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Newsletter 19

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Dates for your Diary	
Monday 19 th Feb	Y3/Y4 Boys Football v Garden Fields (Home)
Tuesday 20 th Feb	Parent Workshop - NSPCC (Join us for tea/ coffee in the mobile classroom from drop off)
Tuesday 20 th Feb	6G $\frac{1}{2}$ class Eco Day
Tuesday 20 th Feb	Cross Country League @ St Columba's
Tuesday 20 th Feb	FOB's Meeting @ 7.00pm
Thursday 22 nd Feb	Boys Football v Killigrew (Away)
Friday 23 rd Feb	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Monday 26 th Feb	Boys Football v Cunningham Hill (Home)
Monday 26 th Feb	Year 6 Height/Weight
Tuesday 27 th Feb	Parent Workshop - First Aid for Parents (For parents who have paid for the course)
Thursday 1 st Mar	World Book Day
Friday 2 nd Mar	Year 3 Trip to Science Museum
W/B Monday 5 th Mar	Careers Week
Tuesday 6 th Mar	3S Trip to Airbus Science/Eco Trip
Wednesday 7 th Mar	Year 5/6 NSPCC Workshops
Friday 9 th Mar	Dress up as your future career
Friday 9 th Mar	FOB's Mother's Day Sale @ 3.00pm
Tuesday 13 th Mar	2TC $\frac{1}{2}$ class Eco Day
Tuesday 13 th Mar	Parent Workshop - Aspiring Girls
Wednesday 14 th Mar	6T Cricket @ Roundwood
Thursday 15 th Mar	Spanish Curriculum Evening - All welcome 3.00pm - 4.00pm & 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday 17 th Mar	St Albans Swimming Gala
Tuesday 20 th Mar	2TC $\frac{1}{2}$ Class Eco Day
Tuesday 20 th Mar	Last swim for Year 4
Tuesday 20 th Mar	Van Cols for Class/Team Photos
Tuesday 20 th Mar	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 21 st Mar	Year 3 Boys Football v Garden Fields (Away)
Wednesday 21 st Mar	Choir @ Alban Arena @ 7.00pm
Thursday 22 nd Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 8.00pm
Friday 23 rd Mar	FOB's Cinema Night @ 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 th Mar	4C Trip to Airbus Science/Eco Day
Wednesday 28 th Mar	Football Inter League Finals @ Wheatfields
Thursday 29 th March	Term Finishes @ 1.30pm
Fri 30 Mar - Sun 15 Apr	Easter Holidays

Headteacher's Message

Pupils at Bowmansgreen love maths! Pupils have worked so hard this half-term and have thoroughly enjoyed the fun and challenge of their maths and home learning activities focusing on pattern. It was great to see so many of you at yesterday's curriculum evening, celebrating your children's learning in maths. It is always lovely to see pupils proudly sharing work with parents and we appreciate the turn-out and support for these events.

I am aware that there were significant problems with parking and traffic during last Friday's school disco. The school and FOBS are thinking together to see how we can help alleviate these pressures on drivers, local residents and pedestrians. I have previously sought legal advice as to how far the school can or should be involved in parking and traffic issues and the advice is very clear - these are not school staff responsibilities and situations can actually become more inflamed if we try to intervene or 'police' such situations. We have to trust that parents will park and drive sensibly. We can, of course, help alleviate the pressure in other ways such as looking at opening the rear gate or not holding two discos on the same evening. Any changes will be in place for the next disco.

In recent months, schools have been asked to put into place procedures to quickly move pupils and staff away from an identified risk or unsafe situation. Such practice is sometimes referred to as 'lockdown' although this is not a term that we have yet introduced to pupils. A lockdown procedure is a standard health and safety procedure, similar to a fire drill. Although the need for such action is very unlikely, we want to ensure that should it arise, we have a whole school, sensible and proportionate response that all pupils and staff are familiar and confident with. This week, we practised this procedure, leaving the playground quickly and sensibly and returning to our classrooms. We will continue to formulate our whole school plan and present parents with our final policy next half term.

Our next parent workshop is the first Tuesday back (Feb 20th) and will be led by the NSPCC. This session is part of a wider programme called 'Speak out. Stay safe.' and is linked to the assembly and pupil workshops that the NSPCC will be delivering at Bowmansgreen. I would encourage all parents to attend this workshop which is aimed at helping our children to keep themselves and each other safe.

Enjoy a lovely half-term.

Attendance

KS1 - 1B

KS2 - 5JW

Parent Workshops

This term's parent workshops take place on the dates shown below between 9.00am and 10am. All parents are welcome and are encouraged to come along if you can.

Tuesday 20th February - NSPCC - Child Protection

Tuesday 27th February - First Aid for Parents (If you have pre-booked online)

Tuesday 13th March - Inspiring Girls

Tuesday 27th March - Computing

Home Learning

There will be no home learning set over the half term holidays.
The next piece will be set on Thursday 22nd February.

Miss Ditella's Disco for British Heart Foundation

Thank you everyone who came along to the disco last Friday, Miss Ditella raised an amazing £603.27! 😊

Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley

We celebrated Pancake and Valentine's Day early this week at Breakfast Club, making cards and enjoying our special breakfast this morning. The winner of our Valentine's box of chocolates was Simon 5JW - enjoy the chocolates!



Wishing you all a relaxing half term and we'll see you back at Breakfast Club bright and early from 7.30am on Monday 19th February, 😊

Sports News from Mr Sanders

County Cross - county placings announced on hsa.org.

Year 5 Boys:

James 17th

Ollie 98th

Year 5 Girls:

Laila 9th and will represent Herts in the National championship in March.

Lacey 130th

Mariya 132nd

Year 6 Girls:

Leila 49th

Emily 116th

Boys B v Margaret Wix

The Boys B team made the short trip to play Margaret Wix in a league match on Wednesday but it proved to be a tough test as Margaret Wix came out the stronger side as they won 4-0.

The game wasn't without chances for the Bowmansgreen team but once again, they found the opposition keeper in great form. Conceding three goals in the first half of play wasn't ideal but a more determined showing during the 2nd half was encouraging. Szymon and Zeph showed the way with hard working performances but in the end Margaret Wix proved too strong as the final whistle blew.

Squad - Simon, Zeph, Adam, Hugo, Tiago, Tobi, Evan, Szymon and Owen.



Boys A v SASS

The boys A team unfortunately bowed out of the St Albans Cup yesterday as they lost 2-0 against a strong Skyswood side. The first goal was fairly harsh as an indirect free kick was awarded to Skyswood. The resulting shot ended up hammered into the back of the net. This woke up the Bowmansgreen boys and Ollie, Tommy and James looked lively and nearly equalised just before half time, with James using his pace to go past the defender and shooting just wide. The defensive unit of Alfie, Jack and Freddie were stretched for the rest of the half but stood up to the task.

The 2nd half was a spirited performance as Skyswood looked to double the advantage and Bowmansgreen tried to get on level terms. George came on and was solid in the tackle and pushed forward later in the game to put pressure on the opposition defence. The game ebbed one way then the other but it was Skyswood who got the all-important 2nd goal with only two minutes remaining.

Overall it was a hard working performance from Bowmansgreen but it was Skyswood who were the stronger team but certainly progress has been made in the last few matches.

Squad - Taye, Freddie, Alfie, Jack, George, Tommy, Ollie and James.



Early Years News from Miss Robbins

This week

We have been learning about different fruits. We have read the story of 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' and designed our own fruit salads using the ipads. We tasted different fruits and cut them up to put in a fruit salad. We have learnt different ways we can sort, group and categorise and how we can record this simply. Thank you for staying to do maths activities on Tuesday morning. We hope the cards help to explain the game/activity but if you're unsure please ask. It was lovely to see you at the curriculum evening yesterday and we hope you enjoyed sharing your children's work on pattern.

After half term

We will continue learning about how to keep healthy with more of a focus on exercise and hygiene. We will be using the text Mrs Mopple's Washing Line. We will also be looking at non-fiction and writing captions and labels on posters and signs about keeping healthy. We will be using a washing line to add, subtract, pair, and count in 2's/5's.

Well Being

As part of the children's well-being it is important that we have clean toilets for every child to use. We have noticed that some children are having trouble aiming and therefore making the toilet very messy for the next child. We do regularly check the toilets and clean any mess but if you know your child is struggling please speak to us so we can offer our advice and support.

Resources

Thank you for the donations you have brought in this week. This has really inspired the children and they have used them to create some great work. Please keep collecting! We would also be grateful for any donations of unused diaries, notebooks or post-it notes and if you are throwing out coloured stones/pebbles, the sort you have in vases or decorations we would love them too.

Have a great half term but don't forget to keep reading (5 times a week) and practising the phonics cards.

Maths Curriculum Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Maths Curriculum Evening last night. We hope you enjoyed seeing the work your children have produced, which showed off their Maths knowledge and skills. It was great to see parents and children having a go at the different interactive adventures that were out.



Last week we ran a Maths Competition "Estimation Station" for all the children, where they had to estimate the number of sweets in a jar. The winners of the competition were:

Rec - Hector who guessed 68 (correct answer was 70)

KS1 - Shakyra 1B, Anna 1H, Aimee 2BC, Carlo 2BC, Aron 2TC who all guessed 50 (correct answer was 48)

KS2- Sofia 4B who guessed 593 (correct answer was 583)

We also had the competition at our curriculum evening and the winners were:

KS1 - Garin - who guessed 48

KS2 Child - Ruby E who guessed 600

KS2 Parent - Mr Edwards who guessed 595

Our next Curriculum Evening will be on Thursday 15th March (3.00pm-4.00pm & 6.00pm-7.00pm) which will have a Spanish Theme.

