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Dear Parents and Guardians

Malvern Show

The Prep School's Malvern Show gardeners had a wonderful time last week and over the weekend as they represented our school in the showground. The garden was an inspirational design, literally "Out of this World", and received many wonderful comments from members of the public. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Dakin for her months of hard work, together with Mr Whitlock (Jessica and JJ's father) as well as Ashley Cook and Scott Devereux from the Estates Department, and of course the pupils who designed, planted, constructed and represented Bromsgrove School's garden. I have received emails and letters from members of the public who attended the show to commend our garden and the exemplary behavior of our pupils.

Year 8 Assessments

Next week all pupils in Year 8 will be completing their end of year assessments under exam conditions. Pupils in Year 8 will be allowed to leave school at 3.50pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in order to go home and revise. We will be supervising a reduced Activities/Prep/Squads session for those who remain at school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3.50pm – 5.30pm.

Year 8 pupils may only leave school at 3.50pm if Mrs Taylor has received the parental consent form attached to the letter which was e-mailed to parents yesterday. **Pupil must be collected from the Senior School car park and not the Prep School as the car park will be unable to cope with the traffic.**

Years 3 and 4 Sports day

I warmly invite all parents of pupils in Years 3 and 4 to their Sports Day next Thursday 25th May commencing at 1.30 – 3.45pm at the Prep School. **Please park at the Senior School** and walk across to the Prep School for this occasion; you will not be permitted access to the Prep car park. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle, sunscreen and a school sunhat (the Pre-Prep one is ideal) on this occasion.

Years 7 and 8 Sports Day

I warmly invite all parents of pupils in Years 7 and 7 to their Sports Day next Friday 26th May commencing at 1.30pm – 4.00pm at The Ryland Centre. Depending upon weather conditions before this event, we may be permitted to use the Prep School's Long Field for parking and offer shuttle buses to the Ryland Centre for those visitors who need to be driven to the event. However, parking will be limited if we are unable to park on the field and parents are advised to park at the Senior School instead. It would be of great help if visiting parents would arrive in one car rather than individual vehicles, or friends would car share, in order to reduce the pressure on parking.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle, sunscreen and a school sunhat on this occasion.

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Prizegiving and Speech Day

Would Year 8 Parents please return their reply slip for Prizegiving to Mrs Bowett asap.

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 when school closes.**

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.

School shop

will close next Friday 26th May at 5pm and will re-open during half term Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June, 9.00am-4.00pm.

Martlet Day

Hogwarts comes to Bromsgrove Preparatory School.

Madame Pince, the Hogwarts librarian, has been in touch with Mrs Talbot, our librarian, and has set us a challenge to design a magical book cover for a new library book. There are marvelous prizes for each age group. Entry forms are available in the Library.

This is also an opportune moment to remind pupils that they will be expected to dress in appropriate clothing for this magical day on Tuesday 20th June. Pupils may dress as their favourite characters or as a pupil from Hogwarts. Staff will be devising magical lessons linked to their existing subjects as the normal timetable will upheld. Prepare for some unusual experiences.

Fine Diners

Congratulations to this week's Years 3 and 4 Fine Diners: Mack Jones, Amelia Eddington, Holly Dunnaker, Sophia Moberley, Farah Croce, Gina Bowen, Elliott Baille, Katherine Dwenger, Phoebe Dinnen, Bibby Ruben, Aarush Thapa.

Sport

Boys

Cricket - On Saturday we hosted two touring sides from St. Anselm's, Bakewell. Derbyshire at U13A and U11A level. Both games were drawn; James Linklater with 4 wickets for 2 runs bowling leg-spin and Robbie Bayliss with 3 stumpings and Archie Greaves Hall scoring 49 runs not out. The U13A's beat St Johns Masefield, Herefordshire champions, by 9 wickets in the first round of the National Bunbury Cup with Elliot Willetts scoring 34 runs not out and Freddie Fallows taking 4 wickets for 6 runs. The boys will now be playing Priestfeld Prep, Shrewsbury at home this coming Saturday in the second round. The U9A, U9B and U9C teams played against King's St Alban's on Thursday at home.

Athletics - Sebastian Purvis finished third in the 800 at the Worcestershire County Club Championships, ranking him third for the event in the West Midlands for an U13 boy. On Thursday afternoon boy athletes from Years 7 and 8 were in action in the first round of the ESAA track and field cup where they scored an excellent 406 points. Individual highlights included sixteen new personal best performances and a new school record in the hammer for Matthew Burke with a best performance of 31.58metres. Our highest points scorers in two events were; Louis Upton 42points, Matthew Burke 41 points, Oliver Brown and Alex Collin 37points, Mikhail Strelkov 34 points, Teddy Broadhurst 33 points, Sebastian Purvis 31 points. Well done to all boys concerned.

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Tennis - On Sunday Stuart Shannon represented the School in the Scott and Smyth Singles U18 County Cup at Malvern College. He did exceptionally well to reach the semi-final, which is incredible considering that he is only U13.

Girls

The girls took part in the ESAA County round at the Ryland Centre and we had some excellent results including some personal best performances. Overall, the girls scored 342 points and came first. The athletes who scored over 20 points include: Ellen Ashton 21 points in the 100m, Natasha Malam 20 points in the 200m and long jump and Isabelle Jones scored 23 points in the javelin. Other athletes very close to achieving this were Madeleine Chance in high jump (19) and Katie Rolph in the 800m (19) and Ellen Ashton scored 18 points in the shot and Anabel Crowder 17 points in javelin. We wait to hear whether the girls have enough points to reach the Midlands 'A' final when all other schools in the Region complete their competitions. Well done to all girls concerned.

Pupil News

Bryony Lowe swam at the Regional Championships over the May day weekend and has since received an invitation to the Regional Swim Camps run by Swim England on behalf of West Midland Swimming. This is a wonderful achievement and we congratulate Bryony for her success.

We wish Amy Pinfield the very best of luck as she performs as 1st Violinist with the County Youth Orchestra in their AMC String Orchestra at the Arena in Worcester tomorrow night.

Lost property

Nicholas Dolan – saxophone & case
Jamie Lewis – navy blue reefer jacket

Yours sincerely
Jacqui Deval-Reed
Headmistress

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