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Newsletter 27

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Dates for your Diary	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Boys Football v Fleetville
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> May	3D ½ class Eco Day
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Parent Coffee Morning & Workshop @ 9.00am - Parent Forum Launch
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 - Speed Stacking @ Harpenden
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> May	FOBS Meeting @ 7.00pm
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	6 a side prelims @ Home
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 PGL Meeting @ 6.00pm
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 4 Girls v Fleetville - Away
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day - School Closed
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> May	3D ½ class Eco Day
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Boys v Bernards Heath - Home
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> May	FOBS Disco KS1 4.45pm - 5.45pm KS2 6.00pm - 7.00pm £3.00 per child
W/B	<b>Year 6 SATS Week</b>
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> May	(Year 6 children invited to SATs Breakfast at Breakfast Club)
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Coffee Morning & Workshop @ 9.00am - KS1 Maths - Multiplication & division
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Sports Hall Athletics @ Herts Sports Village
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	4C ½ class Eco Day
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 4 Mini Tennis @ Roundwood Park School
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Curriculum Evening 3.00pm-4.00pm & 6.00pm-7.00pm
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4/5 Girls v Wheatfields - Home
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-uniform day - raising money for Playskill £1.00 donation (Wear red - socks, t-shirt, hair, bow etc)
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term

### Headteacher's Message

Pupils in KS1 have finally been able to test out their new piece of playground equipment. They have all had a chance to enjoy some time on The Brig and from their feedback and comments it has been well worth the wait!

Please be reminded that schools can only authorise time off during term time in **exceptional circumstances**. In most cases, family holidays do not meet this criteria. Whilst we understand and appreciate the importance of family time together and the increased costs of flights and accommodation during the school holidays, we must adhere to the DfE guidelines regarding holidays in term time. Parents must complete an authorised absence request form at least 14 days in advance of the proposed leave. My decision will be communicated back to you via the office. If any parent wished to discuss the decision with me, then of course I would urge them to do so. There is lots of evidence to suggest that absence from school can have a negative impact upon learning and achievement. Follow this link for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Bowmansgreen said goodbye to Miss Jones today as she leaves us to take up a new job. I know that you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work and commitment to Bowmansgreen and wish her the very best of luck for the future.

Please ensure that you send your child into school in the correct uniform every day, including appropriate PE kit on their PE day. Pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery for sporting activities and will be asked to remove earrings for PE lessons.

Tuesday's parent workshop is dedicated to parental involvement and how parents can be actively involved in working closely with school. We will be launching a new parent forum to replace the current parent council and are looking for class representatives who will support the school, share information and provide feedback regarding concerns and questions. Come along on Tuesday morning to find out more!

I am very excited to announce that we will be holding an Open Morning at Bowmansgreen on Saturday 9th June. School will be open between 9.00 - 11.30am to come and say hello, meet some of the staff and governors and find out about all of the great work and fantastic learning experiences that Bowmansgreen has to offer. The morning will be aimed at current, new and prospective parents so please spread the word.

Enjoy a lovely weekend.

### 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, summer dresses, ages 7-9 swimwear, shoes, plimsoles and P.E. kits.

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

### Congratulations to:

Author of the week	KS1 - Abigail - 1H & KS2 - Lewis - 5CW
Reader of the week	KS1 - Indy - Rec JD & KS2 - Kaleb - 6HW
Mathematician of the week	KS1 - Leo - 2BC & KS2 - Micah - 3D



### Reminders from the Office

During the day, we are requested to deliver many messages/items to children which can cause disruption in the class. These can be packed lunches, coats, water bottles, PE kits or messages informing the teacher that they are going home with a friend, neighbour etc. Please can we ask you to make sure that children have what they need on arrival at school and that any changes to pick up arrangements are given in the morning to the class teacher (with the exception of emergencies, of course). The school office is extremely busy throughout the day and we are concerned that we may not be able to deliver the message/item in time, despite our very best efforts. Thank you.

#### Absence from School

Please could we remind parents/carers that you are required to telephone or text the school office on each day of your child/children's absence. This does include absence for religious holidays.

#### Medication Reminder

Unfortunately the school office is not allowed to give the children any antibiotics or Calpol/Nurofen during the school day. Parents/carers are more than welcome to come to the school and administer the medicine themselves.

#### School Mornings

The classroom and entrance doors are shut promptly at 8.45 am. If your child arrives after 8.45 am at the front entrance they need to come through the School Office. If they arrive at the back entrance please make sure they see the adult on the junior door so that we can be sure they are marked in. The back gate (Library side) is shut promptly at 9.00 am.

#### End of Day Arrangements

We would like to remind parents/carers that unless you have filled in the forms for your child to leave school independently the class teacher will only let the children leave if they are being collected by someone over the age of 16. Reception and KS1 finish at 3.00 pm and KS2 finish at 3.05 pm. Please ensure your children are collected on time.

#### School Back Gate

The school back gate by the Caledon Club/Library will be opened at the end of the school day from 3.00pm to 3.15pm and from 4.00pm - 4.15pm when clubs are being run. Parents/carers/children should leave the school site promptly at the end of the day.

#### Playground Equipment

Children should not be climbing or playing on the playground equipment before or after school as the equipment is unsupervised.

#### Packed Lunches

Please could we remind you that children should not bring in nuts or nutella sandwiches to school as we have several children in school who have severe allergies.

#### Birthdays

Unfortunately the school policy is that we do not allow children to bring in sweets/cakes to their class to celebrate their birthdays. This is because we are a healthy eating school and we also have a lot of children with allergies.

### 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.

Tuesday 1st May - Parent Forum Launch  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Maths - Multiplication and division  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Supporting Children's Behaviour

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May - KS1 Maths (Multiplication and division)  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Forest School  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Home Learning - follow up

### Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley

What wonderful sunshine we have had this week at Breakfast Club. Mr Cropper has been outside with games and sporting activities in the fresh air. Every Friday, after our Special Friday Breakfast we will be having a sports themed activity outside. This will include tennis, football, athletics, basketball and many other fun games. If you would like to bring in your trainers, please do so.

Hope you all enjoyed the breakfast this morning; sausages, scrambled eggs and beans are always popular. Breakfast Club is open every day, 7.30am. Any questions please speak to Mrs Stanley.

### Best Attendance

KS1 - Reception WR  
KS2 - 6G

### Water Bottles

Please could we ask you to send your child into school with a water bottle each day. With the warmer weather hopefully coming, it is important that the children are drinking plenty and also have them available to take outside with them for their PE lessons. Thank you.

## Early Years News from Miss Robbins

### *This week*

We started the week by learning about Saint George and why we celebrate St. George's Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April each year. We talked about his fight with the dragon which led us nicely into this 'mythical beast'...dragons. We designed our own dragons and wrote about them. We made some fabulous dragons from play dough and junk modelling. We listened to the song 'Puff the magic dragon' and talked about the story. We helped St. George solve the problem of sharing his dragons out equally to each of his castles!

### *Next week*

Next week we will be continuing with dragons but with more of a focus on knights and dragons. We will be using the text 'Do knights take naps?' by Nick Sharratt. We will talk about questions and using the starters 'how, what, where, when, who'. We will be writing a list of things that knights do. We will be learning about weighing using the language 'balance, equal, heavier, lighter, how many'. Don't forget that Friday is an Inset day and school will be closed.

### *Workshop*

Your child should have brought home a letter this week about the 'Reading and Writing' workshop that we are running in Reception. If you haven't seen the letter please check your child's book bag and return it ASAP if you would like to attend.

## Hertfordshire County Show - 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> May

The annual Hertfordshire County Show traditionally takes place over the May Bank Holiday weekend, attracting up to 38,000 visitors & displaying the best of Hertfordshire.

Not just an Agricultural Show! Come and see animals ranging from huge bulls to tiny ducks, spectacular displays and educational demonstrations. Join them for a fantastic family day out, combining free entertainment, fun, food and shopping. Bringing communities together, it promises to 'Showcase the Heart of Hertfordshire.'

The school is fortunate to have received a few Child Complimentary tickets for the Hertfordshire County Show. These are available on a first come, first served basis from the school office.

## Sports News from Mr Sanders



### *Girls B v Fleetville*

The girls B team travelled to play Fleetville in a representative match on Monday and came away winning 2-0. Both goals were scored by Anisa with some great performances all round by all of the squad. On a dry and bouncy pitch due to the recent summer weather, it was difficult to get any passing together so it meant it was a game for running with the ball. It was a tight entertaining match and credit to both teams for working so hard in the heat.

Squad - Emily, Natasha, Jamyie, Kiera, Anisa, Sophie, Darcie, Abbi & Rhia.

### *Year 3 & 4 v Fleetville*

The Year 3 and 4 boys continued their development as Fleetville visited for a Representative fixture. Bowmansgreen started well and passed the ball fantastically during the first half, creating several opportunities and eventually the goals came. First, Brendon showed his incredible pace as he burst through and finished well. Lennon then doubled the lead with a fine shot from the left hand side of the area. Fleetville then reduced the deficit not long before half time with another good goal. The 2nd half was equally as good. A goal for each side! Bowmansgreen's scored through Mikail, which was a fine poacher's finish inside the area. Fleetville scored again to make the end of the game fairly close but Bowmansgreen held on to win 3-2. A really good performance by all the players.

Squad - Archie, Luca, Fraser, Jason, Lennon, Mikail, Harry, Olivier & Brendon.



### *Year 3 & 4 v Bernards Heath*

Another game for the year 3/4 boys football team. This time it was against extremely strong opposition in Bernards Heath. Their forward, who is signed at Arsenal was very lively throughout and ended up scoring a hat trick but determined play from the Bowmansgreen lads made it very difficult and they played some fantastic passing football with 3 great goals. Jason scored the first with a fine finish from the edge of the penalty area. Jed got the second when he ran onto a superb Lennon pass to finish well and then Jason got his 2nd after good work by Olivier on the right wing.

It was a really good performance and keeps the development of the lads going as the harder the opposition, the better they play.

Squad - Archie, Jason, Fraser, Max, Luca, Brandon, Lennon, Jed & Olivier.



### *Swimming*

On Saturday 21st April, Bowmansgreen had several swimmers compete and attempt to gain a place in the St Albans District team at St Albans High School for Girls. The distance for each stroke was 50m.

Jack Gentleman - Free 36.41, Back 41.68, Fly 43.00

Grace Gentleman - Free 41.53, Back 47.46, Breast 60.00, Fly 55.59

Leila Odaro-Burnett - Free 36.06, Back 42.12, Breast 44.69

Lola Clayworth - Free 38.91, Back 48.00, Breast 55.59, Fly 50.25

They all swam superbly and we are waiting to find out if any made the final squad.