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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Indoor Hockey

The U18 girls competed in the U18 Midlands Indoor finals at Repton School. A close 2-1 win on the buzzer against King's Worcester and another hard fought 2-1 win v Oakham left the girls in charge of their pool and needing a draw to progress. Unfortunately, the team lost 2-1 to Trent. When the group had finished, three teams were tied on points, goal difference, goals scored and goals

conceded. With nothing to choose between the teams, a three way penalty stroke competition decided the group, with Bromsgrove progressing as the second place team in their pool. This meant a semi-final against a very strong Repton team, who had a squad of players who had represented their country. The girls came close to taking the lead twice, before two quick penalty corner goals from

Repton just before half time gave them the advantage. Our team continued to press forward, creating chances but late in the second half, Repton grabbed a third to seal the win and went on to win the final. Well done to our girls for their determination in play.





U11 Hockey

The U11 girls travelled to Millfield School to play in the IAPS National hockey finals. The team did incredibly well to qualify for the tournament, an achievement that meant they are ranked in the top 24 schools in the country. The team played well through the group stage to get to the quarter final against Hornsby House School. This was a very even match with both sides having chances to score from open play. In the last minute of the

game, Bromsgrove were awarded a short corner and we scored a superb goal from this winning 1 - 0. After an exciting semi-final, against Hurstpierpoint College, which was hard fought to the very end, the team faced Langley Prep School in the final. Both sides had chances to score and Bromsgrove moved the ball around well but the Langley defence was strong and they scored a couple of impressive goals to win the game 2 - 0.

Our girls should be extremely proud of their efforts, to win the silver medals as runners up is a very good indicator of the future strength of the team.



Squash

The junior and senior squash teams took part in the first round of the National Cup. Both teams performed well, and now move into the plate competition.

Well done to senior team player William Hobbs, who recently won the Worcestershire U17 squash title at Stourbridge Lawn Tennis and Squash Club.

Litter Pick



Supporting our environment and the local community is important to us, that's why our Prep School eco committee take part in regular litter picks around Bromsgrove. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm from our pupils during their most recent litter pick.

Basement Gifts

The kindness continues in Page House as pupils collected donations for The Basement Project. The Heads of House enjoyed shopping for treats at a local supermarket, and Uliana Pavlova and Sophia MacCormick wrapped up some of the goodies ready to take to School for the Basement Project.





Forest Fun

Year 1 celebrated the end of this term's learning journey with a woodland party. The pupils invited their woodland hand puppets to share a joyful day, collecting and identifying special treasures found in Forest School, and testing their knowledge with a woodland trail.



Fiji News

A newspaper in his home country of Fiji were excited to hear that Wise Boginisoko had been made Page Head of House. Fiji is a small nation and this is the first time that someone with a Pacific Heritage was known to be a Head Boy in a British Prep Boarding school. Wise's Houseparents describe him as an excellent role model, epitomising the Page House values of kindness, respect, honesty and determination.

Music Initiative

Over twenty students from local middle schools have been attending the Middle Schools' Orchestra initiative held here at Bromsgrove School, and run by members of our music department. The group has been set up especially to nurture the talents of young musicians in the local area, offering them another chance to meet and play music together. Musicians have missed out on so much during the global pandemic and the department felt this is a really important opportunity to offer to young Bromsgrove musicians to capitalise on the easing of restrictions. Director of Music, James McKelvey, said they were overwhelmed with the response from the schools. He said that the opportunity is open to new and experienced musicians in these year groups - the essential prerequisite is a willingness to engage, and a smile.





Netball News

Congratulations to our U13A netball team who beat Redmaids 43 - 11 in the third round of the Independent Schools Netball Cup Competition.

They also beat The Queens School Chester 51 - 11 in the third round of the Sisters N Sport National Cup Competition.



Jumping

Well done to Lily Rose who was placed 2nd in the NSEA Regional Jumping Championships.

Exhibition

Prabhneet Sondhi was featured in an earlier News Review with the exciting news that her artwork, completed during lockdown, had been selected to feature on Grayson Perry's Art Club on Channel 4. Her work is now on display at Grayson's exhibition in Bristol Museum and Gallery. Prabhneet was delighted to attend the opening of the exhibition and meet Grayson in person.





Musical Bonanza

After school music clubs at Pre-Prep are proving so popular that a change of venue was need for their recent concert. It was a treat to welcome so many parents to Routh Hall for the Musical Bonanza.

With almost every child in Year 1 and Year 2 learning an instrument or singing in Choir Club, the P-Buzzers, Tooters, Percussionists, Cellists, Violinists and Choir Club put on a wonderfully festive performance, which was heartily enjoyed by an appreciative audience. The children all performed confidently and with so much enjoyment; it was the perfect showcase for their new-found talents.





Wildlife Winner

Well done to Year 6 pupil Riya Gandesha who has won a 'Save our Wildlife Competition'. This is a nationwide competition and so is an achievement to be proud of. The talented student's art work was exhibited on the YouTube 'veganorganic.net' show.

Riya's artwork demonstrated the many reasons why, as humans, we should be more conscious of what we do to help the environment; reduce, reuse, recycle and think of more renewable ways to live. Riya's artwork clearly demonstrated examples of what can be done to help.

Concerts

Pupil talents in Woodwind, Brass, and Vocal was showcased with a Celebrating Woodwind and Brass Concert and Celebrating Voice Concert. The Woodwind and Brass concert was a real celebration of instrumental music featuring a very diverse selection of solos ranging from the recorder to the saxophone. There were also group

items from the Brass Trio, the Year 6 Flute Group, and the evening was rounded off with a rousing performance from the Concert Band.

The Vocal concert offered music ranging from Duparc's 'Extase' to numbers from Les Misérables and The Color Purple, there were performances

from all year groups across the Senior School and even a return of OB, Olivia Wormald who performed a couple of wonderful numbers from the musical theatre genre. This was a memorable evening of music making and such a special way to celebrate the joys of singing.





Guys & Dolls

In spite of increasing restrictions, and against all the odds, fifty-seven pupils presented four performances of the classic wise-cracking musical Guys and Dolls in the Cobham Theatre in the second week of December.

It was a remarkable achievement, not only from the fact that the musical was cast in September and rehearsed in only nine weeks, but the extraordinary ensemble work and high production

values brought a genuinely professional flair to the Cobham stage.

The musical, by Frank Loesser with a book by Swerling and Burrows, is peppered with snappy one-liners, swooping romantic ballads, thrilling dance routines both for the acrobatic male 'crapshooters' and the high-kicking Hot-Box cabaret girls, taking the audience from Times Square, New York to the exotic tropical paradise of

Havana, Cuba and back again. In such a tight, talented hard-working ensemble, it seems wrong to single-out any individual, but Fred Hanson and Brooke-Lily York as Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown gave winning performances. Meanwhile, Jessica Whitlock as Adelaide and Jake Wingfield as Nathan Detroit (not forgetting Chi Lam as Nicely-Nicely) shone like stars of the future at every performance.



It's starting to look alot like Christmas



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