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Headteacher's Message

Bowmansgreen supported this week's Walk to School Week by organising two walking buses to take pupils to school on Tuesday and Thursday. Behind the week-long event, is an on-going campaign to encourage more pupils to walk to school to help keep families fit and healthy, ease congestion and reduce air pollution outside schools. Walking to school benefits the whole Bowmansgreen school community. Thank you to Ms Smith for organising this event.

Today, Bowmansgreen wished a fond farewell to Mrs Murphy, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Wakenshaw. All three members of staff are leaving after years of service and commitment to Bowmansgreen and will be sadly missed by the school community. I know that you will join me in thanking them for all of their hard work and dedication over the years and in wishing them the best of luck and happiness for the future.

During the last few weeks, we have again managed to accumulate a mountain of lost property. Regrettably, we have no way of returning almost all of it to its owners as it is unnamed. After half-term, we are going to be encouraging pupils to name their uniform and belongings in class. If you do not wish for your child to label their belongings at school, please could you ensure that all items are named before they return to school after the half-term break.

Children are increasingly using photo and video sharing apps to communicate with friends. We strongly recommend that parents find out which apps their children are using, who they are communicating with and whether they are being sensible and safe on-line. I have included a link below to the parentinfo website, which provides useful support, information and guidance about digital family life. It includes useful articles about issues affecting our children including digital footprints, self-harm and in-game bullying. <u>https://parentinfo.org/</u>

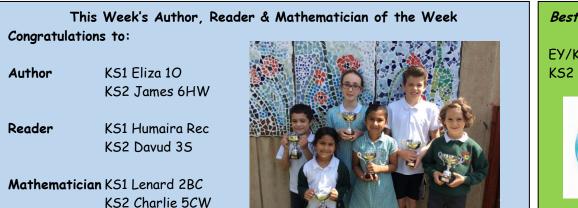
Our whole school attendance currently stands at 95%. We are aiming for 96% by the end of the school year. This is achievable if all families aim for 100% attendance for their children next half-term. We will continue to contact parents if their child's absence or punctuality is of concern.

Don't forget to visit the DSPL7 website for information, support and services for children and young people within our school community with SEND. <u>http://www.dspl7.org.uk/support-for-parents-settings/</u>

A quick reminder that this is the last weekly newsletter in this format. After half-term, information will be relayed to parents via our school app blogs and posts. Please visit the school website and download our app to stay up to date with school life and news at Bowmansgreen.

I am looking forward to seeing the Excel Dance show next week - good luck everyone!

Happy half-term!



Best Class Attendance

EY/KS1 - Rec RM KS2 - 5JW



Star of Kindness - May

Congratulations to Ruby N in 4H, our May winner of the Star of Kindness. Ruby was chosen by Mrs Street.





Ms Scoot Award for Effort - May

Congratulations to Fariha in 4H, our May winner of the Ms Scoot Award for Effort. Fariha was chosen by Mrs Gritz.



Word of the Week

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	3C	35	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Exercise	Sharing	Curious	Dialogue	Monument	Occasion	Persuade	Anticipate

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 *please* upload photos and videos to Tapestry. We'd really like to share in what other fun activities they do with you. Thank you parents who have already uploaded your children doing their activities!).

If your child is a Technology Wiz - can you please take pictures/videos of this? Are they able to work a microwave, turn the TV on independently? Select appropriate apps for specific activities on the iPad/Tablet?

All of this helps in securing evidence towards your child's end of year Early Learning Goals.

Trips

Next term, we will be going to the Aquarium to coincide with our 'Under the Sea' theme. This trip has been heavily subsidised so it is really good value for money and it promises to be great fun!

This week

We had a visit from the nurse this week and she showed us how to clean our teeth correctly. We went on to make a poster about it.

Some of us have really been working hard to extend our writing, to make our sentences as interesting as possible, and to include as much detail as possible.

Maths - some of us have continued to count in 2s and also count in 5s. We have been making groups of 2s and 5s, counting the total number of eyes in the classroom or number of fingers we have.

Next Term

Our theme is Under the Sea; we will also be starting Phase 4 in Phonics.

Sports News from Mr Sanders

Girls Kwik Cricket

The girls played a friendly Kwik cricket match on Tuesday away v Skyswood as a practice for the tournament after half term and it proved a useful experience. The bowling side of the game was fantastic and restricted Skyswood to a manageable total. Unfortunately, the batting side of the game needs a little more work as Bowmansgreen

Well done girls - now the hard work begins.

Boys B v Fleetville

fell just short.

The boys B team hosted Fleetville in a friendly football match on Wednesday. In an entertaining game, it was Cieran who came up with the winning goal in the last few minutes, just after Fleetville had hit the bar.

Ismael made his first appearance for the school and should be really pleased with his display, as should everyone in the team.

Well done to all the boys who played and thanks to the support from parents and children.



