

Headteacher's Message

Year 6 spent a fun afternoon outside today, playing games and winding down after sitting their Key Stage 2 tests this week. Pupils worked really hard and demonstrated great attitudes and effort throughout the week. Well done Y6 - you are a credit to the school!

The Bowmansgreen School Council will be focusing on several projects next half-term, including a review and update of the expectations for packed lunches and break and lunchtime activities. School councillors will be seeking the opinions and ideas of their classmates and I look forward to hearing their proposals, suggestions and feedback.

This week, Bowmansgreen was invaded by creepy crawlies and unusual creatures! Yesterday afternoon, our reception classes enjoyed a minibeast workshop where they experienced a range of animals, including snails, snakes and centipedes. This morning, Year 1 also met some special visitors, including snakes and lizards. Both workshops were hands-on experiences involving pupils handling some of the animals. Well done to those pupils who had to be very brave and face their fears!

Thank you to FOBS for organising tonight's school discos. It is always great to see so many of our pupils having a good time, enjoying themselves with their friends. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers and staff who helped to ensure that the discos were, as usual, a great success.

Our whole school attendance currently stands at 95%. Our target is to achieve 96% by the end of the school year. It is a realistic and achievable target but it can only happen if everyone shares in the responsibility. Pupils should be at school every day unless they are ill, so that they do not miss out on the teaching and learning that is essential to their progress and happiness at school. We currently have 30 pupils who have 100% attendance - a fantastic achievement at this stage in the school year. We are currently planning an exciting surprise reward for all pupils who will end the year without having had a day off. I wonder if we will need to book one minibus or two?.....

Next week is Walk to School Week. I look forward to seeing which class manages to encourage and achieve the most pupils walking to school every day. See below for details about our walking buses.

Enjoy your weekend.

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

Author KS1 Rosa 2LC
 KS2 Sarah 4H

Reader KS1 Hector 1W
 KS2 Keira 5JW

Mathematician KS1 Lydia Rec
 KS2 Charlotte 3C



Best Class Attendance

EY/KS1 - 10
 KS2 - 66



Word of the Week

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	3C	3S	Year 4	Year 5
Centipede	Share	Disguise	Nomads	Asset	Surprise	Determined

Early Years News from Miss Minardi

Tapestry

If your child takes part in any clubs outside of school i.e., football, ballet, gymnastic or plays an instrument etc. *please* upload photos/videos to Tapestry. We would really like to share in what other activities they do outside of school.

If your child is a Technology Wiz - can you please take pictures/videos of this. Are they able to work a microwave or turn a TV on independently? Can they select appropriate apps to do different things on the iPad/tablet? All of this helps to provide evidence towards your child securing their end of year Early Learning Goals.

Trips

As a school, we subsidise the majority of trips/visits in order for our children to benefit from a fully enriched and balanced curriculum. A huge thank you to all parents for contributing towards these costs as this helps us to continue to take you children on these trips/visits.

This week

A visitor brought in different kinds of mini-beasts. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking at the millipedes, centipedes and African snails.

In literacy, we have continued to write about the Hungry Caterpillar. Some of us have been trying to write more detailed stories using adjectives, to make our writing interesting. Can you help your child at home by playing an adjective game? i.e. choose an object and describe it in as much detail as you can.

Maths - some of us have been counting or making groups of 2s. Can you practise this at home? Can you make groups of 2s? Can you help your child to count in 2ps? Counting groups of two pigs, two cows, two sheep etc.

Next Week

In Maths, some of us will be counting in 5's as well as practising our addition and subtraction.

We will continue to look at the many stories of Eric Carle and consolidate all of our phonic sounds.

Performance at the Radlett Centre

The school choir and children in years two and four are singing in a concert at the Radlett Centre on 22nd June. The concerts are at 2pm and 6.30pm and include songs from shows such as 'Mary Poppins', 'The Greatest Showman' and 'Joseph and his technicolour dream coat'.

The children have been learning the songs in music lessons and during choir rehearsals. Many children can already sing the colours of Joseph's coat from memory and they are all sounding amazing. If your child is coming to the concerts and you have not yet returned the form please do so as soon as possible. The original letters are attached to this email, along with a flyer for the event.

Tickets are selling quickly and both concerts should be a fantastic experience for both the children performing and the audience.



Walk to School Week

Next week is Walk to School Week. We will have a walking bus on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from the Co-op & Norris Way. Please meet at 8.10am for an 8.20am departure. Please come along if you can. We hope to see you there. ☺

Sports News from Mr Sanders

Year 3 v Wheatfields

The year 3 boys hosted Wheatfields in a friendly football match today and showed how good they are as they triumphed 4-2 against a very strong side.

It was an entertaining end-to-end game as both sides just wanted to go forward and score as many goals as possible. In the end, goals from Oscar 2, Issa and Miguel were the difference.

Well done to the whole squad - Liam, Leo, Charlie, Max, Issa, Blake, Miguel & Oscar.



Year 6 - Six-a-side tournament

Here are the results from the year 6 six a side competition on Saturday.

With having just six players, it was always going to be tough but the team remained unbeaten throughout the group stage but could only manage second place as the boys needed to beat Abbey in the last game. It was like "The Alamo" as Bowmansgreen peppered the Abbey goal but could not find a way through. The cross bar and post were hit an amazing five times during the morning by Bowmansgreen. A very frustrating time for all the boys.

This meant it was the 3rd/4th play-off and this was a game too many, even though it did go to extra time against a very strong Fleetville side, who have won their league and also the St Albans Cup this season. 4th place is a good end to a league-winning season.



I am really proud of what this team has produced all season, winning the league against very strong opposition, playing great football today and they would have won the group but for the crossbar and posts! They have got better and better as the season has gone on.

Well done James, Freddie, Ollie, Tommy, Simon & Archie.

Group games -

V Sandridge 1-1 James V Skyswood 1-0 Simon

V Colney Heath 3-1 Simon 2, Tommy

V Killigrew 1-1 Simon V Abbey 0-0

Play off V Fleetville 0-2 AET

Year 4 Tri Golf

A great performance from the year 4 Tri Golf team managed to secure 2nd place in the Harpenden Sports Partnership tournament on Wednesday this week.

With different, challenging games involving putting and chipping, the Bowmansgreen team showed their skill and determination to succeed and were only beaten by an exceptional team from a large school in Harpenden.

Team - Willow, Ruby, Aylin, Lyra, Izabela, Lennon, Max, Archie, Harry and Jed.

Well done to all of them. ☺

