneath the centre of the scene whose origin and reason for construction dates from the time the painting was commissioned.

By claiming one of just 500 available, you will not only have your own special memento of Bromsgrove School, but you will be making a most worthwhile contribution to the Foundation. Since its inception in 2007, the Bromsgrove Foundation's foremost objective is to provide life-changing bursaries to current and future pupils who are in need and determined to succeed against all odds. Each limited edition print is numbered and signed by Headmaster, Peter Clague and accompanied by a history of the buildings by former Deputy Headmaster, Philip Bowen. For those who are keen to have the very first print (1/500) there will be an opportunity to bid for it at an online auction later in the year.

All proceeds from the sale of these prints will be directed to the Foundation to provide life-changing bursaries to pupils who would not otherwise be able to attend Bromsgrove. You can purchase your limited edition print at a modest £135 for a mounted unframed edition, or £185 for a mounted and framed print (plus p&p or free collection from the School). Please visit our Online Shop at <http://www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/Categories.aspx> or contact the Alumni Office to reserve your own piece of Bromsgrovian history: email oldbromsgrovians@bromsgrove-school.co.uk / telephone 01527 579679 ext 366/357.

