



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

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Pupils, staff and parents joined together for the final events of the year after an absence of two years.

Commemoration was especially memorable as this is the current Headmaster's final one of his tenure; he gave a moving speech and we wish him well in his new post in Melbourne. A recording of the Headmaster's speech and the awarding of prizes can be seen on this link: [Commemoration 2022](#)

Congratulations to the Senior School special prize winners:

- The Tony Limbert Trophy - Tom Cosh
- The Paul Sawtell Trophy – Ellen Ashton
- The Ben Showell Memorial Bowl –

- Arsenii Steshenko
- The Kelly Bicknell Award – Chantal Wong
- The Housman Trophy – Irene Lo
- The Cookes Prize – Elisabeth Rieger.

After speeches and lunch everyone could enjoy the cricket match on Lower Charford, a display of the School's history in the Heritage Centre, the Art and Design exhibition and the Brass Band playing on Gordon Green.

After Final Call Over and the lowering of the flag, the Upper Sixth leavers met with their teachers and House staff for a final time.



Prep Prizegiving



Pre-Prep Prizegiving



Jubilee Event

The whole School came together to have a special photograph taken in honour of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The photo, shown below, was meticulously organised by the Headmaster and included pupils and staff from Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior Schools. The photo was taken from the drone. We were delighted that some drone footage of the photo being taken was shown on a local television news programme.

Musicians and singers from across the Prep and Senior Schools joined together for a wonderful collaboration as they recorded a performance of 'God Save the Queen'. The recording was played as the assembled pupils had their photo taken.

Prep and Pre-Prep pupils celebrated with special street parties.

As part of The Queen's Green Canopy "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" initiative, all four sections of the School received a tree to plant in the grounds. The Headmaster was honoured to plant the Senior School's tree.







Enterprising

WellBeFun have been a strong team in the Young Enterprise competition this year, and at the West Midlands Regional Final they were awarded top place for Innovation and Technology.

All the judges were impressed by the team's product and all the research they have carried out. The judges felt that the product has a lot of future potential.

The team followed this success with a wellbeing workshop at the Pre-Prep School, where they aimed to further achieve their company objective of helping children to understand their emotions to help with later life.

Farm Fun

Year 1 had so much fun exploring wildlife at Lower Smite Farm on a gloriously sunny day. After listening to a story about *The Extraordinary Gardener*, the children explored the different colours and smells in the sensory garden and created colourful pictures. They enjoyed learning how wheat grows, exploring wheat seeds and they found using a quern stone to grind the seeds fascinating. They took part in a wonderful walk in the wildlife garden where they completed a tally chart of all the different flowers. The pupils made some seed bombs and are now excited to see which flowers will grow from these.



Hearing Dogs



At the last Own Clothes' Day of the year, Senior School pupils raised £1430 for 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People'. Well done to Otilie Hild House for organising this event – House representatives Olivia McKelvey and Matilda Richardson, together with the Chaplain, presented the cheque to Vicky Ryan and Louise Bagnall from the charity who visited with George, Louise's helper.



Triathlon Efforts

Siblings Caitlin and Will Pridden competed at the Leeds World Triathlon.

Caitlin came 7th out of thirty-eight female triathletes, and Will finished 3rd out of forty-four athletes.

William also took part in the Triathlon Super Series in Wales where he finished third in his age group, and the British Youth Super Series Triathlon where he undertook three separate aquathlon races finishing in a brilliant 8th place.





Prep Summer Concert

We were thrilled to welcome the return of our Pre Summer Concert, which this year involved over 200 pupils across Years 3-8. It was truly magnificent event, and everyone should be so proud of all the hard work that has been put in this year to reach such an amazing standard.



House Art

Upper Sixth pupil Prabhneet Sondhi created a stunning painting of Otilie Hild House which was presented to Miss Hanson at the Otilie Hild leavers' meal.



Fiver Funds

The Senior School Flourishing Fiver team has been fundraising for Primrose Hospice with unprecedented enthusiasm this year. Throughout the year, the students have organised an own clothes day, hosted film nights, sold and delivered valentines roses, held cake sales, ran an Easter extravaganza event for Page House and sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts. In total, the team of eight students managed to raise a record breaking £3000.

The team are already looking forward to taking part in the activity again next year.



Organising Skills

Eight Senior School pupils attended two senior England Hockey matches recently in order to learn how to help with the smooth running of the hockey matches taking place at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham this summer.

Get Reading

The Prep PA were overwhelmed by the response to bring and buy books at the sale they organised recently. They hope everyone enjoys a long summer of reading.



Cycling

Well done to Malakhi Bailey (Year 7) who was placed 3rd at the West Midlands Regional Championships at Stourport Sports Centre. His best result yet in the U14 youth circuit series.



Bake Off

This year's House Bake Off competition was held in sunshine on the Old Chapel lawn. All the Houses decorated their cakes on the theme of 'Save our Planet' and were judged by the Headmaster and Mrs Leversha-Clague.

Thomas Cookes with their image of the 'Thunberg Turtle' came third, Oakley were second and congratulations to Walters who won the Golden Spoon Trophy. There were the usual attempts made by both staff and students to influence the judges, including a depiction of New Zealand, but well done to Walters and, in particular, to Harrison Brown, who baked and decorated the cake himself.

Enriching Fun

The Year 5 enrichment day saw pupils flying down inflatables, getting foamy in the foam pit, bouncing and jumping through hoops and inflatable obstacles as well as running around having fun! It showed all of the children working together as a team and relying on each other.



Trash Fashion

Year 7 got creative exploring how they can help the environment whilst still enjoying fashion by using recyclable materials and old newspapers to create clothing.



All That Jazz

The Big Band made a happy return to the 35th Upton Jazz Festival, this year with promotion from the fringe to the main event.

The band performed an hour long set to a packed out venue, with rapturous support from parents and local jazz enthusiasts alike. Vocalists Eleanor Dunn, David Corcoran and John Kim were all excellent raconteurs, exuding professionalism and charm beyond their years.

The set concluded with a collaboration with the Prep Jazz Group; an experience of huge enjoyment and

Tennis

Huge congratulations to the girls' tennis team who beat Repton to secure a place in the National Finals in July.



Gymnastics

Congratulations to Evie Ashurst who is now the British Compulsory 3 Champion following her participation in the National Gymnastics Finals.

Swimming Finals

The U11 girls and boys took part in the ESSA National Swimming Finals at the Ponds Forge Swimming Centre in Sheffield. It is a massive achievement for our swimmers to qualify through to the top eighteen schools in the country and to compete in this event.

In the boys' 4 x 25m medley relay, the team finished 3rd in their heat, and after all of the heats had finished, 11th out of the 18th fastest schools overall. This qualified the boys into the B final. In this race, the boys swam their hearts out to come 12th in the country. In the boys' 4 x 25m freestyle relay, the team came 5th in their heats placing them 11th from eighteen and qualified to the B final where they eventually came 5th and therefore 13th overall.

In the girls' 4 x 25m freestyle relay, Bromsgrove finished 10th from eighteen after the heats had been completed. This also placed them



into the B final where the girls came 5th and 13th overall. In the girls' 4 x 25m medley relay, Bromsgrove qualified in 14th position into the B

final where they did exceptionally well to pull up two places to finish 4th and subsequently ranked in 12th position.

Musical Bonanza

Ten wonderful instrumental groups and two soloists entertained a full hall Pre-Prep's Summer Music Bonanza.

All of the children, who are members of the music clubs, were involved and the audience enjoyed contributions from the violin, cello, pBugle, pBuzz, drums and toot groups.

The Bonanza started and finished with everyone performing Shrimp Society Samba which got the audience's toes tapping.



Cricket



Congratulations to the U13A cricket team on becoming County Champions

Well done to the following pupils who have been selected by Worcester CCC to play at U11:

Jacko Pritchard
Dan Duffey
Freya Obrey
Gigi Gilbert
Darcy Sutton



Prep Athletics



This has been the most successful term for Prep girls' athletics in recent years. The Years 7 & 8 ESAA team qualified as both County and Regional Champions for the prestigious English Schools National Finals. Belle Davies broke a twenty-three year old School record in the 200m, she also achieved a School record in the 100m and 300m. Belle has been selected for the English Schools National Finals in the 200m. Jadyn Ogunsola broke the U14 Girls Long jump record jumping a huge 4.89m. Sophia Bhardwaj beat the U13 girls High Jump record. Twenty individual athletes and the U14 girls 4 x 100m relay team qualified for the IAPS National Finals.

At the Years 7 & 8 girls County Minors Athletics event the following girls became County Champions:
Rumer Evans - Hurdles
Jadyn Ogunsola - 100m
Iseoluwa Odugbesan - Long Jump

The Prep boys also had a very successful term. The Years 7 & 8 ESAA team came fifth in the Midland Final of the track and field cup; forty three boys competed in the Mercian Area National Preparatory School's Championships with a further eight qualifying for the National Finals.

James Hackett represented the County U15 team at the Mason Trophy and set three new school records over 100m, 200m and 300m, with William Hapgood additionally setting a Year 7 record in the 800m.

At the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Year 8 County track and field championships six Prep boys represented the district team with Rosco Dines (80m Hurdles) and Oliver Cattell (High Jump) being crowned County Champions.



Extravaganza

After a full year of instrumental lessons, the Year 3 and Year 5 classes came together for an afternoon of music making in an Orchestral Extravaganza.

In celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee, they played God Save the Queen while the audience sang enthusiastically. Each instrumental group played pieces on their own and then came together in a rousing and exuberant performance of Sunshine Skiffle.

We hope that many of the performers will want to carry on learning their instruments so they can continue to join in the many musical activities in School.



Finale

This year's Leavers' Concert was given by three key members of the departing Upper Sixth: Tristan Chan, Sebastian Harrison and George Vaughan.

The number of hours of practice to go into this performance must be quite some total – they have been reliable, faithful and dedicated ambassadors for Bromsgrove School Music for years: in Sebastian's case, since the Pre-Prep. It was wonderful to be able to listen to their stunning performances in Routh Hall. We thank them for their service, and wish them all the best for their continuing musical journeys.

Special congratulations to Tristan Chan who has recently achieved a Distinction in his Associate of the Royal Schools of Music Piano Diploma. The examiner commented that Tristan gave an arresting and assured performance. This is a huge achievement and we wish him all the best as he continues to University to study Music.

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Honoured



Congratulations to Justin Clegg (Ly 04-15) who has won the Gallagher Community Player of the Season Award at the Premiership Rugby Awards in London.

The prestigious award recognises Justin's outstanding work in supporting Warriors Community Foundation in many different ways. He is involved in the Foundation's Inclusive Rugby sessions on Monday mornings whenever training allows, as well as being a familiar face at the Dementia Café.



OB Visit

Luke Lau (E 12-19) returned to School for a visit at the end of the Summer Term. He is now playing tennis full time at Florida Southern College.