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Warm hands; warmer hearts

We had our hearts well and truly warmed up over the past few weeks by our wonderful EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity production 'A Bundle of Joy'. The children spoke fantastically, danced brilliantly and performed several times to enthusiastic audiences to really 'kick start' our Christmas celebrations at Bowling Green Academy. A huge 'congratulations' to everyone involved!

Other Christmassy events have been our fruitful Reindeer Run for Overgate Hospice in Elland, PTA's Christmas Movie Night, our Christmas parties and our wonderful choir's debut performance under Elland Bandstand.

Elsewhere in school, our Reception children have continued their 'Who am I?' curriculum by learning about our similarities and differences, as well as beginning to form numerals in Mathematics. Our Year 1 scientists have blown me away with their topic-specific vocabulary for animals, including herbivore, amphibians and reptiles. Similarly, Year 3 scientists have been busy comparing and describing the physical appearances of different rocks. Our Year 6 children have been expert scientists too by classifying micro-organisms, plants and animals.

Year 2's History topic – 'Why do people wear poppies?' has led to some thought-provoking discussions and the class has enjoyed designing, making and evaluating puppets in DT, too. Our Year 4 designers have been making pavilions – look at Daisy's wonderful structure (right)! In Years 4 and 5, our children have been learning about respect in PSHE and during their Computing lessons. In fact, Year 5 were thinking about photos that they would and would not share of their friends online. We have also had several visitors into school, including a poet in Year 4 and a drama workshop about climate change and democracy in Year 5.





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Whose voice matters? My voice matters!

Our Year 4 children have been part of the My Voice Matters program alongside some other local primary schools. Bowling Green children must have really impressed because they were chosen for a film crew to capture their lessons to record them for a showcase at the annual Music Mark conference. Even more excitingly, six of our children visited the Newcastle event to show a room full of delegates (250 people!) just how much their voice matters.



More Autumn activities

Our Children in Need bake sale; skipping workshops for every class; wearing colourful, unique outfits for Anti-bullying Week; paying our respects on Remembrance Day with a special visitor; Year 2's visit to The United Reform Church.



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Of course, this Newsletter wouldn't be complete without several cute photos of our recent Nativity performance. From Naughty Sheep to shocked shepherds, the show had everything! Well done to our amazing stars.

Many thanks to everyone who raised sponsorship money for our annual Overgate Hospice Reindeer Run. Due to the extremely cold weather, we exercised our reindeers indoors this year – with an assault course and a tough aerobic workout! Finally, to all our wonderful Bowling Green families, have a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and we will all see you on Wednesday 4th January 2023!

It's Christmas!



Congratulations, Miss Bick!

Another celebration we have all been excited about in school is Miss Bick's upcoming wedding over the Christmas break. We're all wishing you the best and sending your family lots of love. In January, Miss Bick will be Mrs Pearson. Enjoy the celebrations!

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Please do share with anyone who has school-age children

Year 1 and 3 places available now and for new starters in September 2023.



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We would love to welcome you and your family to Bowling Green Academy, a school where everyone 'Achieves Together'. Bowling Green is a one-form entry school with smaller-than-average classes. It offers an excellent team of passionate staff, and lots of happy, well-behaved and confident children. We are proud of our exciting curriculum and our nurturing, family ethos based on respect and celebrating success for all. We want children to be the kite in our logo - to fly high, thrive and flourish both academically and socially. If you would like to join one of our upcoming tours, please email or call our office.

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Ten-pin teamwork

After last year's success, our Ten-pin Bowling Team impressed again at a recent tournament. A huge congratulations to Flynn in Year 5 – the top scorer from the entire competition!

House Captains

As I'm sure you are aware, we have renamed our Houses at school and had a little reshuffle to ensure siblings are together in the same house. Our House Captains (*left-right: Xander, Martha, Lauren, Kaiya*) helped choose the names – all inspirational people - after a vote across the whole school. We have **Voice** (Malala Yousafzai), **Nature** (David Attenborough), **Music** (Stevie Wonder) and **Change** (Greta Thunberg) Houses. We have books about each person and will explore their successes further across the year.



Get lost in a book!

We love reading at Bowling Green Academy! As well as school reading books, our children are now regularly borrowing books from class libraries. We have also introduced a Community Library for parents and carers – help yourself if you see it pop up in the playground or come to the school office.



Bowling Green website

Please do keep checking our school website – it gets better every week with new additions, information for families, wellbeing tips and lots about our exciting Bowling Green curriculum. The Online Safety Newsletter is also really valuable. In December's update, you'll find details about setting parental controls for several games consoles, how to stay safe using Google Search, information about Instagram and screentime advice for the Christmas holidays.

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