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Headteacher's Message

Monday's assembly was led by PC Horwood from Hertfordshire Constabulary. PC Horwood spoke to pupils about bullying and the importance of getting along with others in our school and local community. She reinforced the importance of the words we choose to use towards and when talking about each other and how hurtful and long-lasting the impact of name-calling can be. It was a good opportunity to reinforce our school rules and values and celebrate how so many pupils at Bowmansgreen know what to do if they experience bullying either directly or indirectly, including online.

Schools in Hertfordshire work closely with Attendance Improvement Officers (AIO) to ensure that the whole school and individual pupil % attendance is above the national expectation of 95% and the Herts expectation of 96%. Whole school attendance at Bowmansgreen is currently at 95% but 12% of our pupils are persistently absent (absence below 90%) which is a cause of concern. Our new attendance policy sets out the steps we will be taking to promote and encourage good attendance, address persistent absence and reduce the number of pupils who are regularly late. Please be aware of the different letters that families may receive (see section 8) if their child's attendance or punctuality is of concern.

This week, some of our Year 5 pupils have been practising their cycling skills through the Bikeability cycle training programme. They have experienced on and off road training, gained practical skills and confidence and a better understanding of how to cycle safely on today's roads. Well done to all pupils who took part!

Please find attached to this newsletter, a letter to parents regarding school funding. As mentioned last week, funding issues are as pertinent and relevant to Bowmansgreen as they are in many schools across the country. As school leaders begin budget planning for the next financial year, it is apparent that our budget is yet again reduced, making decision making and cost saving even more difficult. It would be great if you could contact your local MP and the DfE to express your awareness and concerns about the funding issues as parents. Our local MP is Anne Main. <https://www.annemain.com/contact>

On Wednesday afternoon, a very happy minibus full of children, Miss Golding and Mrs Clark returned to school after having enjoyed a very special day out. Our road safety competition winners arrived back from a day they will never forget. Thank you Inspector Webb for organising such a fantastic experience as the prize!

Next week is national Shakespeare Week. Follow the link to find out more.
<https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/>

Enjoy your weekend.

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

Congratulations to:

Author of the week KS1 Lexi Rec & KS2 Avril 5JW

Reader of the week KS1 Lexi 2LC & KS2 Laila 6HW

Mathematician of the week KS1 Ellie 1W & KS2 Anniyah 3S



Word of the Week

Rec flourish	Year 1 nothing	Year 2 frustrated	3C horizontal	3S regular	Year 4 attraction
Year 5 exaggerate	6G refuge	6HW radiate			

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



Road Safety Competition

The winners of the Road Safety Competition enjoyed their trip to the Alperton Police Station on Wednesday and had an amazing time! Inspector Webb began the visit with a tour of the station. Pupils were then given the opportunity of trying out a breathalyser to see if they could blow hard enough. Then, they met two police dogs; Jaz and Eddie. Eddie showed them how he is trained to find things with his sense of smell, as he found two items that had been hidden in the room. Pupils ate a quick lunch in the police dining room and then went to see the police cars. Inspector Webb had managed to borrow a car from the 90's so the children could compare it to a current police car. The children then saw a "stinger" which is used to stop cars in a police chase by bursting the tyres. Pupils threw water balloons at the stinger to see how it worked. They finished with a look at one of the riot vans and got to try on the protective helmets and body armour that the officers wear. They also got to see the various protective shields and batons that the police use, sit in the van and set off the lights and sirens. Very exciting! It was a fantastic trip which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children (and staff!) who attended. A huge thank you to Inspector Webb for organising such a fabulous trip and to all the officers who spoke with the children. ☺



Early Years News from Miss Minardi

This week

This week has been super busy! We've been planting seeds and investigating how seeds can grow. We also wrote instructions on how to plant a seed. We were lucky enough to have a visitor from Hulk! We also wrote a letter to Hulk asking him to stay with us and telling him why he should stay. In Maths, we have been reminding ourselves about 2D and 3D shapes and going on shapes hunt!

Next Week

We are going to be writing about the life cycle of a seed and practising doubles in maths.

Parent Notice

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

