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### Headteacher's Message

On Wednesday 16th January, Fitter Future visited Bowmansgreen to lead workshops across KS1 and KS2 to introduce their resource of short, on-line workouts. We have been using the workouts in the classrooms and pupils from Y1-Y6 now have logins so that they can access the workouts at home. Take a look at the website to find out more about Fitter Future and maybe even join in with a workout or two! <https://www.fitterfuture.com/>

Last week, I referred to an online resource and service called Kooth. I am very pleased to inform you that children and young people in Hertfordshire can now access this resource for free. It provides online emotional and mental health support via the website <https://www.kooth.com/>. If they are aged between 10 and 25 and registered with a Hertfordshire GP surgery, they can sign up, choose an avatar (an online character) to represent them anonymously and have an online chat with a counsellor or therapist. The counsellor or therapist can help with lots of different issues, including family problems, eating disorders, loneliness and depression.

Please be reminded that next Friday, our monthly book swap and uniform sale (no money needed!) will take place. The book swap is a popular event where pupils across the school can bring books to exchange. Don't worry if they forget to bring items to swap on the day, they can still take books home and bring their exchanges to the next event.

We already have a large amount of lost property that has built up since the Christmas holiday. Please encourage your child to look for lost jumpers, coats and shoes etc. Some items look virtually brand new! The biggest problem is the amount of unnamed clothing and belongings that pile up, leaving little chance of returning them to their rightful owners. If unnamed uniform is not claimed, it will be added to the uniform sale or donated to charity.

Please be reminded that our next Curriculum Evening will take place on Thursday 7th February. We hope to see you there so that your children can share with you some of their work from this half term.

I would like to give a special mention to Angel, Alex, Mario and Elijah in Y6 who have been fantastic helpers and role-models this half term. They have all been pro-active, reliable and enthusiastic in their roles of responsibility as Year 6 monitors. Well done and keep up the great work!

Thank you to FOBS for funding some exciting new maths equipment for pupils across Bowmansgreen. Miss Golding and Miss Chilton were busy organising and distributing the resources this week. We know that pupils will make very good use of their new equipment and will continue to work hard and have lots of fun in their maths lessons.

Enjoy a lovely weekend.

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

**Congratulations to:**

**Author of the week** KS1 Isabella 2LC & KS2 Leon 4H

**Reader of the week** KS1 Hadley 1W & KS2 Harry K 3S

**Mathematician of the week** KS1 Lydia Rec & KS2 Chisom 5CW



### Star of Kindness - January

Congratulations to Hadley in 1W, our January winner of the Star of Kindness. Hadley was chosen by Miss Kay.



### Ms Scoot Award for Effort - January

Congratulations to Lacey-Mae in 6G, our January winner of the Ms Scoot Award for Effort. Lacey-Mae was chosen by Miss Wynne.



### Early Years News from Miss Minardi

#### Parent Notice

Parents PLEASE remember to select your child's lunch at home. Home learning is to be handed in on Tuesdays.

#### This week

This week we have been focusing on the ck sound. We went on a sound hunt to find any objects in the classroom that contained this sound i.e. sock, stick, clock, brick etc. We have also been practising to write short captions using our tricky words.

We have been writing the rhyme for the Gingerbread Man and Jack and the Beanstalk. Ask your child what they wrote down.

We have also been making a giant gingerbread man using different materials. Come and have a look at what we created on Curriculum evening.

In Maths we have been telling simple addition stories using the words first and then and recording it in a number sentence and on a tens frame.

#### Next week

In English we will be reading the story of The Three Little Pigs. We will be retelling it, changing a part of the story.

In Maths we will be focusing on subtraction and understanding what it means to take away.

### Alban Arena Concert - Tickets!

The choir are performing at the Alban Arena on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.00 pm. It's always an amazing concert which the choir love performing in.

Tickets for the choir's performance go on sale from the Alban Arena Box Office (01727 844488) to parents/carers on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

They do sell out quickly so if you would like to come along please make sure that you order them asap! Thank you ☺

### Important Dates for this term

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Book Swap

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Curriculum Evening

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Consultations

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Consultations

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Curriculum Evening

### FOBS Events this term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Doughnut Sale

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Disco



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day Sale

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Cake Sale



## Sports News from Mr Sanders

### Girls B v How Wood

Despite producing their best performance of the season so far, scoring their first goal of the year and taking the lead, the Girls B football team lost out in the league against How Wood. It was a really tight match during the first half and there weren't many chances for either side, so it was scoreless at half time.



The second half started superbly for Bowmansgreen as the girls won the ball back and broke away towards goal. Megan found herself up against the keeper and finished well. How Wood came back in to the game and scored straight away and then took over the game as Bowmansgreen just couldn't clear the ball as far as they had done in the first half.

Squad - Erin, Aimee, Ria Rose, Rhia, Tayla, Phoebe, Megan and Verity.

## Word of the Week

At Bowmansgreen, we recognise that strong vocabulary knowledge can support academic progress and achievement, particularly in regards to comprehension. We are currently focusing on developing our approach in how we explicitly teach new or unfamiliar vocabulary to the pupils. With so many words in the English language having multiple meanings, it is vital that the pupils learn a significant amount about a word in order to remember how it sounds and what it means.

This term, we have introduced a strategy called 'Word of the Week' with the aim of increasing every pupil's language repertoire. Each week, each class will have a focus word which will be explored in depth. This will ensure that the pupils can fully process its meaning. The word will be carefully chosen so that it can be applied within the current sequence of learning.

Every Friday, in our newsletter, we will be sharing what each class's 'Word of the Week' has been. We would greatly appreciate if you could use the word when talking to your child or ask them what they know about it, its meaning etc.

Rec NM <i>traditional</i>	Rec EK <i>traditional</i>	1O <i>reach</i>	1W <i>reach</i>	2LC <i>anxious</i>	2BC <i>anxious</i>
3C <i>armour</i>	3S <i>drift</i>	4H <i>peer</i>	4CG <i>peer</i>	5CW <i>oblivious</i>	5JW <i>oblivious</i>
6HW <i>incident</i>	6G <i>contrast</i>				