



LATEST NEWS

6TH OCTOBER 2023

REMINDERS

Class Assemblies

- Friday 13th October, 9:10am Mara Class – Year 3
- Friday 20th October, 9:10am Yellowstone Class – Year 3



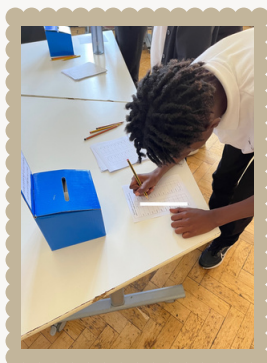
BOWES PARLIAMENT



At Bowes, we hold elections for Class Councillors and MPs to form the Bowes Parliament. Having a School Council is important to:

- give children a 'voice' to share their opinions and ideas
- learn how to take part in a democratic process
- develop confidence and responsibility
- make real changes to improve the academic and social aims of the school.

Our classes in Years 1 – 5 have been busy holding elections and all children voted for their Class Councillors (two per class). Children in Year 6 wrote applications for the role of MP and have made election speeches to the year group. 43 children made speeches and explained what changes they would make if elected. The standard of speeches this year was extremely high and we are pleased to announce that we have 13 new MPs. We would like to say congratulations to all the children who took part and well done for the fantastic and very interesting speeches.





DIGITAL SCHOOLS AWARD

Yesterday, we were very pleased to officially be recognised as the first school in England to achieve Digital Schools Award status. This is a national awards scheme to promote, recognise and encourage a whole school approach to the use of digital technology in nursery, primary, special education and secondary schools.



An awards ceremony was held in the Top Hall at Bowes where children and staff showcased how we use digital technology to support learning. Our visitors included representatives from the Digital Schools programme, the sponsors of the award 'HP' and 'AMD' and members of Connect Education Trust. It was a fantastic event and the children were a real credit to the school and to themselves. They spoke confidently about how they use digital technology in school and answered lots of questions about their use of VR cameras, Marty the Robot, Google Suite, Moki Bands, Crumble controllers and Google Passport.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Gulev Karayel (Connect Director of IT) and Aoife O'Connor & Anna Doody from the Digital Schools Award Programme for supporting us throughout our accreditation process.



Thank you again to everybody at Bowes, staff and children, who have contributed to our technology curriculum over the years.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We had a great coffee morning last week for Macmillan Cancer Support. The staff baked and bought some amazing cakes and treats. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support this very important charity and to all who bought cakes at our impromptu cake sale. Huge thanks to all who baked, bought, ate and generously contributed. Together, we raised a wonderful £383!



— ENVIRONMENT WEEK —



Following the success of last year's Environment Week, we will be having another week of activities to focus on raising awareness of some current environmental issues. Each year group has been assigned a theme to study.

Nursery	Recycling	Year 3	Food Waste
Reception	Recycling	Year 4	Energy
Year 1	Reducing Waste	Year 5	Climate Change
Year 2	Litter & Plastic Pollution	Year 6	Air Pollution

To launch this special week, **Monday 16th October** will be a **non-uniform day** and we ask that the children come into school wearing **blue and/or green**. We are not collecting any donations on this occasion.

To support us with this project, if there are any parents who have specialist knowledge and/or work in a relevant field and are able to offer some time to come in and share this, please do get in touch.



ORACY OCTOBER



Throughout the month of October, all classes will be involved in an 'Oracy Challenge' organised by Voice 21. Voice 21 is a national charity working in oracy in education. This year's theme is '*When talk gets challenging*' and explores how we can empower young people to talk effectively in challenging contexts, both in the classroom and beyond. We have shared these activities with you by email so that you can try the challenge at home too!





FOOTBALL NEWS

Well done to our Boys Football team who played their first match this week. It was an entertaining game and the boys won 5-0. A big thank you to the parents who went along to cheer on the team.



PARENT EVENTS NEXT WEEK



Year 6 School Journey Meeting

In preparation for the Year 6 residential trip in November, we will be holding a School Journey Information meeting for parents on **Tuesday 10th October at 9am in the Lower Hall**. The meeting will also be repeated at **3:30pm in the Top Hall** on the same day. You may attend whichever session suits you best.

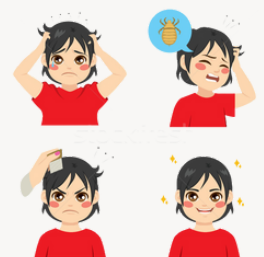


KS1 Phonics and Reading Workshop

Year 1 and Year 2 parents are invited to a Phonics and Reading workshop on **Tuesday 10th October at 6pm in the Lower Hall**. The session will be repeated on **Thursday 12th October at 9am in the Lower Hall**. You may choose which session to attend.



HEAD LICE



There will be times when head lice may be present amongst children in your child's class. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far.

Please follow the simple **CHECK, TREAT, COMPLETE** routine to ensure you are doing your bit to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum!

We also recommend that long hair is tied back for school every day.

For more information and advice, please visit the [NHS Head Lice](#) page.

Thank you for your support!

BIRTHDAY TREATS



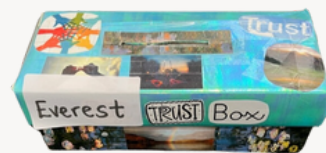
Just a reminder that unfortunately we are unable to allow children to share sweets or cakes with their friends on their birthday. Children are welcome to bring in a book to add to their class library with a personal message inside for their class to enjoy.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



To help the children with any worries or concerns they may have, each class has a Trust Box. Children can write down their worry and insert it into the box. These will then be checked by staff. Discussions will take place with the child and support will be offered where needed, either by classroom staff or by members of the school safeguarding team.



DIARY DATES 2023/24

13th Oct 2023	Mara Class Assembly, 9:10am
16th Oct 2023	Environment week - Non-uniform day
20th Oct 2023	Yellowstone Class Assembly, 9:10am
23rd – 27th Oct	Half Term
6th – 10th Nov	Year 6 School Journey
15th Nov 2023	Individual Photographs
27th Nov 2023	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
20th Dec 2023	School Ends
8th Jan 2024	School Starts
29th Jan 2024	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
12th – 16th Feb	Half Term
28th Mar 2024	School Ends
15th Apr 2024	School Starts
6th May 2024	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
27th – 31st May	Half Term
24th Jun 2024	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
23rd Jul 2024	School Ends
24th Jul 2024	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED

STAFF NEWS



Congratulations to Natalie who welcomed the arrival of her new baby girl last week. Both are doing very well and we would like to wish them all the very best for the future.

Friends of Bowes



Please continue reading for the latest news from our Friends of Bowes PTA.



What's happening...

Y1 BAKE SALE



WELCOME EVENING

LAST FRIDAY WE HELD THE WELCOME EVENING FOR NURSERY AND RECEPTION PARENTS/ CARERS. WE HAD A NEW MR MARVEL WHO WAS A HUGE HIT. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE NIGHT A SUCCESS!



WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED THEIR TIME, EFFORT AND BAKING SKILLS. THE FIRST BAKE SALE OF THE YEAR RAISED £308 TOWARDS A YEAR GROUP TRIP!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

CLICK BELOW TO SEE OUR INCREDIBLE NEW DIGITAL BROCHURE. DO YOU KNOW A LOCAL BUSINESS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN OUR NEXT BROCHURE OR ON OUR PTA EVENTS WEBSITE? IF SO, PLEASE ASK THEM TO GET IN TOUCH. OUR RATES ARE VERY REASONABLE!!

FESTIVE CARDS ARE HERE!

THE CARD TEMPLATES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT. DESIGNS NEED TO BE HANDED IN BY 13 OCTOBER (COLLECTION BOX BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE). CHILDREN CAN SUBMIT ANY DESIGNS THEY LIKE (CHRISTMAS, EID, VASAKHI, HANNUKAH, BIRTHDAYS)!



SHOUT OUT TO JENNI DODSWORTH EX FOB TREASURER AND CLASS REP, WHO HAS MOVED ON TO PASTURES NEW. YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR FOB, THANK YOU! WE WILL MISS YOU JENNI.

THANK YOU!

CLICK HERE



Upcoming Events...

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER - DEADLINE FOR HANDING IN PERSONALISED CARD DESIGNS

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER - HALF-TERM DONUT SALE

NOVEMBER - QUIZ NIGHT

17 NOVEMBER - RECEPTION BAKE SALE



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CONGRATULATIONS TO...
ELLIE, MANNY, ANYA, MAYA & JAYAN!

BOWES ACTIVE 8



THESE AMAZING FIVE MANAGED TO
RAISE £902 BETWEEN THEM OVER
THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS BY TAKING
PART IN THE ACTIVE 8 CHALLENGE!

ALL FIVE CHILDREN RECIEVED
MEDALS AND SPECIAL PRIZES FOR
THEIR FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS!

WE'D LOVE MORE CHILDREN TO GET
INVOLVED NEXT YEAR. IT'S A GREAT
HEALTHY WAY TO RAISE FUNDS AND
GET ACTIVE (8)!

