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Headteacher's Message

On Wednesday, PCSO Debbie Daniels led a whole school assembly on road safety. She reminded pupils about how to be safe pedestrians and cyclists and about how important it is to be alert and aware around cars, including never intentionally distracting drivers. Pupils were able to demonstrate how much they had learnt about road safety from their recent home learning - I was very impressed!

During this week's full governing body meeting, school governors discussed some of the issues around pupils' online safety and how online bullying is a growing issue for today's children and young people. Staff are spending more and more time following up issues that have stemmed from conversations, gaming or the sharing of information on-line. If your child has a mobile device and they access apps and the internet independently, we urge you to check what they are accessing and who they are communicating with. We know that an increasing number of pupils hear or use foul, inappropriate or aggressive language when gaming or messaging. It is going to take a constant, joint effort from home and school to try and address this worrying trend.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/>

It was lovely to see so many of you at school this week, at the parent consultation meetings. Teachers always value the dialogue with you and the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievements. We hope to see you all again next Thursday at our curriculum evening which is based on this half term's school values of courage and determination.

This afternoon's mother's day sale saw a roaring trade! Thank you to FOBS for organising this event to help raise money for our school.

Mrs Street has been very busy teaching your children music and organising events for the Bowmansgreen choir. She is also clearly a dab hand at film-making and editing as she has put together a series of short films featuring class and choir performances from last year. The films have been uploaded onto the school website for you to enjoy.

<https://bowmansgreen.herts.sch.uk/category/music/>

It is always sad to say goodbye to staff and families who leave the Bowmansgreen school community. Next Friday, we are sorry to be saying farewell to Mrs Sandra Bill who is leaving London Colney, to relocate with her family, to start a new life in the West Country. I know that you will join me in thanking Mrs Bill for all of her hard work and commitment to Bowmansgreen over the years and in wishing her the best of luck for the future.

Don't forget that the clocks go forward on Sunday - British Summer Time begins!

Enjoy your weekend.

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

Congratulations to:

Author of the week KS1 Molly 10 & KS2 Archie 6HW

Reader of the week KS1 Zara Rec & KS2 Freddy 3S

Mathematician of the week KS1 Alfie 2BC & KS2 Oliwia 4CG



Best Class Attendance

EY/KS1 - Rec EK

KS2 - 3C



Star of Kindness - March

Congratulations to Ryan in 5JW, our March winner of the Star of Kindness.

Ryan was chosen by Mr Sanders.



Ms Scoot Award for Effort - March

Congratulations to Chloe in 3C, our March winner of the Ms Scoot Award for Effort.

Chloe was chosen by Ms Lipka.



Important Dates for this term

Thursday 4th April - Curriculum Evening

FOBS Events this term

Friday 5th April - Cake Sale

Word of the Week

Rec Courage	Year 1 Difference	Year 2 Orbit	3C Recognised	3S Mention	4H Reduce	4CG Experience
Year 5 Desperate	6HW Circulate	6G Long				

Early Years News from Miss Minardi

This week

This week in phonics we have been practising the ar, or and igh sounds. We have been going over our HFW. Please be sure to use the *Reading Fish* in your homework book! We have also been writing about a time that we have felt courageous. Also, writing about the Life Cycle of a Bean. In Maths, we have been practising our quick fire doubles, but also looking at halves and finding out half of a number. Ask your child how we can find out half of a number!

Next Week

We will be looking at sentence structure, how to use capital letters and full stops and letter formation. In Maths, we will be focusing on take-away!

Parent Notice

Please make sure you are reading daily with your child: your child should now be trying to read to you!

Please make sure all payments for our school trip to the theatre, on Wednesday 24th April, have been paid and consent forms returned ASAP.

Seatbelt Campaign

The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership and Active and Safer Travel Team are running a campaign about the importance of wearing your seatbelt.

Most people do wear their seatbelts but still nearly ten per cent choose not to - help them make the right decision for themselves and others. If you have friends or family, who still do not realise how important it is to belt up, have that conversation and make sure they know how much you value their safety, and everyone else's in the vehicle. Please make sure children are secured in the most appropriate car seat for their age and height. For more on seatbelts and car seats go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/seatbelts

The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership is supporting the seatbelt campaign run by Roads Policing, raising awareness about the importance of wearing your seatbelt. You can receive a fine of up to £500 if you are caught not wearing your seatbelt.

Karate Grading

Congratulations to George K who earned a green belt and Aiden K who earned a yellow belt with green tag, they are both in 2BC. George was also awarded a trophy at his grading presentation, for most improved student.



Sports News

Year 5 Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament

A selection of year 5 children went to compete in the Harpenden Sports Partnership Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament on Tuesday, this week. Competing against predominantly Year 6 sides from the other schools, the squads put up a fantastic show and played superbly throughout.

One of the teams managed to finish second in their group and qualified for the quarter finals - the first Bowmansgreen side to do so for a fair while, if ever - where they lost to a strong Killigrew side. The other team played so well and were unfortunate in certain games where luck went against them. We should be very proud of every member of the squads as they represented the school magnificently.



Full results sheet to follow!

Boys B v Fleetville

The boys B team hosted Fleetville on Wednesday and were unlucky to lose out to a last minute goal for the second match against this opposition. The story of the game however was very different, with the Fleetville keeper being man of the match!

The Bowmansgreen team tried everything to score but he just stopped everything that went at him. An unlucky result but a very good performance.

Thank to Ollie who was manager for the day.

Squad - Daniel, Rotimi, Alex, Seyawash, Mario, Kyle, Elijah, Fernando and Mirko.



Sims Lite Application

We are in the process of introducing 'Sims Lite', an application that links to our SIMS school database and enables parents/carers to make requests to amend certain information. The app will alleviate the need for you to check your data annually and help us to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Requests made automatically link to our database to be authorised by the school office. The app is particularly useful if you change your phone numbers or address.

An invitation to initiate the SIMS Lite App will be sent to those who have parental responsibility, along with information on how to activate the app. You have the choice whether or not you wish to use it. Those using the app will only be able to see their own data - you will not be able to see information about other users with parental responsibility.

If you require any additional information, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Price of School Meals

Hertfordshire Catering have informed us that due to the continuing impact of the living wage, other increases in staffing costs and the rising cost of food, the price of a school meal will increase from 23rd April 2019 as follows:

Daily Cost £2.55 Weekly Cost £12.75

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be free. All children can choose to either bring a packed lunch in or have a school meal on a daily basis.

Also, just a reminder that school meals should be paid for in advance via Schoolcomms. Please find attached our Paying for School Meals Policy.

Choir at the Alban Arena

On Monday evening the choir performed at the Alban Arena as part of the St. Albans Primary Schools Music Association. The theme was 'The Rainforest' and we performed a range of songs from all over the world. The children were a credit to our school. We had to learn a lot of complicated words for some of the songs and it wasn't easy, but the choir worked so hard and really shone at the rehearsals and at the performance.

Well done to all of you! A special mention to Rotimi and Chloe for their narrations and to Lyra, Heidi, Amelia and Jasmine for their solo parts.

Also, a huge thank you to the parents who helped out with lifts and came to support the children on the night. We couldn't have done it without your support.