



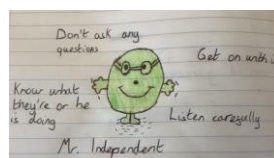
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## Awesome Autumn!

For a half term that moves from summer to autumn, the last seven weeks have been filled with brightness, opportunity and happiness. There feels like a real joy in school at the moment and it has been fantastic for me to see our older children mixing with younger children, bubble-free.

We have welcomed several new staff members, who many of you will have met through Parents' Evenings. Mrs Mellor, Mr Andrews, Mrs Hollingsworth, Mrs Davison and Miss Clegg have all settled in well.

Hello Yellow Day was a highlight for me this term, as was our time saying thank you to Teaching Assistants. The children have also enjoyed some learning and assemblies about Black History Month. Hearing our Year 6 children's speeches to become House Captains was a lovely moment – as I said to them, to stand up in front of over 100 peers is brave and inspiring... as was their lesson categorising worms from Mrs Mellor's garden! Year 5 have become astronauts, learning about space; Year 4 have become environmentalists, fighting hard to save orangutangs in the rainforest; Year 3 have become geographers, discussing lines of longitude and latitude (with a clever method to remember which is which!). In Year 2, our children have answered the key question in Science 'Why can't we just eat chocolate?', which I think might be directed towards my treat cupboard! Our Year 1 children have explored weather from around the world using some brilliant class books and, in Reception, the children have learned all about themselves, their bodies and how to stay safe – complete with visits from a firefighter and a nurse! Thank you, as ever, to our great teachers for providing some memorable learning experiences for our wonderful children.



### Key Dates & Reminders:

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:

- Children return to school

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November:

- Prospective parent/carer Open Day – book a place via the office

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November:

- PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:

- Last day of term – Christmas holidays!

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January:

- Children return to school



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## Staffing Update

As some of you already know, Mrs Kinsella has handed in her notice to finish working at Bowling Green at the end of December. Mrs Kinsella is a fantastic teacher, and staff and children will all be sad to see her go, but we are excited for her to be able to spend the extra time with her three young children at home. At school, we all know Mrs Kinsella's passion for Christmas - and so here is to making the next half term our best yet!

Mrs Dean will also be leaving us during November after being 'head-hunted' to return to her previous career in the recruitment industry. I have known Mrs Dean to be a key component in settling many of our younger children into school life. We all know she will be brilliant in her new role and, like Mrs Kinsella, she will be very missed.

## Spooky Disco and PTA Fundraising 2021-22

Thank you so much to our PTA for organising and arranging our recent Spooky Disco – I have never seen a more ghoulish school hall! The children had a fantastic time dancing, playing games eating and showing off their fun-but-frightening costumes.

Bowling Green Academy's PTA is a welcoming and supportive group of parents and carers with families from across all year groups. The PTA always welcomes more support for events, ideas and key roles. Monies raised go straight back into school and children see the impact of all fundraising.

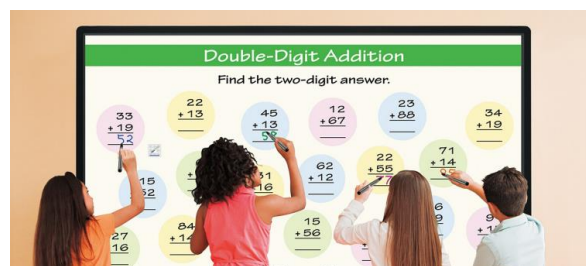
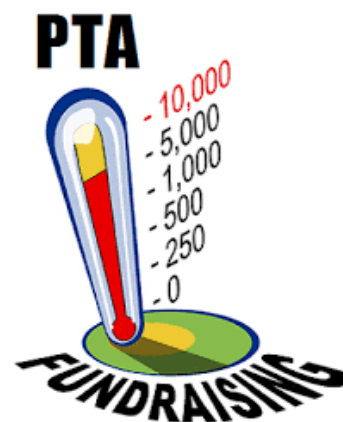
The PTA and I have set a challenging target moving forwards to enhance our classrooms – raising money for new, interactive whiteboards for each class. These boards - with bright visuals, engaging resources and integrated technology - will replace our old boards. Each board is approximately £1500 – so we need your help. At present, we have one new board... with six more classes to go!



## KITE Values

We started our half term exploring our new KITE Values of Kindness, Independence, Tenacity and Enjoyment. I have been amazed how quickly the children have learned them – especially our toughest value, Tenacity. I bet they all know what it means!

We speak about these values a lot in school – they are a key part of our Positive Behaviour Policy, our curriculum and our school improvement plan. A huge WELL DONE to the children who made it onto the 'kite' symbol this half term for something exceptional. I wonder who will reach the kite next half term... Families at home, thank you for your continued support with our values and our well-rounded, enthusiastic and articulate children.







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## Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' campaign

Morrisons supermarket has launched 'It's Good To Grow', a campaign that will donate gardening equipment to school children across the UK. This is to encourage children to learn about food, how it is grown and where it comes from.

For every £10 you spend in store or online at Morrisons, you will get a 'Grow' paperless token to help get Bowling Green Academy come free gardening equipment.

Please download the 'MyMorrisons' app to start collecting your Grow tokens or register online at [www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk](http://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk)



## School Places available now and for new starters in September 2022



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