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Step into Christmas!

Just like that... another half term has flown by! November and December are always busy times in primary schools and rightly so – I am delighted that we have offered our children so many wonderful festive memories, as well as great chances to learn over the past seven weeks.

Our Nativity stands out as a special moment. With changing landscapes and constant updates, we were all over the moon that families could come and watch our superstars perform. Whoops-a-daisy Angel was spectacular! Similarly, our one-of-a-kind Year 3 'Around the World' showcase was expertly done, too. We certainly didn't want to have a class - robbed of their Nativity last year - without a chance to perform on stage. I learned so much from your show, Year 3, and 'Feliz Navidad' will remain my favourite Christmas song!

Elsewhere, Year 4 made some delicious winter vegetable soup in Design and Technology, and have loved 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' as their English text. Our Year 5 children have been thoughtful and kind by decorating heartwarming messages to share with homeless people in a local charity link, as well as some exciting science melting – yum, chocolate! In Year 6, we also have some super scientists – the children have been 'making' and describing blood, as well as enjoying the Charles Dickens' classic 'A Christmas Carol' in English. .



Festive Farewell

This week, we have said a fond farewell to **Mrs Kinsella**, who has been at Bowling Green for ten years. We're thrilled for her as she will get to spend more time with her young family. Mrs Kinsella is a wonderful teacher and a talented musician, and she will be very missed for all of us. You're welcome back anytime, Annie – or, as you are also known, 'Mrs Christmas'! **Mrs Rehman** is also leaving us to support her husband, who has been ill lately. Thank you for all you have given, Mrs Rehman – our children have enjoyed getting to know you. **Mr Morris** will return in January to teach our Year 5 class. He is excited to teach a new class and see his Year 6 children once again. This half term we have welcomed **Mrs Inwood** into our Reception class, too. We are so pleased you have joined our brilliant team.



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Local Governing Body

It is always a pleasure to welcome our Local Governing Body every half term – either virtually or face-to-face. Ken Inwood, our Chair of Governors, and I meet regularly, too. Our Local Governing Body now consists of:

Laura Wood (Parent Governor)

Paul Miller (Co-opted)

Andrew Grime (Parent Governor)

Tom Andrews (Staff Governor)

Ken Inwood (Chair)

We would like to take a moment to send a huge thank you to Governors who have finished their term of office or retired this year: **Jonathan Ring and Rob Aitchison**. An extra special thank you to **Linda Furness** who has been a Governor at Bowling Green for over 30 years. We are all so grateful for your hard work.

We will make sure to invite you into school for a special thank you in the new year.



More Memories

More highlights of this half term for me have been our **Anti-Bullying Week** – celebrating difference by wearing Odd Socks and celebrating difference in classes, too. Each class has been given a budget to spend on replenishing bookshelves in class – they now represent difference and diversity more clearly.

Our whole-school trip to our local memorial on 11th November was a moving moment. Taking our assembly outdoors to speak about those who have lost their lives in wars was special. Our Year 2 History enquiry topic ‘Why do we wear poppies?’ was oozing with significance nationally and for our local area. All our children were thoughtful and respectful throughout, and impressed all us adults.

Now we have reached the end of the term, I would like to thank all our teachers and staff who have worked exceptionally hard this academic year. It truly is an honour to work at this school. To our children and families, thank you for all your support and dedication to all things Bowling Green. An extra well done to those of you who have been completing work while isolating. I want to wish you all a very **merry Christmas** and here is to a bright and brilliant 2022.



We then read the poem 'The colours of friendship' and made art inspired by rainbows.



Icy the pink snowman!



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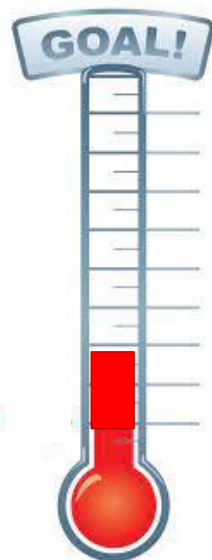
PTA Meeting, November. L-R: Laraine, Year 5 parent; Helen, Year 6 parent; myself; Liz, Reception and Year 3 parent; Toni, Year 3 parent; Kathryn; Year 3 parent; Alex, Year 1 parent.

PTA Fundraising Update

Our PTA members are continuing to work extremely hard to raise important and helpful funds for our 2021-22 school focus – interactive whiteboards in every classroom.

Our recent Smarties Challenge raised a huge **£606!** Well done to Year 3 who raised the most money with a total of £151. The Christmas Movie Night last week made a profit of **£367**, which means we now have a PTA fund of **£2,013** – enough for our first whiteboard after just one term. Thank you for all your helpful contributions.

If you would be interesting in helping out or have some good ideas, come and say 'hello' in the playground or put our next meeting in your diary: Tuesday 15th March at 6:15pm. We're a friendly bunch (see above)!

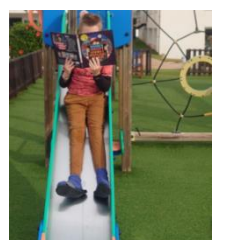


£9000
(six whiteboards)

£2,013

Competition Winners

Well done to all the children who entered both our competitions this half term. Mrs Mellor's **READING ANYWHERE** competition had me laughing out loud at some of your weird and wonderful reading spots. Our House Captains' hosted our **Great Bowling Green Bauble Off** to some beautiful entries. I think you will agree that our huge tree (kindly donated by Biofresh Group Ltd.) is stunning.



Key Dates & Reminders:

Wednesday 5th January:

- All children return to school.

School will start at 8:45am and end at 3:15pm for all children.

Please visit our school website for updated term dates, including our additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee (Monday 6th June).

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If you have any issues please contact Jake on the number above

Please bring healthy snacks, lunch and a bottle of water

Registration opens 8:30am - Camp starts at 9am!

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Outlane & Sowood Christmas Windows Trail sheet

1st Dec 2021 - Jan 2nd 2022
 Mon - Fri 6 - 9 pm
 Sat & Sun 4 - 9 pm

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- Nail zone, Elland
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- Anon lingerie, Elland
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