

Newsletter 23

16th March 2018

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19 th Mar	Girls B Football v Fleetville (Home)
Tuesday 20 th Mar	2BC $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 Margaret Wix (Away)
Wednesday 21 st Mar	Choir @ Alban Arena @ 7.00pm
Thursday 22 nd Mar	Year 6 @ Crucial Crew Workshop
Thursday 22 nd Mar	Year 2 Trip to Hindu Temple
Thursday 22 nd Mar	Boys B Football v Fleetville (Away)
Thursday 22 nd Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 8.00pm
Friday 23 rd Mar	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Friday 23 rd Mar	Boys B Football v Killigrew (Home)
Tuesday 27 th Mar	4C Trip to Airbus Science/Eco Day
Tuesday 27 th Mar	Parent Workshop - Computing
Tuesday 27 th Mar	Year 6 Inspirational Talk from Tej
Tuesday 27 th Mar	FOBS Meeting @ 7.00pm
Wednesday 28 th Mar	Football Inter League Finals @ Wheatfields
Thursday 29 th Mar	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Thursday 29 th Mar	Term Finishes @ 1.30pm
Fri 30 Mar - Sun 15 Apr	Easter Holidays

This Week's Author, Reader and Mathematician of the Week

Congratulations to: Author of the week KS1 - 2TC Miles
 KS2 - 3S Rayaan

Reader of the week KS1 - 1H Harrison
 KS2 - 6G Daisy

Mathematician of the week KS1 - Rec JD Jack
 KS2 - 4B Jacey



Headteacher's Message

On Tuesday, Captain Emma Henderson, an Easyjet pilot, led the parent workshop and whole school assembly based around the theme of 'inspiring girls.' Emma is an inspirational woman in a male-dominated industry and she was full of encouragement and advice for our pupils.

Last night's curriculum evening featured, amongst other things, collages based on work by Picasso, a 'replica' of the Sagrada Família, tapas, flamenco dancing and quizzes! Thank you to everyone who turned out to support this event and a special thank you to Mrs Manly for organising the evening and Mrs Pitcher for her culinary talents! We hope that you had a great time finding out what your children have been busy learning this half term.

Today we held our first Book Swap event. It was great to see so many children going home with new titles to interest and motivate them to read for pleasure. This will be a regular date for our diaries, with the next Book Swap taking place next half term.

It is always great to hear about pupils' achievements and hard work outside of school and I am very proud to hear that some Bowmansgreen pupils have been busy helping to look after their local community. Some attended the litter pick with the scouts on Saturday and helped to collect 50 bags of rubbish from the local area. Thank you children for being so helpful and responsible.

Mrs Stanley continued the Spanish theme into breakfast club this morning, with a delicious Spanish breakfast. I thoroughly enjoyed my cheese, Spanish omelette and fresh fruit which gave me a super start to my day! If you missed out today, please come and try breakfast with us any morning from 7.30am - you won't be disappointed!

Senior leaders and governors have recently reviewed the security of the school site and have agreed that we need to amend the times that the back gate is open to parents. A letter will follow on Monday, to further explain what measures are being taken and why.

A letter has gone home today with details of our after school clubs that will be running after Easter, including a few new ones. Please tick your preferences and return your form to school by Tuesday. You will be notified which clubs you have secured places in before the holidays.

Enjoy your weekend - hats and gloves at the ready!

Parent Workshops

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

Tuesday 27th March - Esafety

KS2 School Lunches

HCL are increasing the cost of a school lunch. From 1st April a school lunch will increase to £2.45 each day.

Spanish Curriculum Evening

It was great to see so many of you showing your support at our Spanish Curriculum evening last night. We had dancing, art, writing, cookery, music, and much more - all influenced by the Spanish culture. One of the main stars of the show was the tasty tapas, kindly cooked for us by our own Mrs Pitcher. We are sure you'll all agree it was a great evening, which gave you a small taste of Spain at Bowmansgreen.



Meet our Governors - Phil Clark

I have been a Governor at Bowmansgreen since May 2016. I am one of our two parent governors - our role is to be representative of the parent perspective in general, but not to be a spokesperson for the particular views of parents. We are elected for a four year term, at the end of which other parents will have the opportunity to stand as a parent governor.



I have one child at the school in year 5, and my daughter attended Bowmansgreen from 2008 to 2015 and is now at Samuel Ryder. I decided to become a governor to help the school meet the challenges that all schools face at the moment - maintaining a high quality of education for our children whilst faced with budget pressures. I work in finance and this year have taken on the role as Chair of the governing body's Resources Committee. This committee is responsible for overseeing and challenging the school on how it manages its finances, the school premises and learning resources. We usually meet each half term, with Miss Lippa and the School Business Manager.

It's been a steep learning curve during the last two years, and an eye-opener into all of the hard work that goes into running the school for the benefit of our children, but it has been enjoyable. All of the Governors are committed to supporting the school in its mission to improve the education that your children receive.

Most of my spare time involves sport - I play football on a Tuesday night at Cottleswick with a group of dads from school, and also play tennis and badminton. I also do Parkrun in Verulam Park on a Saturday morning with my son, and manage his rugby team at Old Verulamians.

Parent Workshop - Inspiring Girls

This week we welcomed Captain Emma Henderson from Easyjet to host our Tuesday assembly. Emma told us all about her journey to becoming a pilot and what a typical day in her working life looks like. Emma works with the charitable organisation Aviatrrix which was created to encourage girls into male dominated careers and we hope that she encouraged all our students to reach for the skies! Thank you to those parents and grandparents who came to support your youngsters and took part in the inspiring follow up Q&A workshop.



Girls A v Garden Fields

The Girls A team went out of the St Albans Cup on Friday, losing 1-0 against Garden Fields in a very tight match. The only real chance for Garden Fields during the first half was taken well by the centre forward and whenever Bowmansgreen got within range of the goal, their shots were either blocked or saved by the keeper. The second half was one way traffic as the Bowmansgreen girls pushed hard for the equaliser and created several chances which again were either blocked or saved. It was a good team performance despite the score, especially as Lily was missing due to injury, which was a huge loss for the team. It did mean that Jacey got her debut for the A team, coming in to deputise really well.



The final score was 1-0 to Garden Fields but encouraging in terms of performance for the girls who now have a chance to hopefully win the league next week when they travel to play St Peters.

Squad - Emily, Kyeesha, Lucy, Sofia, Marilena, Laila, Lacie and Jacey.

Quick Sticks Hockey scores from the Tournament today.

Bowmansgreen 1 scores from the **Quick Sticks Hockey**

0-0 St John Fisher
0-0 Cunningham Hill
1-3 Sauncey Wood
0-3 Wood End
1-1 St Dominic's
2-1 Prae Wood
2-0 Crabtree
2-0 Kings
0-1 The Grove
0-2 Killigrew

Bowmansgreen 2 scores from the **Quick Sticks Hockey**

1-4 The Grove
6-0 Killigrew
1-1 How Wood
2-0 Markyate
0-1 Cunningham Hill
3-0 Prae Wood
2-0 Wheatfields
0-8 Crabtree
0-2 St Dominic's
4-1 Windermere

Squads from - Taye, Adam, Dylan, Zak, Jack, Owen, Evan, Kyeesha, Anisa, Emily, Lily, Natasha & Marilena.

Early Years News from Miss Robbins

This week

We have been finding out lots of things about Spain. We have learnt some Spanish words and have been trying to use them throughout the day. We listened to some Spanish music and Mrs Flatt taught us a Spanish song. We watched a flamenco dancer and made some paper fans. We learnt all about the Spanish architect 'Gaudi' and looked at some of his work around the city of Barcelona. We had a go at making mosaic lizards like the one he made for the park in the city and we even designed and used the big building bricks to make a famous Spanish church. We cooked and tasted Spanish food... omelettes and the yummy churros! It was lovely to see you last night at our curriculum evening and hope you enjoyed looking at our wonderful work.

Next week

Next week we will be starting our work to do with Easter. We will be finding out and about how Christians celebrate Easter. We will be making our own books about things that we are interested in and reading them to the adults and our friends in the class. In maths we will be learning about problem solving.

Eggs

For one of the activities we are doing next week we would be grateful if you could send your child in with a hardboiled egg (or 2!). Thank you.

Workshop

After Easter we will be holding a Reception reading and writing workshop with practical ideas to help you help your child with these subjects at home. I will be sending out a letter about this shortly. For one of the activities we require empty 'Pringles' tubes (large). If you have any we would be grateful if you could send them in.

Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley

Looking forward to Easter, we have started our Easter Egg competition with every child who attends Breakfast Club can enter! Our Spanish Breakfast this morning was popular with Spanish dancing afterwards. With the chicks due to hatch next week we will be very busy feeding everyone. Remember we open at 7.30am and the last breakfast is served at 8.10am. We welcome all children. Any questions please speak to Mrs Stanley.