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Newsletter 29

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Headteacher's Message

A letter was sent out to parents today, to follow up on the initial correspondence about after school provision. Over the next few weeks, I hope that many of your questions and concerns will be addressed, as you receive more information about the transition and the new provider.

The Director of Public Health, Jim McManus, has asked for all schools in Hertfordshire to make parents aware of the attached letter, from Public Health England, about measles advice. Please have a read and follow the link at the bottom of the letter to find out more information.

Next week, our Y6s will be sitting their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). They have been working hard with their revision and I know that their teachers and Miss Golding have been really impressed by their attitudes and focus. All Y6 pupils are invited to breakfast club next week, to give them a positive, settled start to each day. Good luck Y6 - I know you will do yourselves proud!

Next week, it is also the Mental Health Foundation's 'Mental Health Awareness Week' - interesting timing! This year's theme is body image. Follow the link to find out more as well as to access information and resources to support your own or loved ones' mental health.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

Today, Miss Minardi and Miss Kay met with an external moderator who visited Bowmansgreen to moderate our assessment in Early Years. I am pleased to share that the moderator was impressed and complimentary about the consistency and accuracy of the assessment in EYFS. Thank you to the reception staff team for ensuring that today's visit was a success.

I am always sad to announce when staff leave Bowmansgreen, especially when they have dedicated many years of service to the school community. Mrs Robinson, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Wakenshaw will all be leaving Bowmansgreen at the end of this half-term and I know that you will join me in wishing them the best of luck for the future and to thank them for their hard work and commitment over the years.

During this morning's Celebration Assembly, Mr Harnden referred to SustFest19 - the St Albans Sustainability Festival - which runs from tomorrow until 1st June. SustFest is a festival of events aimed at making St Albans more environmentally sustainable. This year, Bowmansgreen is taking part with a 'Love Our Environment day' which will take place next half term. Follow the link to find out more about SustFest19 and to access a free programme of events.

<https://sustainablestalbans.org/get-started/sust-festival/>

Good luck Y6 boys in tomorrow's tournament!

Enjoy your weekend.

This Week's Author, Reader & Mathematician of the Week Congratulations to:

Author KS1 Aayan Rec
KS2 Fraser 5JW

Reader KS1 Rhian 2LC
KS2 Tia 4CG

Mathematician KS1 Liusaidh 1W
KS2 Simon 6HW



Best Class Attendance

EY/KS1 - 1W
KS2 - 4CG



Word of the Week

Rec Explorer	Year 1 Honesty	Year 2 Scramble	3C Fortune	3S Knowledge	Year 4 Possess	Year 5 Average
Year 6 Imperative						

Bowmansgreen App and Website

We would like to encourage all parents and carers to download the Bowmansgreen School app. After the May half term, we will no longer be sending out a weekly newsletter. All calendar dates will be on the Bowmansgreen app and website diary and parents/carers will be able to see trips, events and activities that are coming up.

Please also check the website for Ms Lippa's blog, sports reports, Early Years news and information regarding events taking place in school. We will also post and publish the winners of the author, reader and mathematician of the week. We are continuing to add to our website and will notify parents of new content.

Early Years News from Miss Minardi

This week

This week, we have been reading the Hungry Caterpillar. We watched a video of the story and then acted it out using puppets and props. In phonics, we have been looking at tricky words and HFW and how we can use them in our writing. In Maths, we looked at patterns using numicon for mini-beasts.

Next Week

We will be sequencing the story of the Hungry Caterpillar and changing some of the story! In Maths, we will be looking at shape and pattern.

Parent Notice

Parents, please remember to sign and write a comment in your child's reading record. Could you also please return the reply slips for our Mini-beast workshop.

Sports News

Year 6 - Six a side Tournament

On Wednesday, the year 6 boys' team hosted a qualifier for the annual six a side, the finals of which are on Saturday 11th May.

In the first game, a sluggish performance by the team gifted Bernards Heath a victory, hence putting pressure on the team to win the last two games to be able to go through. With rain, thunder and occasional lightning around the area, the tournament was stop-start but with the Bowmansgreen boys beating Oakwood by three goals and then St Alban & Stephen by two goals, the team qualified easily for Saturday.

Squad - Archie, Freddie, James, Ollie, Laila, Tommy, Simon.