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Headteacher's Message

On Friday, the school was visited by our Herts Improvement Partner (HIP) whose role it is to work closely with the school as a critical, professional friend, helping to evaluate performance and plan with us to continue to bring about effective improvement. The HIP enjoyed a very positive visit to Bowmansgreen and she recognised the hard work, strong support and involvement of parents and the on-going improvements in the quality and effectiveness of the teaching, learning and curriculum. Our HIP agrees that Bowmansgreen provides a good education for its pupils and a rich curriculum and I continue to be very proud of the school and appreciative of the continued support that the staff and governors receive from the school and local community.

On Tuesday, PC Horwood led a workshop with KS2 pupils, discussing issues around offensive, bullying behaviour including the use of racist, homophobic, insulting and offensive language. Pupils discussed words that can be used to cause offence and why using such language can face serious consequences. We continue to reinforce and promote our school rules and values through our curriculum and expect pupils to live up to these expectations in the relationships they build with each other.

Unfortunately, one area where some of our pupils need constant reminders about how to behave and treat each other is when they are communicating online. There are frequent examples of pupils accessing inappropriate content, attempting to be unkind or use offensive language towards each other via their phones and other devices. I would urge all parents to get involved in their child's online communication and not make assumptions about its nature or content. I think some of you would be horrified at what you found! What is really positive is that other pupils are not standing for this behaviour and they are reporting and blocking inappropriate comments, content and users. I was very pleased to learn of a group of Y6 pupils who removed two individuals from a conversation when they began to use inappropriate language and one boy who reported what another pupil sent to him - they should be very proud of themselves for taking such decisive action. No pupil should have to be subject to or witness bullying or threatening behaviours in person or online and it can sometimes take a firm, collective response from their peers to make that point clear.

Next week, parent consultation meetings take place. If you haven't already done so, please ensure that you have booked an appointment to see your child's teacher to discuss their progress and achievements so far this year and have a chance to look at some of their classwork.

The school choir has been busy rehearsing for their part in Monday's Primary Festival at the Alban Arena which, this year, is based on the theme 'rainforest'. I am really looking forward to watching our fantastic choir perform with choirs from other local schools - it promises to be a great concert!

You will be pleased to know that all of our Y6 pupils have now been allocated places at local secondary schools. It has been a very frustrating and worrying time for many Bowmansgreen families and indeed lots of families across St Albans, affected by this process. Hopefully, this was an isolated situation but we will be seeking advice, information and working closely with local schools, councillors and the local authority to ensure that we are proactive and fully informed to be able to best support our current Y5 go through the secondary school application process in October.

Enjoy your weekend.

Early Years News from Miss Minardi

This week

This week, we have been working hard in phonics practising the ai, ee and ou sounds. Ask your child what the actions are for these sounds. We have also been doing lots of reading with our teachers! We have enjoyed showing off our reading skills and recognise how much improvement we have made since we started Reception. We have been looking at our seeds that we planted and learning what observational art is; really looking for the detail in what we can see. In maths, we have been identifying 2D and 3D shapes and again drawing pictures using these shapes. We have been learning how to count on from a number we have 'put' in our head. Can you please practise this skill at home with your child?

Next Week

We will be reading the story of the Tiny Seed by Eric Carle, in Maths we will be going over doubles and halves. We will also be talking about what courage means.

Parent Notice

Parents' evening is next week - please make sure you have booked to see Ms Minardi or Miss Kay.

We also have a trip on Wednesday 24th April to the theatre. All consent forms must to be returned with payment ASAP.

Sports News

Cross Country

A group of children attended Garden Fields School last Thursday to compete in the cross country. The results were:

Girls:

Laila 8th, Imogen 41st, Eva 61st, Jacey 75th & Lola 87th

Boys:

James 5th, Tommy 14th, Simon 55th, Freddie 88th, Fernando 101st & Jack 110th

Well done to all ☺



Boys B v Fleetville

On Monday 11th March, the boys played a representative match away v Fleetville and were unlucky to come away losing 1-0. The game was very close and end to end but it wasn't until the last couple of minutes that the deadlock was broken as a good delivery from a corner evaded everyone apart from a Fleetville player on the far post who volleyed the ball into the net. On reflection, a draw would have been a fair result as Bowmansgreen created plenty of chances for George, who's pace and running really unsettled the Fleetville defence.

Squad - Yasir, Mario, Daniel, George, Alex, Elijah, Kyle and Muneer.

Girls A v Oakwood

The girls welcomed Oakwood in the league and although playing well, lost out 2-0. The girls were so close to equalising but after a scramble in the Oakwood penalty area, the ball was cleared and Oakwood scored the deciding goal on the break. Harsh score line on the girls and all in all it has been a good season.

Squad - Taylah, Poppy, Isabelle, Abbi, Darcie, Megan, Ria Rose, Laila, Ava and Jacey

Year 4 Boys v Bernards Heath

The year 4 boys travelled to play Bernards Heath and were beaten 2-1 in a tight match which was basically decided in the first half with Bernards Heath scoring two unanswered goals. It just didn't click on this occasion for the boys although they did get a goal in the second half, Mikail grabbing it and he also hit the post.

Squad - Archie, Max, Harry, Brendan, Lennon, Jed and Mikail.

Year 4 v Killigrew

On Wednesday the year 4 boys hosted Killigrew in a development match, which ended in a draw. The first half belonged to the visitors as they were 2 up at half time but this sparked a good comeback in the second half. Mikail looked sharp up front and deserved to score both goals as Bowmansgreen laid siege to the Killigrew goal. There wasn't enough time for either team to score the winner so the end result of 2-2 was probably fair.

Squad - Liam, Dylan, Ollie, Alex, Brendan, Jed, Lennon, Mikail, Max and Harry

Well done to year 6 Freddie, who was the referee for the afternoon.

Boys B v St Columba's

On Thursday the boys' B team played the last league game of the season against St Columba's and were very unlucky to lose out by a solitary goal. With neither side fielding any year 6s, it was an entertaining end to end battle with both teams looking to pass and move, and with Bowmansgreen hitting the post and bar, the score line could have been so different. The opposition keeper was in fine form as he looked determined not to concede any goals. Well done boys, result didn't match the performance.

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

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

Congratulations to:

Author of the week KS1 Summer 2LC & KS2 Willow 4H

Reader of the week KS1 Reggie 1W & KS2 Maisie 3C

Mathematician of the week KS1 Skyler Rec & KS2 Jason 5JW



Best Attendance

EY/KS1 - 1W

KS2 - 3C & 5JW

Word of the Week

Rec Determined	Year 1 Solution	Year 2 Explorer	3C Curious	3S Extreme	Year 4 Experience
Year 5 Suspense	6G Conscious	6HW Convey			

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