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## A spring in our step

This half term has flown by – with lots of successes, lots of community links and lots of celebrations to enjoy across school.

We have invited several visitors into school, including people of different faiths, a hockey coach, Governors and colleagues from Open Minds CAMHS to increase our children’s understanding of self-esteem. Our children also met the MP Paul Whittaker and councilor Paul Bellenger – and asked challenging questions to both!

Our Reception children have moved on to their next big question as part of their bespoke curriculum – What am I? They have been exploring the world through senses and thinking about what it means to be a human and/or an animal. That was in and amongst, of course, the exciting snowfall and a week dedicated to Chinese New Year! I have been blown away by some of the writing in Key Stage 1 this half term – it’s always amazing to see the progress in spring term! In DT, our Year 1 children have been investigating the amount of sugar in drinks. Fanta was the biggest surprise – it might be orange but it’s still an unhealthy drink! In their Science lessons, Year 2 have been learning about habitats and created their own micro-habitat for an animal of their choice. Also in Science, Year 4 have combined their scientific skills with DT by designing, making and evaluating torches, and Year 5 have been experimenting with changing states of matter.

A visit to the newly opened, local allotment was a great trip for Year 3 – they planted cherry, apple and pear trees in the new orchard, and a Sikh visitor in Year 6 shared with the class all about his faith and how important kindness is in the religion of Sikhism.







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## Sporting achievements



A huge thank you to Halifax Hockey Club for their sessions across key stage 2 this half term – many of our children were unfamiliar with the game but all enjoyed learning a new skill. We also sent some children to a School Games event for Handball, which was a new game to everyone across Calderdale schools. Our children picked up techniques quickly and won two out of three games - well done!



## Sharing kindness

We had Blue Monday this half term – statistically, the saddest day of the year. Our Kindness Ambassadors were not taking that for a fact at Bowling Green! They went around school and ‘flyposted’ walls and classrooms with positive quotes to cheer everyone up. We know kindness is one of our KITE Values here in school and so it was brilliant to see so many faces cheered up on the day.

It was also Children’s Mental Health Week this half term. Our children completed activity’s linked to this year’s theme – Let’s Connect.







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## Home learning



Miss Hollingworth set us a whole-school challenge this half term for children to complete some exciting Science experiments at home – some of which were very messy! We have all loved seeing photos and videos of our super scientists come in on SeeSaw. Our Year 4 children have blown us away with their optional project-based homework, which is shared with all classes on your half-termly curriculum map.



## Meeting an MP

I took some of our children to West Vale to meet the MP Craig Whittaker, which linked well with our work on British Values and democracy in assemblies during January. The children made me unbelievably proud – asking challenging questions about Mr Whittaker's voting history, driving around school, how he was supporting families during tough financial times and the wellbeing (and stress-levels!) of being in government.



## Inspirational figures

We had a brilliant afternoon across school with all children going into their Houses for a creative session linked to their wonderful House leader – David Attenborough, Malala Yousafzai, Greta Thunberg or Stevie Wonder. From creating musical pieces to artistic showcases, it was a great chance for children to learn about someone inspiring.



A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA volunteers who have supported us with our interactive whiteboard fund. We now have six whiteboards... with just one more to go! Thank you, also, to every family who have supported a PTA event. Every penny goes towards resources for our brilliant children!



# Bowling Green Academy News



**BOWLING GREEN ACADEMY**

SPRING 1

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## Congratulations, Miss Bottomley!

Over half term, Miss Bottomley is getting married! As a surprise, we arranged for our Reception children to come into school on Friday in their smart wedding/party clothes for a fun day. We're all so pleased for you, Miss Bottomley. Have a wonderful time and we can't wait to hear all about your special day!



## Well done, Year 5!

Our Year 5 children are learning about finance in PSHE. They had a challenge to make as much money from £20 as possible - with all profits going to a chosen charity. In total they made over £120, which has been sent to the Red Cross Turkey/Syria Earthquake Fund.



SMART SHOE APPEAL 2023  
w/c 20<sup>th</sup> February

Yes to:  
children's shoes, men's and women's shoes, sandals, trainers, football boots, flat shoes, pumps and sliders.



No thank you to  
Winter boots, ankle boots, broken soles or peeled leather, wellies and flip flops.

By donating a pair of shoes you no longer wear you will be helping provide footwear for children and parents in Africa as well as raising vital funds to help us support our vulnerable clients

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**IMPORTANT**  
DO NOT DRIVE  
DOWN DRURY LANE  
PLEASE ARRIVE ON  
FOOT



## COMMUNITY HEDGE PLANTING

SATURDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> FEB  
1-3PM

DRURY LANE  
STAINLAND

COME ALONG AND HELP TO PLANT SOME  
NATIVE HEDGING IN THE COMMUNITY  
ORCHARD

BRING A SPADE OR TROWEL IF YOU HAVE  
ONE

WELLIES, GLOVES AND A HAT ADVISED!!

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER, PLEASE  
CHECK THE STAINLAND FACEBOOK PAGE  
FOR NOTICE OF ANY CANCELLATION

STAINLAND  
& DISTRICT  
PARISH COUNCIL



**SPORTSCOOL**  
FEB HALF TERM

VENUE: BOWLING GREEN  
ACADEMY  
STAINLAND  
HALIFAX  
HX4 9HU

TIMES: 9:00-3:15  
DATES: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 FEB  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
PRICE: £20 A DAY  
£80 FULL WEEK

EDUCATE ● MOTIVATE ● PARTICIPATE

Sportscool is running its termly multi sports camp at bowling green academy. To book follow the link or scan the QR code



HTTPS://SPORTSCOOL-BRADFORD.CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK/LOGIN



WHAT'S GOES ON

FOOTBALL  
CRICKET  
BOWLING GREEN  
ACT TALENT  
KURLING  
FRISBEE

HARRY POTTER DAY

ARTS & CRAFTS  
TRI GOLF  
MUCH MUCH MORE

## Get Out & Ride!



CLANCY BRIGGS  
CYCLING ACADEMY



Brooksbank Cycle Circuit, HX50TA

**£1 Taster Session, March 4th 2023**

Who are we?

The Clancy Briggs Cycling Academy was founded by three-time Olympic gold medalist Ed Clancy and former professional road cyclist Graham Briggs, with the aim of getting children on bikes, developing skills and having fun!

We have classes available for children aged from just 18 months learning how to balance, right through to teenagers looking to develop their racing or technical skills.

Saturdays at Brooksbank

11:00-11:40

Balance & Learn Classes

11:45-12:30

Paired Classes

12:30-13:15

Race Classes

Book your place - [www.clancybriggs.co.uk/academy](http://www.clancybriggs.co.uk/academy)

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