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The Scottish Play...

Macbeth

In Friday's assembly, Year 4 performed a superb abridged version of Macbeth to the whole school and parents. It was a unique experience for a Shakespeare play to be performed by Key Stage 2 pupils. They obviously enjoyed performing the tragedy and their confidence grew as it went on. The pupils received a very loud and long applause from the audience which was a reflection of the quality of the acting and clear speaking. There was no worry that this version of the play was cursed and the performers weren't afraid to mention the title aloud!

The Commandery

On Thursday Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a varied programme of activities at The Commandery. Their first workshop on Tudor Clothes proved to be a real hit and was followed with traditional song and dance in the Great Hall. They took part in a candle making workshop where they all made a beeswax candle and also learned how to write using a quill, with most of the pupils producing some excellent handwriting in Tudor style. During the afternoon they were given an audio tour of the building and a talk on the history of the Wylde family who lived there. The pupils were allowed to use the traditional games room where apparently the ghost of a headmaster can be heard!



Learner Profile

On Tuesday evening the staff explained to parents the significance of the Learner Profile and how its attributes were being covered within the curriculum. The Learner Profile defines the type of learner that we hope to develop and places the individual child at the heart of our education.

The ten attributes are:

Inquirers

Communicators

Open minded

Balanced

Thinkers

Caring

Principled

Risk takers

Knowledgeable

Reflective

These attributes are developed and promoted within the classroom, assemblies, the school's mission statement and in the values and standards demonstrated by the teachers.



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Dentist

Dr Wood, orthodontist, came into school to talk to the pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6. She discussed the importance of having healthy teeth and gums. It was a shock to some pupils how much sugar is in some food and drinks, particularly certain 'sweets'. Dr Wood then provided disclosing tablets for the pupils to use. The pupils were surprised that the plaque could so easily be seen on their teeth. Pink discolouration indicated recent build up of plaque whereas purple/blue discoloration indicated plaque that had been there for over 36 hours. It emphasised the importance of brushing your teeth regularly and thoroughly.

Netball

Years 4, 5, and 6 pupils benefitted from a netball training netball session with Bromsgrove School pupils on Wednesday. The mixed year group teams gained invaluable match practice experience. The pupils played with great enthusiasm and determination and came away with some victories.

Swimming

The squad have had extra sessions laid on for them on the last 2 Saturday afternoons. The sessions have been 2 hours long and very intensive. Special thanks to Mrs Pioli and Mrs Bainbridge for giving up their time over the weekend and also the pupils', whose dedication and determination to achieve success is greatly admired.

Reception

This term, Reception have been having lots of fun during 'Forest School' sessions! Already, they have learnt to use tools such as wooden mallets and saws safely. The pupils have created beautiful works of art using natural resources, including willow circles and a string spider web.



Work of the week—Congratulations to:

Sophie (K1)	:great computer drawing
Sophia (K2)	:super pen control
Toby (Yr R)	:fantastic independent creation of a fire engine
Theo (Yr 1)	:wonderful focus on his Spanish work
Meillie (Yr 2)	:great multiplication work
Madeleine / Caitlin (Yr 3)	:super poem created together
Sally (Yr 4)	:good research on the wind power
Nicole (Yr 5)	:accurate timeline presented beautifully
Reuben (Yr 6)	:excellent focus on a mathematical task



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Key Dates

23rd Jan Swimming gala v Bromsgrove School (Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6)

24th Jan Year 6 Trip — Birmingham Art Gallery

27th Jan Year 4 Trip — The Think Tank

30th Jan Swimming gala v Abberley Hall (Yrs 4,5,6,7 & 8)

2nd Feb 'The Jungle Book' Workshop (2pm)

10th Feb Half-term