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### Dates for your Diary

Tue 24th April	5JW $\frac{1}{2}$ class Eco Day
Tue 24th April	Ruby Raut Economic Workshops with the Food Ninja's
Wed 25th April	Year 4 Boys Football v Fleetville
Thu 26th April	Year 4 Boys v Bernards Heath (Home)
Fri 27th April	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Fri 27th April	Year 3 & Year 4 Workshop with Dentist
Fri 27th April	Book Swap - (mobile classroom) 2.45pm-3.30pm
Tue 1st May	3D $\frac{1}{2}$ class Eco Day
Tue 1st May	Parent Coffee Morning & Workshop @ 9.00am - Parent Forum Launch
Tue 1st May	Year 4 - Speed Stacking @ Harpenden
Tue 1st May	FOBS Meeting

### Year 1

This week Year One were given a very important job. They were asked to become detectives and explore a crime scene. They found a pile of straw, a pile of sticks and a brick house. Children were asked to find different clues to solve what had happened. They found fur, foot prints and photos of three little pigs. Year One were wonderful detectives and deduced that a wolf had blown down the house of sticks and the house of wood.



### Headteacher's Message

This morning's celebration assembly was a fantastic start to the summer term and the perfect example of how amazing Bowmansgreen pupils are! It is always a pleasure to hear about how hard pupils are working and enjoying their learning and who are the super role-models for their peers. It is also lovely to learn about the achievements and talents of pupils outside of school and today was no exception. Miles and Elissa performed pieces for the rest of the school and demonstrated why they both achieved distinction in their recent music exams. Well done to all children who were celebrated in assembly today - we are very proud of you.

The new KS1 playground equipment is almost ready.... the safety surface is being installed as I type! Pupils will be able to enjoy this equipment from Monday and I know that it will provide hours of fun. Thank you once again to FOBS for organising the fundraising which has gone towards the purchase of our new 'Brig' and to parents for your continued and generous support.

Please be reminded that children are not allowed on any playground equipment before or after school as staff are not able to supervise and ensure their safety. Also, the back gate will continue to be open at the end of the day until 3.15pm and then 4.00 - 4.15pm to ensure the security of the site after school.

Thank you to those parents who attended this week's parent workshop which focused on standards at Bowmansgreen. Feedback has highlighted that the title 'standards' did not give parents enough of a clue as to the content of the workshop which was about results, progress and achievement at Bowmansgreen. We will re-run this workshop later in the term to give more parents the opportunity to attend. The next workshop (May 1<sup>st</sup>) focuses on parental engagement and how parents can be involved in supporting their own children and the wider school. The parent council is being re-launched as a parent forum and is hoping to have class representatives who can work closely with the school to receive and share information, give feedback and help encourage more parents to get involved with school life at Bowmansgreen. I hope to see lots of you there.

Have a lovely weekend ☺

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

### Congratulations to:

Author of the week	KS1 - Aimee 2BC KS2 - Willow 3D
Reader of the week	KS1 - Benji 1B KS2 - Simon 5JW
Mathematician of the week	KS1 - Luisaidh Rec WR KS2 - Leo 4C



### 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. They start at 9.00am and refreshments are provided.

1st May	Parent Forum Launch
8th May	KS1 Maths - Multiplication & division
5th June	KS2 Maths - Multiplication & division
19th June	Forest School
3rd July	Supporting Children's Behaviour
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Home Learning - follow up

### Early Years News from Miss Robbins

#### *This week*

We have started our new topic of 'Mythical Beasts' (or Magical Creatures). We focused on Unicorns using the story 'Sugarlump and the Unicorn' by Julia Donaldson. Children have made up and written stories using the magical world scene in our small world area. They have enjoyed taking on the roles of Kings, Queens, Knights and Jesters in our castle role play area, telling jokes and writing magical letters to the king and queen. In maths we have been using money and using the everyday language related to this e.g. how much? cost, price and change etc. After such dreadful weather last term, we have really enjoyed being able to get outside to do some learning and enjoy the sunshine at last.

#### *Next week*

Next week we will be focusing on the mythical creature of a dragon. We will be using the song 'Puff the Magic Dragon' as our starting point listening to a story without pictures or props. The children will be making up their own dragon and writing about them. In Maths we will be learning to problem solve through sharing.

#### *Timetable*

As you are probably aware there have been some changes to our timetable. For P.E. the children will need to bring their P.E. kits in every Monday and leave it in school for the week. As the weather improves we will be using the outdoor area and this could happen on any day. The children will now be attending assembly on Tuesday mornings so we have changed our Maths and Reading Registration days for parents. Maths reg. will be Wednesday morning and reading reg. will be Friday before Celebration Assembly. We have also had to change Miss Robbins and Miss Davies book change day from Tuesday to Monday and our Library day to Wednesday afternoon. Any questions please ask a member of the Early Years team.

### Uniform Sale

Uniform sale - Now that the warmer weather is (hopefully) on its way, can we please ask for nearly new uniform donations: those that are of good quality, clean, and undamaged. In particular, we are in need of boys' and girls' shorts and summer dresses, ages 7-9 swimwear, shoes, plimsols and P.E. kits.

### Music Exams

Congratulations to Miles and Elissa who recently took their music exams. They both received distinction in their exams, Miles in Grade 1 violin and Elissa in Grade 2 piano and Grade 3 recorder. We hope you enjoyed their performance in assembly today. ☺



## Sports News from Mr Sanders

### *Year 4 Girls v Skyswood*



The girls had a tough match against Skyswood Year 4 on Thursday, fielding a young side as Chloe in goal is a year 2 and Charlotte is Year 3.

The opening goal of the game was scored in the first 10 seconds and it proved to be the winner.

Bowmansgreen girls recovered from that and put up a good fight throughout and made the Skyswood keeper work on various occasions. With Jacey not available due to injury, the other girls stepped up and put in superb performances.

Final score was 1-0 to Skyswood.

Squad - Chloe, Ava, Isabelle, Chisum, Tayla, Poppy, Charlotte, Megan and Elissa.

### *Year 5 Boys - St Albans 6 a side*

The boys Year 5 team had an opportunity to qualify for the St Albans 6 a side finals on Saturday when they hosted Prae Wood, Park Street and St Bernadette on Wednesday. However, despite winning the games against St Bernadette and Park Street by 2-0 and 1-0 respectively, the last game was lost 2-1 against Prae Wood, meaning the boys unfortunately missed out on goal difference.

### *Team GB Athlete Visit*

The Girls were all wearing our new Year 3&4 kit which was brought by the School's share of the money raised for the Team GB Athlete's visit - we hope you agree that they look great!

We also purchased 'reversaboards' for the sports hall with the money which will help with indoor athletics training for all year.

## Summer Term - Young FilmMakers Club

This term's Young FilmMakers club films were emailed to parents/cares on April 4th for the after school club and April 15th for the lunch club. If for any reason you have not received your download copy please contact Gillian on northherts@youngfilmmakersclub.co.uk or on 07341305131.