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Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy few days at Bowmansgreen! Careers Week, World Book Day, a house event and a school disco all in one week! We are very lucky to have such a supportive school community and really appreciate when parents, friends and other family members give up their time to be involved in our curriculum and events. Our pupils really benefit from such experiences and our school curriculum is much richer as a result. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in making this week such a success.

Although it seemed to have died down in the media in recent months, the issue of school funding is back in the headlines and continues to be a very serious issue for schools around the country. As is the case with many schools, the impact of the funding squeeze is felt at Bowmansgreen as governors continue to make careful decisions about the school budget and look at ways of making efficiency savings without impacting on the quality of education being delivered. It is important for parents to be aware that Bowmansgreen faces budget pressures like many other schools and although we have not had to make as many drastic decisions as some, we are nonetheless also feeling the squeeze.

If your child has recently lost any school uniform, please encourage them to look for it and let the class staff know what is missing. Often, 'missing' uniform is found in bags, on pegs or has got mixed up with another pupil's clothing and pupils need adult encouragement to look for it carefully. Staff can help pupils look for clothing if they know what is missing and **it is named**.

Some of you may be aware that there are a significant number of Y6 pupils in the local area who have not been allocated **any** secondary school for September, including fourteen pupils from Bowmansgreen. Whatever the factors or explanation behind this situation, it is wholly unacceptable and of no comfort to the families concerned. Our Chair of Governors has been in contact with other local Chairs to decide on a joint response to this situation. Local Councillor, Dreda Gordon has written a letter to Cllr. Terry Douris, the Cabinet Member at Herts County Council for Education, Libraries and Localism to express her concern at the situation and I will make parents aware of the response once it has been received.

British Science Week begins today! If you or your child are interested in finding out more about this celebration of all things science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) please follow this link:
<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

Enjoy your weekend.

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

Congratulations to:

Author of the week KS1 Jessika 1W & KS2 Carlo 3C

Reader of the week KS1 Sienna Rec & KS2 Mikail 4CG

Mathematician of the week KS1 Valentino 2LC & KS2 Daniel 5CW



Important Dates for this term

Tuesday 26th March - Parent Consultations
Thursday 28th March - Parent Consultations
Thursday 4th April - Curriculum Evening

FOBS Events this term

Friday 29th March - Mother's Day Sale
Friday 5th April - Cake Sale



Early Years News from Miss Minardi

Parent Notice

Please remember to look after any reading and library books that are sent home. Any books returned to us damaged or lost must be replaced.
Please continue to complete your child's lunch options at home.
Home Learning is to be returned completed every Tuesday as per school policy.

This week

This week has been extremely busy and lots of fun! We loved cooking and making pancakes with our teachers. We linked this with Maths and found out what our favourite pancake topping was and also had fun measuring the ingredients we needed to make the pancake batter. We also wrote instructions on how to make our delicious pancakes.

As well as pancake day, we also dressed up on World Book Day! We wrote about the character we dressed up as and wrote a little bit about the character.



World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day at Bowmansgreen. We were amazed to see the effort and thought that had gone into all of the children's costumes. We celebrated World Book Day with the children sharing their favourite story with children in other year groups and classes.

Please see below a few photos from the day. ☺



Careers Week

It has been a busy week at Bowmansgreen with lots of parents popping in to talk to classes about the different careers there are to choose from. We have had visitors representing a wide range of careers including; a shepherd, chef, pilot, policeman, ex-professional footballer, IT, financial services, doctor, project manager, account managers and entrepreneurs.

A big thank you to all of the parents who gave up their time to come into school and talk to the children.



Word of the Week

Rec measurement	Year 1 treasure	Year 2 encounter	3C missionary	3S particular	Year 4 persuade
Year 5 expedition	6G source	6HW substance			

Road Safety Competition

At Bowmansgreen, we have been overwhelmed by the time and effort that the pupils have put into designing and creating a mascot and slogan to promote road safety. The quality of the work produced was outstanding and showed great imagination and creativity. It was exceptionally difficult to choose the winners!

The winning entries were produced by:

Reception EK - Reef	Reception NM Ella	1O Manav
1W Hector	2BC Jake	2LC Louisa
3C Maisie	3S Aron	4H Jasmine
4CG Lea	5CW Megan	5JW Max
6G Angel	6HW Mariya	

Huge congratulations to our competition winners.
They will be enjoying a very special trip next Wednesday!



Sports News

Year 3 v Skyswood

Some of the year 3 boys showed their potential today as they played Skyswood at home. In an entertaining match, goals from Miguel, Charlie, Issa along with two from Oscar have the boys a 5-3 win.

There were some great performances and they worked so well Together - it bodes very well for the future!

Squad - Liam, Max, Charlie (c), Miguel, Issa, Sunny, Noah and Oscar.



Boys B v Fleetville

The boy's B team had a tough task playing away v top of the table Fleetville on Monday but with a young side full of year fours and fives, they produced a good performance to only lose out by a single goal.

It was an evenly matched game that was end to end and both keepers had to work hard to keep the score level. It was, however, Fleetville who broke the deadlock with a breakaway goal in the second half as Bowmansgreen pushed forward. Try as they might, the Bowmansgreen forwards just couldn't breach a stubborn Fleetville defence and the game ended with only that solitary goal.
Well done to all the boys for a solid performance.

Squad - Daniel, Jason, Luca, Fraser, Ollie, Brandon, Lennon, Olivier and Jed.