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Newsletter 31

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Dates for your Diary	
Mon 28 th May - Fri 1 st June	Half Term
Tue 5 th June	Parent Workshop - KS2 Maths (Multiplication & division)
Tue 5 th June	4C ½ class eco day
Tue 5 th June	U11 Girls Cricket @ Clarence Park - All Day
Fri 8 th June	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Sat 9 th June	OPEN DAY - 9.00am - 11.30am
W/B Mon 11 th June	Year 6 PGL Week
Tue 12 th June	New reception - Look In Session 1 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Fri 15 th June	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Fri 15 th June	FOBS Father's Day Sale @ 3.00pm
Sat 16 th June	Choir @ Radlett Festival of Music
Tue 19 th June	5CW Trip to AIRBUS
Tue 19 th June	Parent Workshop - Forest School
Tue 19 th June	District Sports 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Wed 20 th June	New Reception - Look In Session 2 10.30am- 12.00
Wed 20 th June	Year 4 Change for Life Event @ Roundwood School
Wed 20 th June	Year 4 Girls Football - Home
Thu 21 st June	Year 1 Trip to Maritime Museum
Thu 21 st June	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Tombola items for Summer Fair
Thu 21 st June	District Sports - Track Events 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Fri 22 nd June	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Sat 23 rd June	Summer Fair 11.30am - 3.00pm
Tue 26 th June	Year 1 Science Day
Tue 26 th June	Year 6 talk from Santander
Wed 27 th June	Kwik Cricket Tournament
Thu 28 th June	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Fri 29 th June	INSET Day - School Closed
Mon 2 nd July	Kwik Cricket v Fleetville
Tue 3 rd July	4B Trip to AIRBUS
Tue 3 rd July	Parent Workshop - Supporting Children's Behaviour

Headteacher's Message

It was lovely to see so many parents and children attend yesterday's curriculum evening which was based on the theme of 'The Island.' There was an impressive display of work from each year group, interpreting the theme in a variety of ways. I always look forward to these events and relish the opportunity to share your children's work with you.

I was concerned to hear that some pupils in Bowmansgreen uniform were spotted running across Shenley Lane this week. They did not appear to have any adults with them and the driver who witnessed them crossing was very concerned for their safety. If your children are trusted to cross main roads without adults, please remind them of your expectations for road safety.

Thank you for your feedback about the frustrations with classes being let out late at the end of the school day. There will always be the odd occasion when a particular class may be running late but it should not be a regular occurrence. I understand what an impact this can have when you are collecting from several classes or rushing off to a secondary school pick-up. We will endeavour to send all classes out promptly.

This afternoon we hosted our third book swap event which was another huge success. It is great to see pupils having discussions with their parents and each other about their reading preferences and favourite authors and finding new titles to borrow. These events will continue next half-term and everyone is welcome. They take place in the mobile classroom every month, from 2.45pm until 3.30pm

I am very happy to confirm that Bowmansgreen's Got Talent will be back next half-term. All pupils will be given the chance to audition. The finalists will perform before a panel of judges and their parents on Thursday 5th July. Further details to follow.

Thank you for sending your children into school wearing red today. As you may know, today's non-uniform day was in support of Playskill which is a local charity and service that is used by several of our Bowmansgreen families. We have raised £210 so far for this very important charity which we know will be put to very good use by the children and families it supports.

Don't forget that we are holding our Open Morning on June 9th from 9.00 - 11.30am. Everyone is welcome!

Have a good half term ☺.

Star for Kindness - May

Congratulations to Jacob in 6HW, our May Star for Kindness. Jacob was chosen by Mrs Flatt.



Ms Scoot Award for Effort - May

Congratulations to Leah in 6G, our May winner of the Ms Scoot Award for Effort. Leah was chosen by Mrs Coffey.



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

Congratulations to:

Author of the week KS1 Rec JD Garin & KS2 3S Chloe

Reader of the week KS1 2BC Rahim & KS2 6G Lacie

Mathematician of the week KS1 1B Jake & KS2 4B Verity



Early Years News from Miss Robbins

This week

We have been writing some imaginative rules for our adventure islands like 'You can eat chicken nuggets all day' and 'You can stay up all night!' We had the opportunity to dress up as pirates and make up stories on the large ship on the infant playground. We made treasure maps with co-ordinates and had a go at reading the maps using these, "I'm drawing a pirate ship in 7A" one child said to another as they were working. We finished off our islands making sure we included everything we wanted.

After half term

We will be starting a new theme of 'Traditional Tales' starting with a week on 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be acting out the story, looking closely at the different characters and making a group book describing the different characters. In maths we will be revisiting money and buying and selling items, talking about how much things cost and how much change we would get.

Maths games

If you or your friends have any games at home that incorporate numbers or shapes and you're getting rid of them, please think of us first and bring them in. This might include things like board games or cards.

Sunhats

Even though we've had some very hot weather, a great many children are still coming to school without a sunhat. Over lunchtime when the sun is at its hottest the children are out on the big playground **so they all need a hat!** Please make sure it is named.

Sports News from Mr Sanders

Year 4/5 Girls v Wheatfields

A superb performance by the year 4/5 girls football team gave them a high scoring 6-3 win over Wheatfields on Thursday. In a one sided first half, Bowmansgreen passed the ball well and looked like scoring every time the team went forward. Laila was fantastic on the left hand side of midfield as she bagged herself a hat trick in 15 minutes. Isabelle and Abbi were solid in defence and Ava, Megan and Darcie worked hard to provide opportunities. At half time, the score was 3-1. It was more even during the 2nd half as the substitutions were more frequent and the scoreline got closer than it should at 4-3, just after Ava had scored. Poppy went back into defence and made some great tackles and Rhia ran like never before to close the Wheatfields defence down. Ava then went in goal to bring Jacey out on pitch and she proceeded to score twice to wrap up a comfortable win for the girls in green.

Squad - Jacey, Isabelle, Abbi, Megan, Ava, Laila (c), Darcie, Poppy and Rhia.

Sports Hall Athletics

On Monday, the year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics team travelled to The University of Herts for the Harpenden Sports partnership championships. Having finished 6th last year, the team were determined to give a good account of themselves this year. And didn't they just!

Both teams came a brilliant 3rd, meaning a 3rd place overall, our highest position ever. A huge improvement on last year and some superb track and field performances. The event results will be published as soon as they are received. Well done to all the squad.



Meet our Chair of FOBS - Annabel Zatko

Hi, my name is Annabel. I've been a parent at Bowmansgreen since my family and I moved here three years ago. My daughter is in year 5 and my son in year 3 so you'll see me most afternoons waiting on the grass. My background is as a corporate personal assistant but retrained as an adult in massage therapy, which I do at my home. I have succeeded Sam Gentleman in this role, who has done a fantastic job over the last few years of making sure the school always has events going on and things for the children to get involved with so that we can raise vital funds for the school where there are shortfalls in funding. I'm very pleased to be taking over, with great thanks to Sam for imparting all her knowledge as we go along. I'm very excited about getting the opportunity to inject a bit of Annabel into FOBS, as well as getting to know more and more people around the school - if you spot me please don't be shy, come and say hi!



Walk to School Week - Monday 21st - Friday 25th May

This week was 'Walk to School Week' and the Bowmansgreen Walking Bus successfully transported pupils from the two pick-up points to school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to Miss Brennan and all staff who were involved in organising the week. Reducing the number of cars that bring children to school is important to help reduce the amount of traffic and air pollution in our local community and we hope that we managed to persuade some of you to leave your cars at home this week.

Parent Workshops

This term's parent workshops take place on the dates shown below. Please note, the first is the first week back. All parents are welcome and are encouraged to come along if you can. They start at 9.00am and refreshments are provided.

Tuesday 5th June KS2 Maths (Multiplication and division)

Tuesday 19th June Forest School

Tuesday 3rd July Supporting Children's Behaviour

Tuesday 17th July Home Learning - follow up

Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley

Another busy week, with activities going on outside, thanks to the weather. The pets enjoy the early morning attention.

The children have enjoyed making Royal Wedding bookmarks and paper chains. Bacon, scrambled eggs and beans was a treat this morning, as we all dressed in red.

.Enjoy the half term break and see you at 7.30am on Monday 4th June. Happy Holidays ☺

Live Kitchen

As previously advised we are moving to a new lunch ordering system entitled "Live Kitchen" which includes enhanced features including a new payment system which allows you to set up a direct debit. We will be starting this on Monday 4th June (straight after half term).

The new system will ensure your child gets what they want for lunch. It will allow you to look at full recipe details and nutritional information, provide online feedback, and even gathers pupil 'star ratings' for dishes so that our cook and her team can ensure they are getting it right.

We are asking that parents give the system a try, and use it to its potential. Towards the end of the summer term we may be asked to provide feedback and your opinion is very important to us.

Although there is an option for parents to pre-order meals up to a term in advance we would encourage you to guide your child to make his/her own choice in the classroom during registration.

What will happen next:

You should over the next few days receive an invitation email to register. If you have any issues, or do not receive your email by Thursday 31st May please phone the Live Kitchen support team on 01506 300310 (8am - 4.30pm). All parents need to register even if you do not pay for meals as this will allow your child to choose their meal each day.

Payment Options

One of the benefits of the new system are the payment options - direct debit, card or cash/cheque.

Please see here for more information and benefits for you and your child:

https://www.live-kitchen.co.uk/parents_a.aspx

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property that has accumulated throughout the school year. We have now moved the location of lost property to the area by the Y2 corridor so please take a look if you know that your child has come home without any of their belongings at some point in the last year.