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From New Year to Valentine's Day

That is 'goodbye' to another brilliant half term at Bowling Green Academy. Although our toughest term yet with regards to COVID and isolations (staff and children!), we have ended the term on a high with Children's Mental Health Week and our Bowling Green 'Random Acts of Kindness' spreading across the whole community. Thank you to all the families who have supported remote learning, and the teachers who have been 'double planning' – both for in-school children and those at-home.

There have been many highlights this term, including sharing a love of stories through National Storytelling Week, our fun PE/exercise day to combat 'Blue Monday' in January and our wonderful KITE Ambassador selections - without doubt, the most difficult decision our staff team have faced so far due to so many exceptional children and applications! Reception has loved their animals topic, learning about different animals from around the world from local farms to the Arctic. In Year 1, the children have taught me all about Stainland with their fantastic map skills in Geography while our Year 2 class has embraced Clarice Cliff-style artwork. In Year 3, our data analysists have been creating spreadsheets in their Computing lessons and, in Year 4, our children can explain all the states of matter following some exciting Science experiments. In Year 5, children have recorded radio adverts for newly invented gym equipment and have dissected flowers, and in Year 6, the class have been blogging about their recently read books and personal interests. As a school, our

children have also enjoyed a focus on online safety and on different families in LGBT History Week.





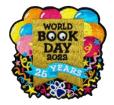


Moving On

As you know, Mrs Whitwam will be leaving Bowling Green at Easter after over ten years here. We will all be very sad to see her go but all feel so excited for her on her new challenge. We have had a huge response to our recently advertised position of Reception/KS1 teacher, and Mrs Deighton, Mr Andrews and I interviewed candidates this week. We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Bottomley to school after Easter who comes with a wealth of knowledge for teaching Reception and a real passion for child-led experiences in early education. We will endeavor for a full handover between the two teachers and myself, and we are determined in school to make Mrs Whitwam's final six weeks here as happy and joyful as they can be!



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World Book Day 2022

Mrs Mellor has been very busy excitedly making plans for the upcoming World Book Day (Thursday 3rd March). Our super PTA also have a great activity in the diary to both celebrate reading and raise some funds for school.

On Monday and Tuesday, please bring in some books to sell at our **World Book Day Book Shop**. Our PTA volunteers (everyone is welcome!) will be sorting the books for reselling into price bands from 50p. Our Book Shop will be during the school day on World Book Day. Children can come to school with some money to purchase new-to-them books.

We are also asking children to 'get lost in books' by celebrating some of our favourites. We would love children to **recreate a scene** from their favourite story in a box and bring it into school. See some examples below.

Mrs Mellor is also launching her new Reading Challenge during the week – more details to follow. We will also spend the day reading lots of stories to friends in school and listening to adults read their favourites.





Key Dates & Reminders:

Monday 28th February:

• All children return to school.

Tuesday 15th March:

 PTA Meeting at 6:15pm – all welcome!

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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Making Memories

Year 5 wearing green for Ash Green; Year 2 during Children's Mental Health Week; Year 3 supporting Ash Green; Year 1 making - and tasting - crumble (I got the first slice – yum!); exploring our KITE Values through Art; getting together as a staff and Governor team; a visit from Amanda Bennett CEO to show her recent OBE; Year 3 creating spreadsheets; a passion for authorship in Year 1; our mentally healthy Reception class; dissecting a flower; PTA Valentine's Shop.















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Every 'like' and share is helpful as we continue to celebrate and promote all things Bowling Green!

Did you know?

We upload monthly updates for parents and carers about keeping your child safe online to our website. The February edition contained information about setting parental controls, advice on speaking to children about being kind online, and details about tow popular apps of the moment: gamer app Discord and social network Yubo. You will find the updates on our website:

https://bowlinggreenacade my.org.uk/wellbeingsafeguarding/e-safety/



Uniform

Thank you to you all for responding so positively to my recent 'friendly reminder' letter about school uniform. Our uniform code is on our website, including appropriate PE kit and shoes/trainers. After the recent reminder and half term break, we are all hoping that Bowling Green children can keep looking smart and behaving smartly.

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