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Newsletter 7

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Tuesday 31 st October	3S ½ Class Eco Day
Wednesday 1 st November	District Cross Country @ Wheatfields School
Thursday 2 nd November	Girls Football v Skyswood - Away
Friday 3 rd November	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Friday 3 rd November	Girls Football v Mandeville - Away

New School Houses

At Bowmansgreen, every pupil and member of staff is assigned to one of four houses. We believe that it is important to have a house system, as it: helps create a sense of belonging, promotes good work and behaviour, encourages teamwork, provides opportunities to take on responsibilities and brings everyone in the school together. This year we have re-launched our house system, to ensure that there are equal numbers of pupils in each house. Our year six house captains decided that the houses should be named after inspiration people, who were born or raised in Hertfordshire. They all worked incredibly hard in researching role models and, after careful consideration, our four houses will now be named after: Michael Morpurgo, Emma Wiggs, Max Whitlock and Laura Kenny. The house captains led an assembly this week, in which they announced the new house names and explained the justification for why they were chosen. They spoke with confidence, clarity and in an informative manner. Your child will soon be informed as to which house they now belong to (Morpurgo, Wiggs, Whitlock or Kenny). It is our intention to run different house events throughout the year to foster teamwork and a sense of belonging.

House Name	House Captains
Morpurgo	Anisa and Ryan
Wiggs	Adam and Kyeesha
Whitlock	Emily and Thomas
Kenny	Jack and Mya

School Photographs – Individual & Family

Your child/children will have bought home their school photos this week. If you would like to order the photo/s please return the form and payment by Tuesday 31st October. Orders received after this date can still be ordered but may incur additional costs.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Message

Well-being week has been a huge success and pupils have really engaged in the activities and opportunities to help them better look after themselves and each other's emotional and mental wellbeing. Thank you to all parents who came to our first curriculum evening of the year where some of the resources and work that your children have used and produced this half-term were on display. Thank you to Mr Bailes for coordinating this event.

This week our wonderful house captains launched Bowmansgreen's new house system. Soon, we will begin planning our first 'house' event so look out for details after half-term.

With half-term about to begin, many of your children will be looking forward to exercising their freedom and independence, spending some of their time together or with older children at the local parks. Please be aware that evidence and equipment relating to drug use has been found in a local park by some of our pupils. We will continue to advise and provide age-appropriate information to pupils about the dangers of drug use and how to take responsibility and keep safe in uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situations and we would encourage you to reinforce your expectations of your children if they are likely to be out on their own during this next week.

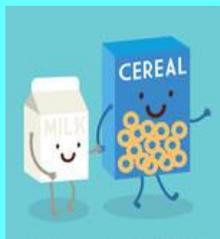
I am pleased to announce that Mrs Karen Penn has been elected as our new chair of Governors after Ms Louise Calder stepped down last term. On behalf of the school community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Louise for all of her hard work and commitment to Bowmansgreen over the last few years.

I hope that many of you have had the chance to see our amazing new 'welcome' to the school that proudly sits at the front of the main entrance. The mosaic was based on the fantastic designs of three of our very talented pupils and funded by FOBS. It really is a stunning piece of artwork and I hope you will agree, provides a fitting welcome that reflects our wonderful school community.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Harvest Festival. The Kings Road Baptist Church were very pleased with the donations.

I wish you a calm, happy and safe half term.

Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley



This week we said 'good bye and good luck', to Mrs Cooper, who has worked at Breakfast Club since we started just under 3 years ago. Thank you Mrs Cooper for all your hard work and for always putting the children first. We will miss you very much. Our "Monster Pumpkin" competition has been very popular, with everyone hoping to win. To celebrate the end of Well Being Week we enjoyed different breads, muffins and fruit whilst watching the Lego Batman Movie. Enjoy the half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October at 7.30am.

FOBS Events - Autumn Term 2017

Thank you to everyone who came along on Friday or Saturday night. We raised an amazing £860.29 at the disco on Friday and £269.45 at the quiz night. 😊



School Mosaic

We were very proud to unveil our new school mosaic today which was designed by Bowmansgreen's children. Congratulations to Chloe E (Year 3), Max K-H (Year 4) and Camille E (who left in the Summer).

We hope you agree that it looks amazing!



Best Attendance

KS1 - 2BC

KS2 - 4C

Secondary School Transfers

All of the information you need is available on the county website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Your application needs to be **completed by 31st October**. Applications that are received after the deadline are less likely to be offered their preferred school choices.

Churches Together Food Bank Dates

Please find below the dates for the food bank at The Baptist Church, Kings Road. It is open between 10.00 am & 11.00 am on: **Monday 30th October**

Wellbeing Curriculum Evening

We hope you all enjoyed the first curriculum evening of the new academic year which celebrated our Wellbeing Week. Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the evening.



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



PSB



Breakfast Club

Wellies and Waterproofs

Whilst on holiday from school, please have a quick look to see if you have any spare wellies or waterproofs that no longer fit or needed. If so please donate them to Mrs Stanley for our Forest School Project starting after half term. Any colour or size would be greatly appreciated.

Parent Council

Yes we are still here and continue working with the school to exchange parents' views about school life but we would love to welcome new members to join in our half-termly meetings and projects.

So what do we do?

Our main function is to act as an intermediary between parents and the school, anything from being a sounding board to canvassing opinion in either direction with a constant underlying principle of promoting and helping better the school and therefore the education of our children.

What have we been involved in our first two years?

Promoting and analysing Parent View (btw please go to Parent View - www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and give your feedback for this year if you haven't already)

Solutions for the parking and busy roads around the gates (still ongoing, ideas welcome)

School uniform options including securing the free delivery code (BGPFD35)

Wellbeing education in school

Breakfast club promotion - watch this space for a survey coming soon

Who are we?

Having been established by Lee David (children in years 4 and 2) & Claire Nikitas (years 5 & 2) two years ago, they have now handed over the chair and secretary positions to Mark Castle (year 4) and Sarah Klinger (years 4 & 2) but other members include Susan Nickolds, Julia Brent, Justyna Stuart, Rob Webb, Helen Russell, Fiona Taylor, Sam Gentleman, Lisa Smith and others.

So want to get involved? Want to know more? Have something to say about school - can be anything and kept confidential if you prefer? Then please email us at parentcouncil@bowmansgreen.herts.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you or just come along to our next meeting. Remember the more feedback you give to the school, the more improvements can be made that benefit your children!

Early Years News from Miss Robbins

This week

We are feeling so good after all the activities we've been doing to promote well-being! We've been making sparkly Rainbow fish and talking about how it makes us feel happy if we are kind to our friends and share. We have all made a 'glitter bottle' like they showed us in the play we watched last week. When we shake them the glitter is racing around like our feelings and as we watch it settle, it calms us down. We have made flour filled balloons that we can squeeze when we feel stressed. We will all be bringing home a certificate that says what we think we're good at, what our teacher thinks we're good at and why our friends think we're special. We had a workshop where we each applied a hand scrub and then soothing cream to make our hands soft. We listened to different music that made us feel happy. We also had pineapple and melon to eat to encourage healthy eating.

After half term

We will be starting our new topic of 'colour and light' with a bang by talking and doing activities to do with Bonfire night and Halloween. We will be reading the story of 'Room on a Broom' by Julia Donaldson and learning about rhyme. We will be making potions with a focus on adding and subtracting. We will be talking about keeping safe on 'Bonfire Night' and looking at the firework safety code.

Curriculum evening

It was lovely to see so many of you at the curriculum evening and we hope you enjoyed looking at some of the things the children have been doing.

Reminder

The children are all independent now and none of them need help in the mornings so please say goodbye at the door. We will be starting 'Reading Registration' next half term so you can come in with your child on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to share a book or two with them. This finishes at 8.55am

Bike Ride

The children have now raised £490! Thank you to you and to all your sponsors. We will now start ordering the new equipment for the children. It is still not too late if you haven't brought the money in yet.

Sports News from Mr Sanders

Boys v Mandeville

The Boys played a Wix 7-a-side qualifier away v Mandeville on Friday 13th October and the date didn't help the Bowmansgreen boys as they lost 4-2. It was a slow start and Mandeville took advantage, with the speedy winger exploiting the space on the pitch to score two goals in five minutes. Bowmansgreen however, fought their way back into the game before half time as first George and then Ollie scored to give some hope. They played well for most of the half and looked the most likely team to win the game. The 2nd half proved otherwise, as Mandeville scored twice on the break, even though Bowmansgreen created more chances and had more possession.

An improved performance and the boys look forward to starting the league matches on Monday.

Squad - Taye, George, Freddie, Ollie, Isa, Tommy, James & Alfie.

Boys V SASS

The boys hosted SASS in the league on Monday 16th October, hoping to gain their first win of the season. Playing with only seven players, the win came as an improved 2nd half performance gave the 3 points to the boys in green. The game started well for the Bowmansgreen lads as they managed to control possession early on in the first half. Tommy was looking to get attacks going, passing the ball wide for Isa and Ollie to move onto. James got several chances but found the SASS keeper in decent form, making two saves and keeping the score level. As the half went on, SASS got more into the game and their hard work rate and quick passing eventually produced a goal, right on half time. The SASS centre forward got to the ball before Taye and Freddie were able to clear and poked the ball into the net.

The second half went the same way as the start of the first half with Bowmansgreen having more of the ball but with no end product. Freddie and George looked solid in defence and this allowed more freedom going forward. James eventually equalised as he appeared in the right place at the right time to steer a right footed shot into the bottom corner. This seemed to urge the team forward and the winner came via Isa, who again, made a good run into the area after good approach play from Tommy and Ollie, and applied a good finish right near the end of the game. Final score Bowmansgreen 2-1 SASS.

Squad - Taye, George, Freddie, Ollie, Isa, Tommy & James.

Cross Country Results

Girls

Laila Brown - 16

Mia Piper - 25

Leila Odaro Burnett - 46

Anita Minouai - 89

Mya Hammond - 91

Lacey Mae Baylis Donovan - 97

Boys

Zeph Lindo - 23

Tommy Cowie - 25

James Ingham - 26

Isa Khan - 64

Jack Gentleman - 95

Great set of results and fantastic team scores - an impressive improvement on the previous race.

Boys v Aboyne Lodge

The Boys football team played Aboyne Lodge in the St Albans Cup on Wednesday 18th October hoping to continue the recent good form. It started well as Tommy gave the Bowmansgreen side a 1-0 lead going towards half time and James doubled the advantage just before the whistle. The 2nd half was the same as James scored again, and along with Ollie, made the score 4-0. Aboyne Lodge notched one back near the final whistle to make the final score 4-1.

Squad - Taye, George B, Freddie, Tommy, Ollie, Jack, Isa, & James.

Basketball competition.

Several year 6 children represented Bowmansgreen in The Harpenden Sports Partnership Basketball Competition.

Against strong opposition, the team battled hard but unfortunately lost all three group games against Crabtree, Cunningham Hill and The Grove, although the performances did improve each game.

Squad - Jack, Dylan, James, Kieran, Lily, Marilena, Sienna & Emily.

FOBS - Cauliflower Cards

Your child/ren have once again got the opportunity to design their own greetings cards. This could be for Christmas, Eid, New Year or any other occasion. If you would like to order your design as a card (or gift tag) Bowmansgreen School will receive £1 for each pack of cards ordered. We know that in the past children, parents and carers have enjoyed having a unique card that they can send to family / friends.

Please follow the steps below if you would like to order your child's design as a card:

- 1) Design the picture on paper and attach with glue to the attached form.
- 2) Complete the attached paperwork (steps 1-4) detailing what you would like to order.
- 3) Return the completed form to school by Tuesday 31st October, with full payment by cheque (made payable to Bowmansgreen School) or in cash (correct payment only - no change will be given).

Please see below some ideas that you could try ☺

