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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 27 th Mar	4C Trip to Airbus Science/Eco Day
Tuesday 27 th Mar	Parent Workshop - Esafety
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 - 1B George
KS2 - 4C Avril

Reader of the week KS1 - Rec WR Reggie
KS2 - 5CW Lola

Mathematician of the week KS1 - 2TC Izzy
KS2 - 6HW Szymon

Meet our Governors - Marianne Pope

My name is Marianne Pope and I am a co-opted governor at Bowmansgreen. I became a governor in 2014 because I work for a company that specialises in education and wanted to put my knowledge of the school system to practical use by supporting a school.



I enjoy being a governor because I get to see the positive impact of our decisions on the outcomes of Bowmansgreen pupils, and see the school go from strength to strength. A real highlight was our 'good' Ofsted rating in 2016.

Headteacher's Message

It was great to see you all at this week's parent consultation meetings. We hope that you found the meetings useful and an important part of home and school working together to best support your children. If you were unable to attend your appointment, please ensure that you rearrange a time with your child's class teacher next week.

The changing of reading books is a theme that often crops up during the year including during this week's meetings. We know that you look forward to seeing the new books that your children bring home, especially when they 'move up' a colour band. Please don't be disheartened if that process takes a while as the teachers will make that decision based upon how well a pupil understands texts rather than how fluently they can read them. We are always looking to challenge and push on a child's learning but we also like to be sure that we have the evidence to support our judgements so that we do not hinder the progress.

On Tuesday morning, the parent workshop will be led by an external visitor called Digital Jen, focusing on e-safety. The session has been designed to make parents aware of the benefits and dangers for primary age pupils (and older) who use apps, social media and mobile technology. It will include evidence and a discussion about the impact that the internet has on the mental and physical health and wellbeing of children. The session promises to be an insightful, informative 'reality check' for any adults whose children use technology and mobile devices. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

The school choir performed at the Alban Arena on Wednesday as part of the Primary Schools Music Festival. Every single one of our pupils who took part sang their hearts out and helped to make it a very special performance. It was a joy to see and the choir was fantastic! Thank you children, for doing Bowmansgreen proud.

As the weather is beginning to show signs of spring, please could you send pupils in with a water bottle, especially on the day that they have PE.

Don't forget that the clocks spring forward this weekend!

Parent Workshops

The next parent workshop is next Tuesday. All parents are welcome and are encouraged to come along if you can.
Tuesday 27th March - Esafety (please see Headteacher's Message for more information)

Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley

Only one more week to go for our Easter Egg Competition. Everybody who attends Breakfast Club can fill in their name and put it in the draw. It will be drawn next Thursday as we break up for our Easter Holidays. Everyone enjoyed their Easter Breakfast this morning of chocolate pancakes. Next week, the chicks will be visiting Breakfast Club each day so come along and see them in the hall.

Chick News

We have four chicks that have hatched - Olaf, Eggbert, Tap and Fluffy. Here are a few pictures of Tap hatching during Breakfast Club. ☺



Home Learning

In 4B we are very proud of Haroon, Charlie K, Mark, George and Verity for producing outstanding pieces of home learning. In Year 4, as a whole, the home learning has been of a high quality, however that bar was raised by these children. Mark, George and Charlie produced a very detailed road trip of their own based on their version of Route 66. This included, sites to see along the route and the recommended days the trip would take. Verity produced an outstanding piece of comparison work between Dallas and Mexico City, highlighting the similarities between population, climate, languages spoken, landmarks, industries of the cities to name a few, plus some very detailed facts on those cities. Haroon looked at our science thread of sound in our home learning and produced a fantastic detailed report on Beethoven and his piano playing prowess.



Well done to Aimee who also showed Miss Golding an amazing piece of home learning. ☺



Chloe, Lea, Alex, Youssef and Max from 3S have produced some outstanding 3D models for their home learning, which they are very proud of and keen to show off! We think you will agree. ☺

Choir at the Alban Arena

On Wednesday evening, the choir performed on stage at the Alban Arena as part of the St Albans Primary Schools Spring Music Festival. It was a fantastic evening and the children performed so well. A special mention to Ava and Aimee who sang as part of a smaller group and to Avril and Ella for their narrations. Well done to the choir for working so hard to learn your words.



Thank you to those parents who were able to come and support the choir - and show us your groovy moves!

Music Exams

Chisom, Poppy, Keira and Avril, all in class 4C, took the ABRSM Recorder Prep Test last week. For this, they had to play three exercises from memory and perform two pieces (Round the Totem Pole and Mystical Bird). All of them played really well, and had excellent comments from the examiner. They had all practised a lot for this exam, and their hard work really paid off!

Visit from The Saltmine Theatre Company

We were visited last week by The Saltmine Theatre Company and received this lovely feedback that we would like to share with you.

"We were delighted this week to come to your school to present the "Secret Angels" play and associated workshop. Your pupils not only behaved excellently but also responded enthusiastically to the drama and workshop activities, making the event a success". Well done children!

Sports News from Mr Sanders

X Country League Results

Leila - 48
Emily - 77
Anisa - 77
Lacey - 88

James - 26
Tommy - 40
Jack - 59
Ollie - 89



Scores from the *Rapid Fire Cricket* at Roundwood on Wednesday

Bowmansgreen 1 24 - 64 Killigrew
Bowmansgreen 45 - 60 Crabtree
Bowmansgreen 47- 36 Prae Wood
Bowmansgreen 59-63 The Grove
Bowmansgreen 52-57 Markyate

Team - Mark, Archie, Pavlov, Poppy, Isabelle & Avril.

Bowmansgreen 2 43 - 66 Crabtree
Bowmansgreen 39-70 Windermere
Bowmansgreen 58-42 The Grove
Bowmansgreen 73-58 Killigrew
Bowmansgreen 66-50 Wood End

Team - Jason, Luca, Fraser, Megan, Jacey & Ava.

Well done to all the players who have got better and better every game. ☺

Girls v St Peters

The girls played the final league match of the season away v St Peters. It was always going to be a tight match and so it proved. Despite being the better side for the first half, the Bowmansgreen girls didn't manage to break down the stubborn St Peters defence. Several close calls went begging and the team gave St Peters nothing as Emily in goal was only called on to pick up loose balls in the area. It was 0-0 at half time and the 2nd half was similar as Bowmansgreen looked to take the initiative and win the game. The opening, and so it proved only goal, came from a disputed free kick for a hand ball. Bowmansgreen didn't manage to clear the ball and the ball somehow ended up in the bottom corner. It was a hammer blow as Bowmansgreen had dominated the game in terms of chances. Bowmansgreen were then camped in the St Peters half. Lacie made the keeper make a good save as it looked like she had equalised. Frustrating for the girls but a fantastic performance.

Squad - Emily, Kyeesha, Lucy, Sofia, Marilena, Lacie (c), Lily & Jacey.

St Albans Swimming Gala - Saturday 17th March

Girls results

Backstroke - Grace 2nd
Breaststroke - Eva 8th
Freestyle - Lola 5th
Freestyle Relay - Imogen, Ava, Megan, Chisom 6th
Medley Relay - Grace, Eva, Lola 5th.

Boys results

Backstroke - Jack 1st
Breaststroke - Elijah 6th
Freestyle - Zak 3rd
Freestyle Relay - Harry, Daniel, Lewis, Luca 6th
Medley Relay - Elijah, Jack, Zak 1st

Well done team - 4th place overall.

It was a young team that competed, including only 11

Well done to all the swimmers - it was a great result and fantastic swimming.

A big thank you to Mrs Clayworth and Mrs Gentleman for assisting on the pool side.



Year 3 v Margaret Wix

The year 3 boys played their first game together as they travelled to Margaret Wix for a friendly match. The game started well for the boys as they took control early on and continued this throughout both periods of play. A lead of 4-0 at half time was decent but the final score of 12-0 was exceptional and the standard of the Bowmansgreen play was outstanding. Goals were scored by Jed (5), Brendon (2), Olivier (2), Mikail (2) and Harry. A superb start to the year 3 football matches.

Squad - Archie, Max, Harry, Lennon, Brendon, Jed, Olivier, Mikail, Alex, Preston.



Boys B v Fleetville

The boys went to play Fleetville on Thursday looking forward to the tough challenge ahead.

With Joseph and Fernando playing their first games, it was a new look side that took the field.

Despite losing 3-0, it was a spirited and encouraging performance from the team, most of them year 5's. From Kaleb in goal, the defence of Mario, Elijah and Fernando and with the hard graft of Luke, George James and Albie in midfield, and the selfless work of George and Joseph in attack, the boys played with a smile and determination to give everything! Well done to the whole team.



The Young FilmMakers Club - Summer Term 2018

The Young FilmMakers Club will be returning for another 3rd successful term at Bowmansgreen Primary School. There are some remaining spaces for the Summer term commencing Tuesday 24th April 2018. We are running both a lunch club and after school club again this term. Here is an idea of what your child will be doing at the club as it runs over 11 weeks. We focus on improving communication, self-confidence & literacy skills. The children learn how to write storyboards, audition for roles, use the camera, green screens and clapperboard. We rotate roles of Director, Camera Operator & Clapperboard. Basically everything there is to know about how to make movies, with an amazing end result, fully edited with special effects issued to parents to keep.

BOOKING IS ONLINE via www.youngfilmmakersclub.co.uk where you can select BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE and select Bowmansgreen lunch club or Bowmansgreen School from the alpha listing of schools or you can contact Gillian on 07341305131 & northherts@youngfilmmakersclub.co.uk. BOOKING IS NOT DONE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE.