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## Fundraising

Well done to Makhan Athwal who arranged a fundraising event in aid of the Neonatal U



## Juiced

The Senior and Prep Eco-Committee decided to collaborate as they took part in apple pressing. They discussed food miles and the importance of sourcing food locally, as a perfect example the apples used were from our School orchard.

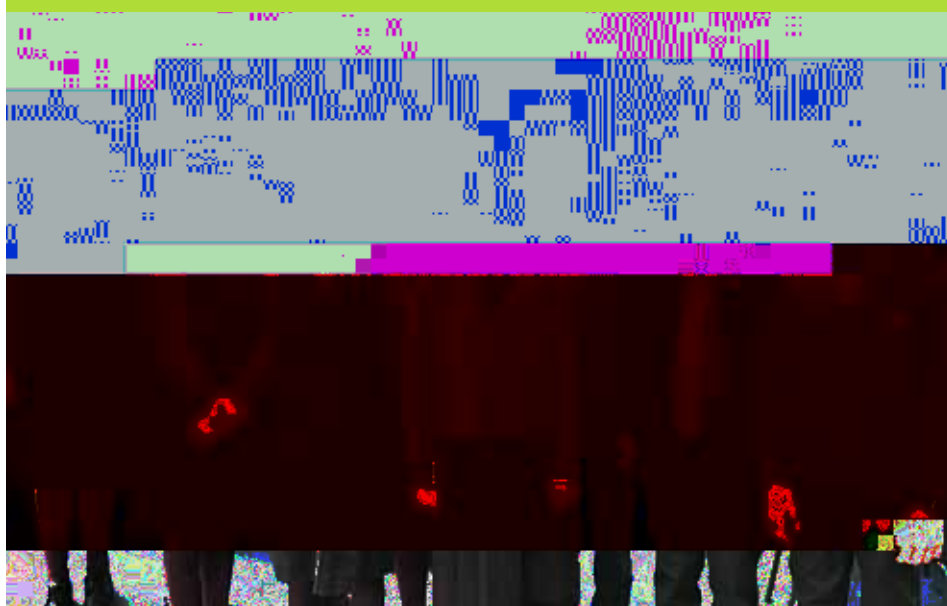


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## Buddies

The Year 6 Buddies have completed their training and are looking forward to supporting and working with the children in Years 3, 4 and 5. They enjoyed talking to the younger pupils about kindness in the 'Make a Noise' anti-bullying week assembly.

Year 8 Buddies have played team building games with younger children at break time, encouraging trust and cooperation.

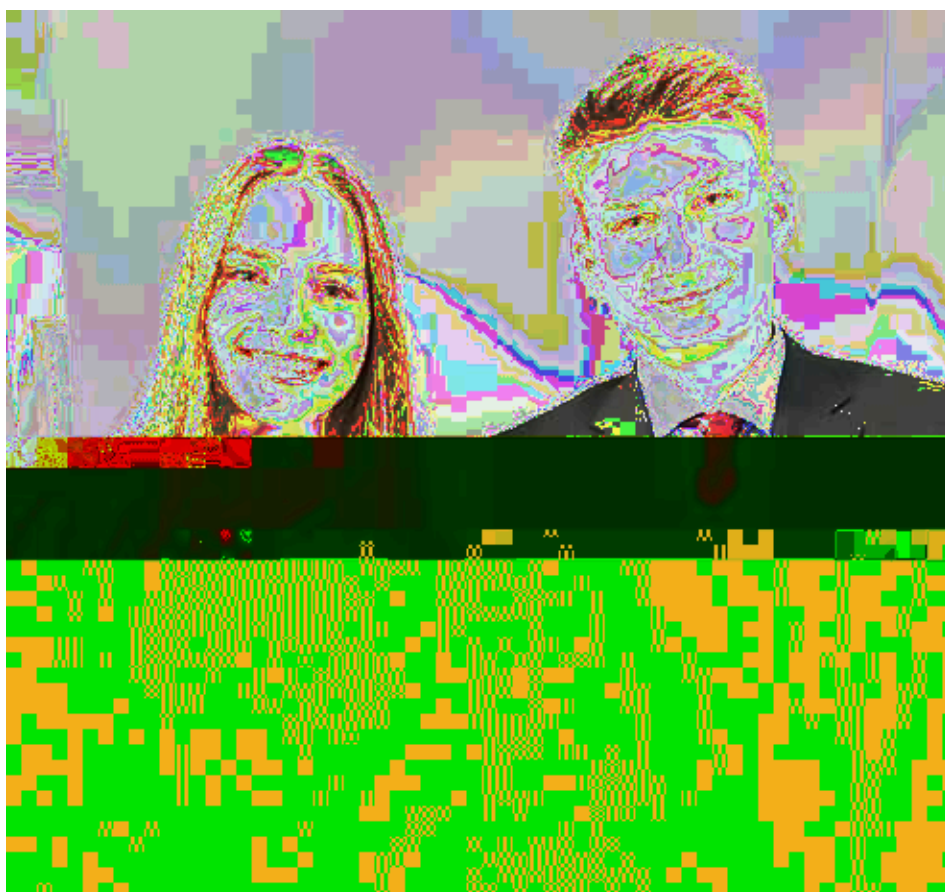


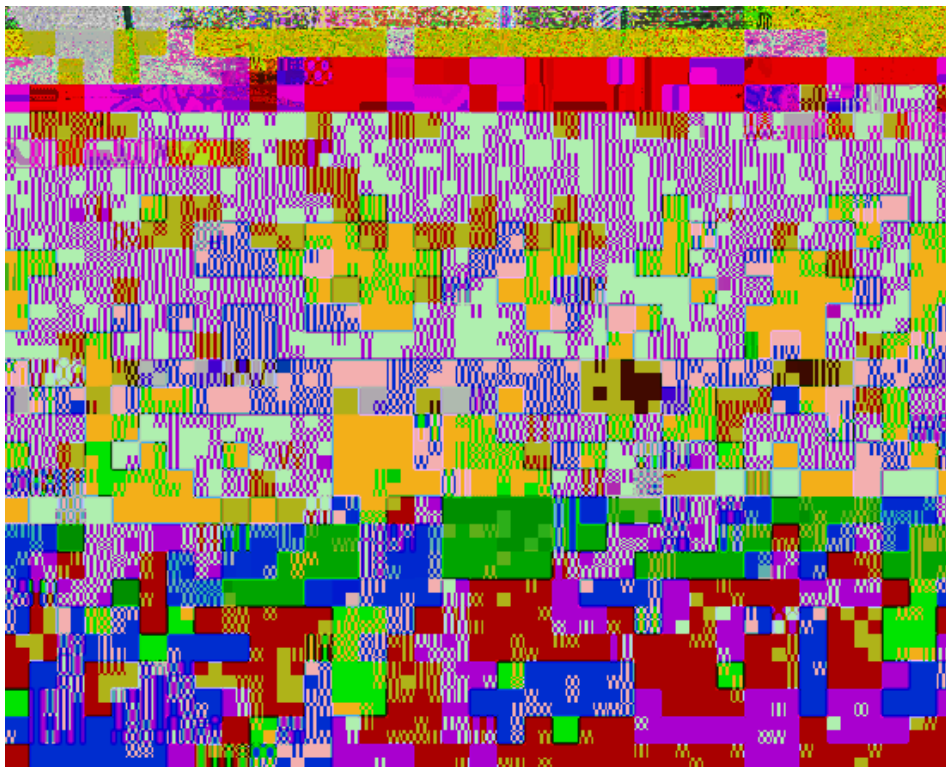
## Critic

Kimi Fickert wrote a book recommendation on *The Castle by the Sea* for *The Week Junior* magazine and was delighted to see it published.

## Financial Times

Congratulations to Alexander Lebedev and Celia Vanderweyen who have been selected to represent Bromsgrove School as advocates of the Financial Times. The pair will develop their communication and creativity skills by representing students' views of the FT and promoting the benefits of the FT to their peers and teachers.





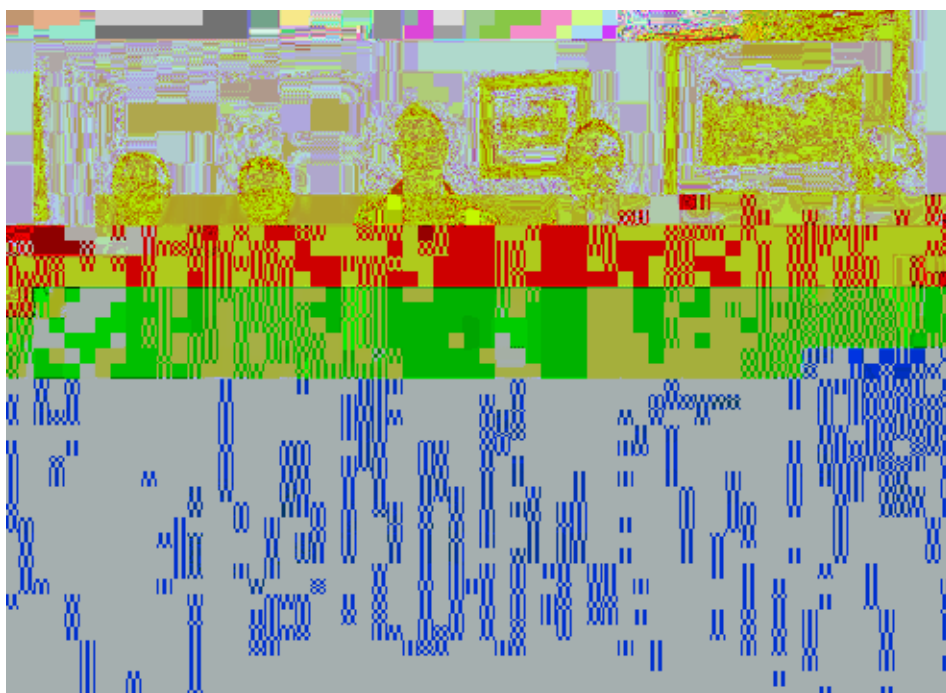
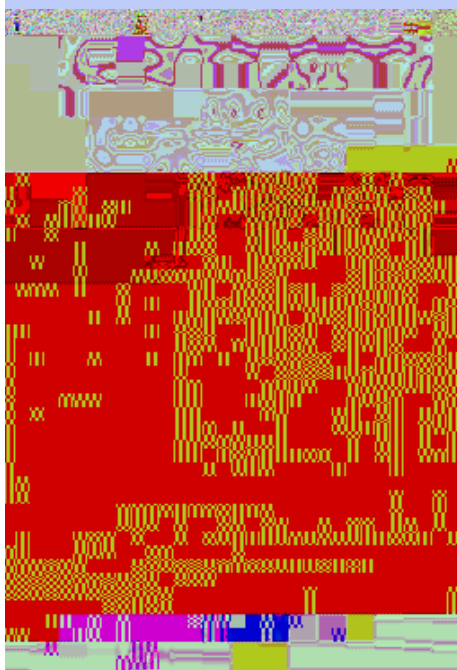
## IAPS Hockey

The U12 girls travelled to Clifton College to compete in the IAPS National Hockey Finals. They drew one, won two and lost two games. They won their last game of the group stage against Twyford, resulting in them playing in the quarter finals of the Plate competition against Repton. Despite our team's best efforts, Repton scored to win the match. The girls can be very proud of themselves for coming in the top half of the competition.

Many congratulations to the formidable U11A hockey team who became county champions. They played some impressive hockey to dominate throughout the tournament and thoroughly deserved their gold medals.

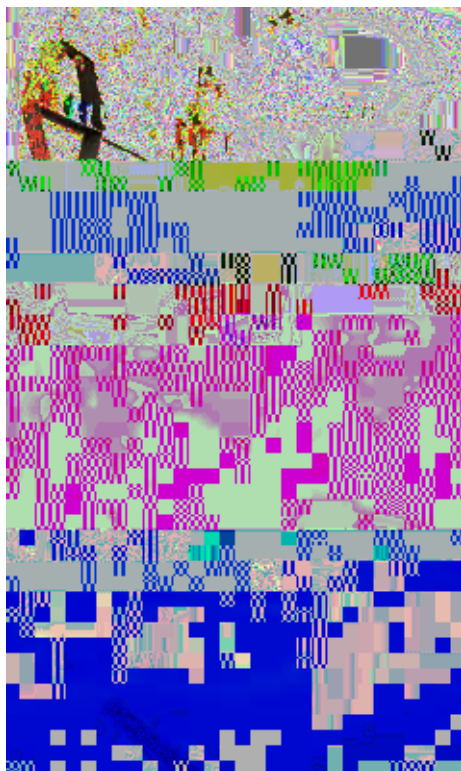
## Cross-Country

The Junior girls, Junior boys and Inter boys travelled to Suffolk to take part in the ESAA National Cross-Country Finals. It was a terrific achievement to qualify for this event as only the top twenty-six schools across the country are invited from the qualifying rounds. All of the teams did extremely well under very cold conditions.



## Governors' Visit

We were delighted to welcome the Chairman of Governors, Michael Luckman and members of the Governing Body, to spend the day with us at Senior, Prep, Pre-Prep and Winterfold. Governors visited lessons around the four campuses, interacted with pupils over lunch in the dining hall, enjoyed a lunchtime concert in Routh Hall and took part in after-school activities.



## Kindness

The whole School community decided to spread some extra kindness during Anti-Bullying week.

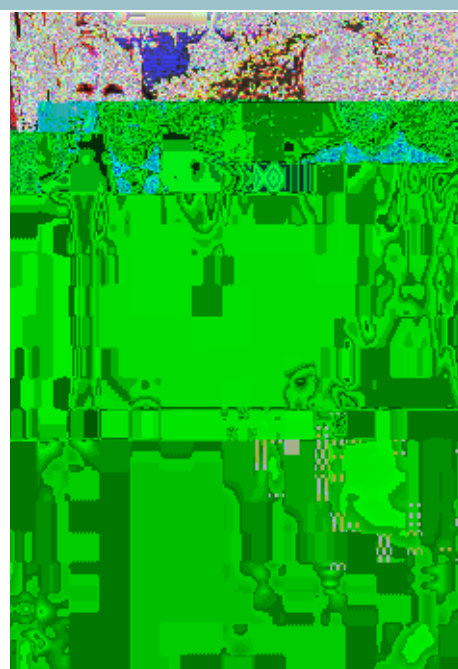
The Reception children created 'Kindness High-Fives', choosing a friend they wanted to gift the High-Five to and wrote kind words about them

In the Prep School, Kindness Week was celebrated several ways, from being treated to delicious 'Kindness' treats, to being read stories by Year 6 Buddies and creating a friendship recipe, recording all the ingredients needed to make a special friend.

In the Senior School the Peer Mentors put smiles on staff and colleagues' faces, by handing out sweets with the message 'Spread kindness like confetti'.

## Odd Socks

As part of Anti-Bullying week pupils and staff from the Prep and Senior School wore odd socks to celebrate the diversity in our community as well as raise some smiles. The theme this year was 'Reach Out'.







Congratulations to Sofia Mikhonicheva





# Swimming

The U13 girls competed in the ESSA National Finals at the Commonwealth Games swimming pool in Birmingham. Lacey Sutton, Ella Cunningham, Merry Bird and Evie Beckley represented the School in the Freestyle Relay. Initially seeded 23rd from the qualification round, the team finished 20th overall improving both their overall time and position.



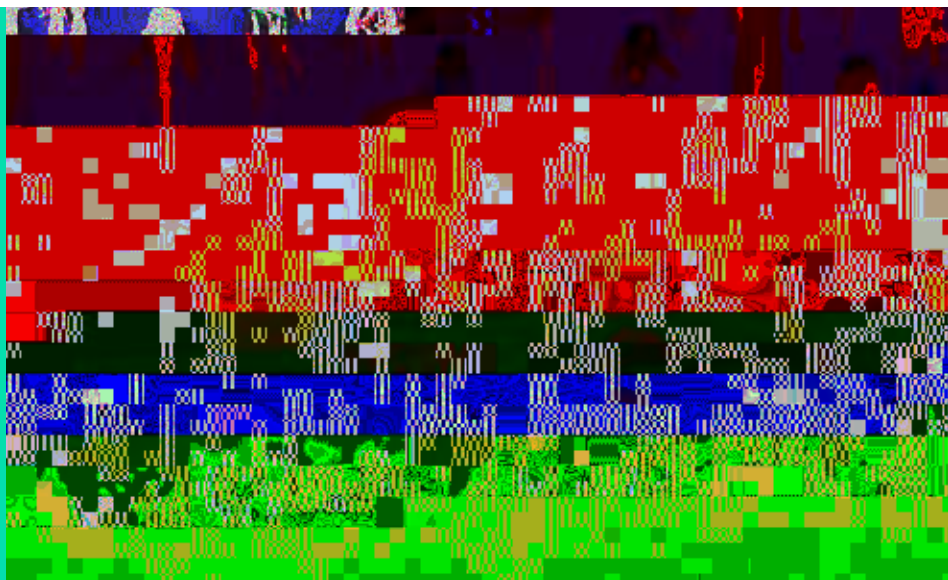


## MMI

Our Lower Sixth Medics, Vets and Dentists set up MMI (Multiple Mini Interview) stations to give their Upper Sixth counterparts experience of this type of interview. We wish all Upper Sixth Applicants well as they await invitations to interview for places at top universities.

## Webinar

Year 4 experienced a wonderful webinar with the Born Free Foundation and artist, John Dyer from Last Chance to Paint. The children were connected with the environment of orcas using art, working alongside John Dyer as they painted these incredible creatures.



## Eco Prep

Prep pupils have been working hard to design a new Eco Code for School. We are pleased to announce that the winner was N

## Fencing

A group of fencers travelled to Worcester to take part in the Gala Teams Competition.

In the U10 Foil, the Prep School fielded two teams. Ben White and Theo Williams finished in third place, with Summer Dad and Matilda Wilkes finished in fourth. All four of our pupils were attending their first competition.

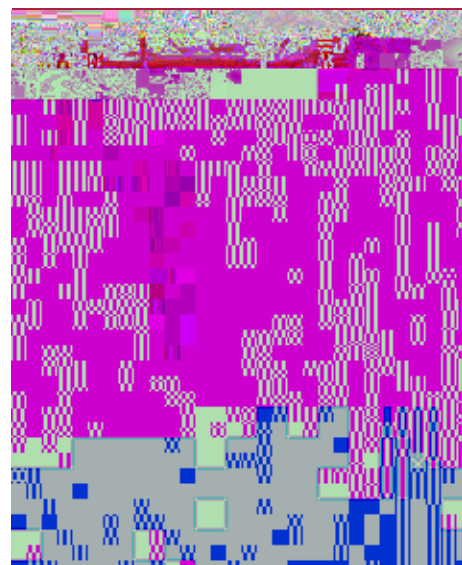
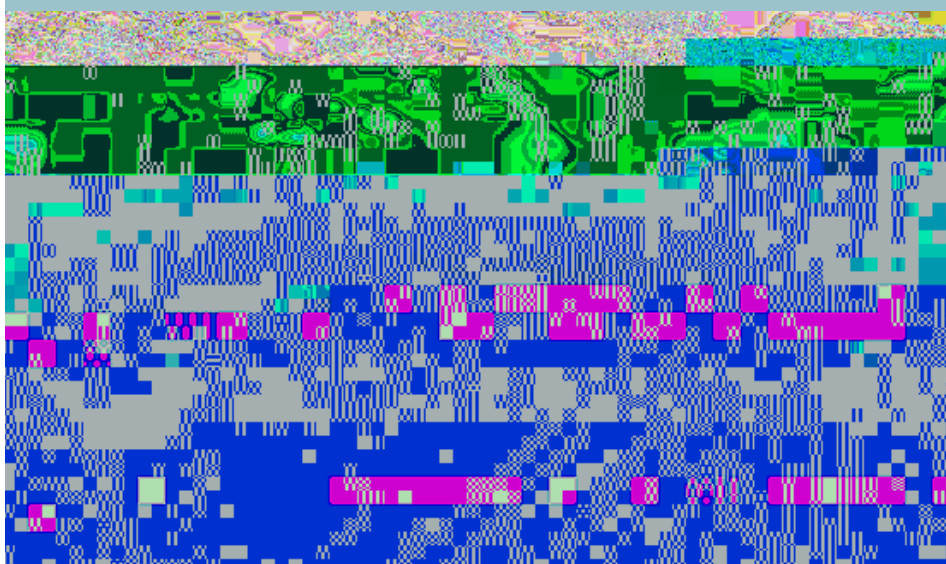
In the U12 Foil, Toby Nuttall joined a Warwick fencer to form a team that finished eleventh in by far the largest event of the day.

In the U14 Foil, Kristy Liu joined with fencers from Warwick and Birmingham

to form a team that finished sixth. Meanwhile Ed Coote joined with an Evesham fencer to form an U14 épée team and finished second.

In the Senior épée, George Ascough, Jasper Page and Oliver Gowen fenced well to finish a very close second.

Well done to all of the pupils who took part, it was particularly pleasing to see some new fencers trying their hand at competition for the first time.



## Santa Cycle

Mrs Punt recently spoke to Page House children about her experiences running and raising money for Cancer Research UK.

The pupils then started planning a 2K run, but because the weather was icy, they instead went to the Dance Studio to do a 'Santa Cycle'. Medals were awarded for the fastest and prizes handed out for the best attitude and determination. The Headmaster and Mrs Punt came along to support, which delighted everyone. In total £100 was raised.

## Netball

Congratulations to the 1st Netball team who won all six matches in the County Tournament to be crowned County Champions.

This means that School is now County Champions in all three age groups: U19, U16 and U14.

The teams look forward to representing the County in the Regional Finals in January.



## Pop and Jazz

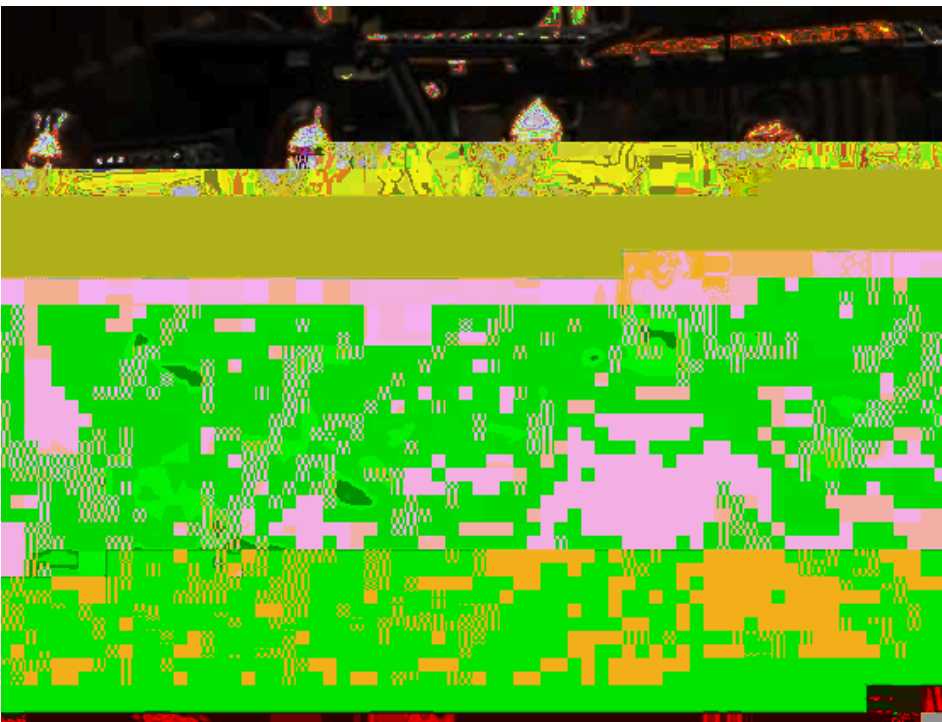
On a chilly November evening there was a warm atmosphere made by the sell-out crowd at this year's Christmas Pop & Jazz.

Groups such as Orchestra and Mixed Voice Choir opened the evening with film music from *Spirited Away*, and ABBA wishing everyone a pre-emptive Happy New Year. There was plenty of Prep representation, with the Jazz and Rock Bands taking to the stage with

tinsel-clad trombones. The student bands, For Magonia and Impulse, led the way with polished performances worthy of a professional arena. We also heard from star soloists performing for the first time, including Charissa Brobbey-Sarpong singing Alicia Keys, Jack Hobson with Maneater and Thomas Shaw bringing the house down with Slade's *Merry Xmas Everybody*. Without a doubt the act everyone was talking about was the A-Cafellas, a

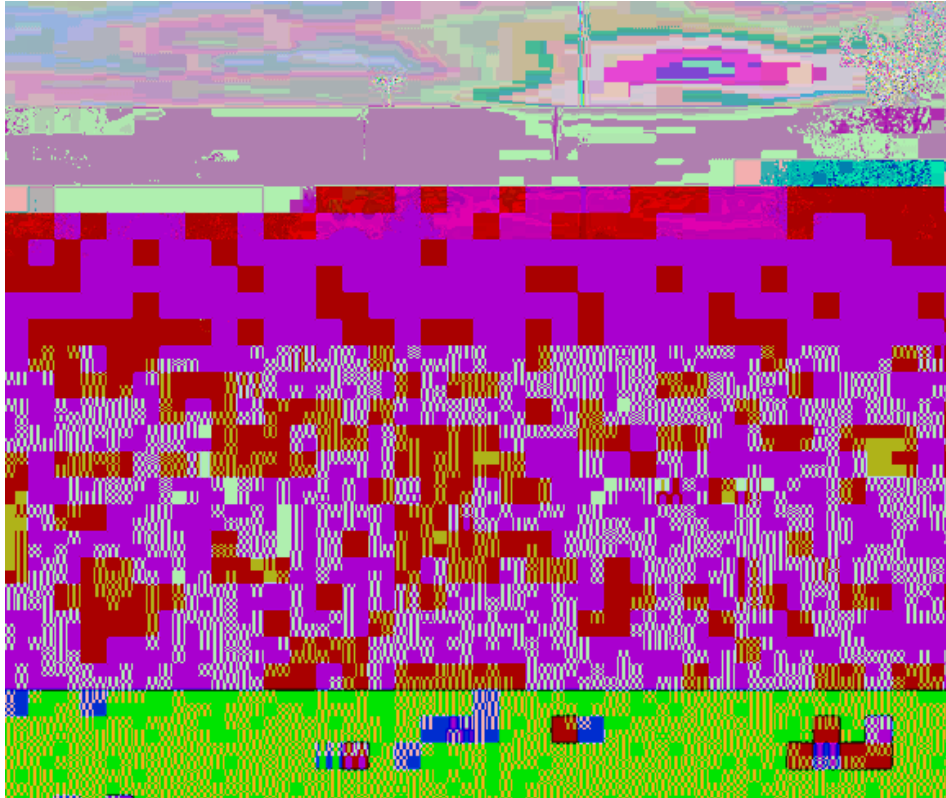
fantastic barbershop troupe, arranging their own twists on songs by Fleet Foxes and Billy Joel.

The finale was a Christmas Pop & Jazz swan song for our two Upper Sixth Big Band vocalists, Joseph Boardman and Olivia Garrett. Singing *Blue Christmas* and *This Christmas*, they filled everyone's hearts with enough Christmas cheer to last through the season.



## Orchestral Concert

The Orchestral and Soloists Concert highlighted the enormous range of musical talent at Bromsgrove. Soloists from all disciplines delighted the audience with a variety of beautifully played pieces, then the larger ensembles presented a programme ranging from a Disney Medley to orchestral classics by Smetana and Mendelssohn.



## Rugby

The 1st XV produced an excellent performance to overcome a strong Radley side in the National Quarter-Final, setting up a Semi-Final in March against Kirkham Grammar school at Aylesbury RFC. The boys produced one of their best defensive efforts of the season to hold Radley to two tries while playing some following rugby with the ball in hand to score five tries of their own.

The 1st XV finished the week off with a dogged performance in some very challenging weather conditions to beat Warwick school 12 points to 5, finishing the Michaelmas term unbeaten. This is a significant achievement and has only previously been achieved twice before in the school's long history of playing rugby.

## Speical Silk

The Art Department has been gifted some beautiful silk by Stephen Walters & Sons, who produced the

## Tea and Carols

Bromsgrove Service students welcomed elderly guests from Burcot Grange, Burcot Lodge and Chandler Court for an afternoon of tea, quizzes and song all with a Christmas theme. The students served tea and coffee to our guests while the School's saxophone group serenaded the visitors with a variety of Christmas tunes. There was a festive quiz hosted by Ayushma Thapa, Sayana R



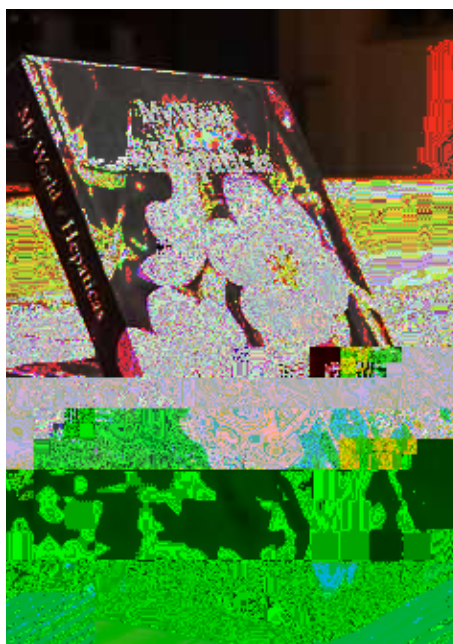
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## Remembrance

This year our Contingent Commander, Major Farnes, had the privilege of spending Remembrance weekend in London. On the Saturday he attended the Centenary Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall, and on Sunday Morning joined fellow veterans of the Royal Signals Association for the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph, and participated in the march through Whitehall and taking the Salute from the Princess Royal.

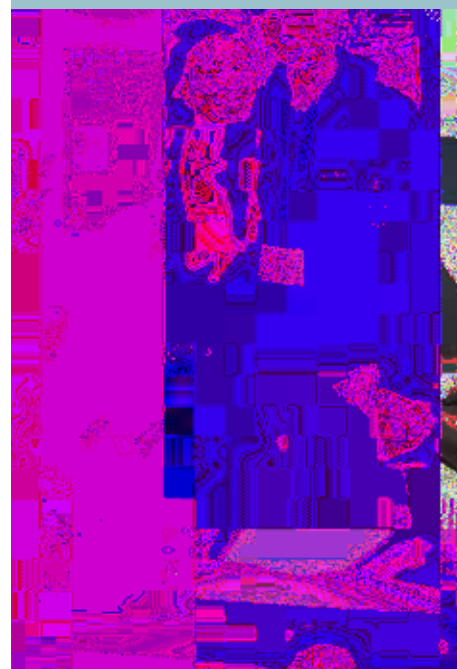


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## Visit

We were delighted to welcome back Jenna Kam (MW18-20) and her partner. Jenna enjoyed reminiscing in her old boarding House and the music school.



## Talk

Old Bromsgrovian John Massey brought his knowledge and wit to Routh Hall stage for a talk on 'Gardening through Spring and Summer'. The audience enjoyed the occasional reminiscences about his school days, coupled with his unrivalled knowledge of plant life.

We are very grateful to all Old Bromsgrovians, parents and friends of the School who purchased tickets - the proceeds will go towards the Foundation's Life-Changing Bursaries scheme.

