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Welcome to Broadway Green!

We have had a half term full of best performances at Bowling Green Academy! Our Key Stage 1 and Reception Nativity show clearly deserves its own 'shout out'. Our children were exceptional – the singing, dancing and acting on stage was, quite simply, worthy of Broadway! Children remembered their lines well, knew where to be at the right time and every child made it onto stage for a show that certainly kick-started our festive season in school.

We kept our choir busy, performing at both Stainland Cricket Club and Woodfield Grange Care Home in Greetland. The choir received rapturous applause at both performances and staff at the care home commented on our children's beautiful singing and exceptional behaviour. The whole school joined in our Christmas sing-along in the playground during our final week of term. Thank you to all the families for attending and joining in, and to our PTA for providing warming hot chocolates and cakes.

Our sports performers also impressed us. We had 16 children participate in our Elland Cluster cross-country competition and, from that, three made it to the Calderdale finals. The trio's determination to succeed and perseverance during a staggeringly long race was incredible.

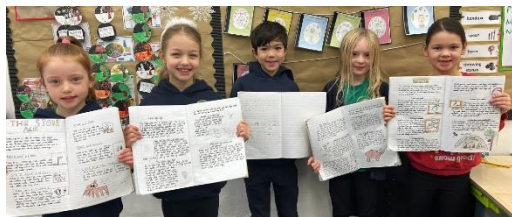
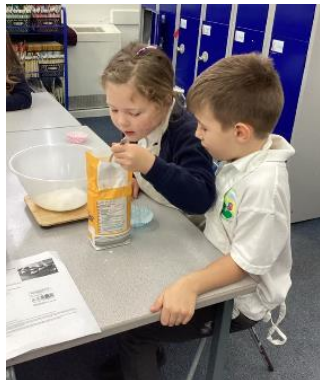


Diary Date

We return to school on Monday 8th January at 8:45am



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Fun across the curriculum!

It hasn't just been Nativities and Christmas this half term in school – far from it! Our children have continued to impress us with their exceptional learning.

In Reception, the class learned about the season of autumn with an autumnal hunt and crafts. They later learned about special celebrations, including Diwali, birthdays and Christmas. Year 1's new DT topic is one of my favourite units of work this half term – children had to consider different packaging types, then design and make a package to protect an egg. A clumsy postal worker (me!) dropped the boxes a few times... but many eggs stayed intact. Other favourites included Year 2's cooking topic, which began with children evaluating cupcakes, then designing and baking some. The children's completed designs looked extremely tasty! Year 4's DT topics throughout the year have a Yorkshire theme... what better way, then, than starting with Yorkshire puddings! Children compared ingredients and recipes between puddings and pancakes. Year 6's Bayeux Tapestry work focused on complex sewing techniques with remarkable results.

Year 3's History topic has focused on Stone Age civilisations – look at our children's excellent information texts from their research! During their Science lessons this term, Year 5 has a number of problems to solve with reversible and irreversible changes of materials. There was lots of trial and error in their methodologies, and some super science.

PTA Events

Our PTA continues to fundraise for school – with all the profits going into resources and experiences for our children. This half term, we have enjoyed a Christmas Movie Night, a 'treats' sale in the playground, our Secret Shop where children purchase a present for a loved one and our festive wreath-making events.

The next PTA meeting is on Thursday 18th January at 6:30pm. All are welcome!





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Breaking News... again!

Bowling Green Academy has been in the news again this half term – for having some of the best English and Maths progress in the country!

In Reading and Mathematics, Bowling Green's progress was in the top 3% of all primary schools, and in Writing, we were in the top 2%! These measures are based on children's achievements across Key Stage 2, as based on assessments at the end of Year 6, including national SATS tests.

We're thrilled with these results, particularly after all our hard work developing our curriculum over the past few years. A huge well done to our children and our staff for this achievement in not just one subject, but three!

Family Learning

We have hosted several family learning workshops over the past few weeks - festive shapes with Reception, Stone Age-style painting with Year 3 and Christmas crafts with the whole school. The workshops, supported by Calderdale Family Learning Team, have been a real success... look out for more across school during spring and summer terms!



Fabulous Fundraisers

During November, we remembered those who have fought – or are still fighting – for their countries in wars. Our annual Royal British Legion fundraising appeal raised almost £320 – our highest total yet for this charity!

In December, our fundraising turned close to home as our children collected sponsorship for Overgate Hospice's Reindeer Run. It was certainly an endurance event – children ran lap after lap of the cricket field in wintry drizzle. Well done for your achievements and for helping such great charities.



Education

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One final thing...

15 week-long terms certainly don't come around very often and we have all been blown away in school about how 'on it' our children have been until the very end of December. Behaviour, as ever, has been exemplary and children's attitude to learning has continued to wow us all. It continues to be an absolute honour to be a leader at this school and be part of such a friendly and supportive community.

To all our families from all of us at Bowling Green, have a wonderful Christmas and we wish you all the best for the new year.

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