

Bowbrook News 03.02.2023:

Lots of Information and 'Notices;' this week as we fast approach Arts Week and with another six sports fixtures next week too... a very busy run in to the half term...



*** DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!! ***

On WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH at 9am

– Rags 2 Riches for schools will be making collection at school, so please support it again and now more than ever these clothes and items are desperately needed.

A great opportunity to sort out your wardrobe before the winter. There was a good programme on the BBC about what happens to the clothing if you are interested: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3NCQT8fPDn9KfbLGmqgGZvF/the-secret-life-of-your-clothes> which can be watched on YouTube. The clothing becomes affordable clothing around the world, we sell the clothes on – as an example some of the clothing will then be sold on market stalls in Africa.

We will not receive any bags from Rags 2 Riches so please just use any binbag, and don't forget you can bring as many bags as you can!!

We will let you know details of where to put the bags on the day in due course.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Arts Week fundraiser:



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To tie in with a project which Mrs Mellor has been running on the theme of community, diversity and inclusivity we would like to raise a little money for the **Maggs ay centre.**

Throughout next week students will be able to support this venture by coming to see Mrs Farr in Q4 with £1 and send a 'wispa' to someone telling them how fab they are.

These will be delivered on Monday 13th February in the morning and I am sure will raise a smile or 200 and start Arts week off sweetly!

News from the Prep School

Thank you to Nursery and Reception for their lovely animal assembly this week. We also commended several children for their extra-curricular activities that they do outside of school. Iris Cates (I1/2) has gained a certificate for 'coding,' Beatrice Heaume (6SR) has achieved her Grade 1 trampoline certificate, Joshua Smith (6SR) has gained his stage 2 and 3 lifesaving awards and finally Alfie Birch (6NS) proudly showed us his new football strip and plaque.

Our Star Pupils for this week are:

N - Skye Worth for fantastic singing.

R - Jonas Ford for a good effort in writing and maths.

I1 - Elena Svancara for always being a lovely friend.

I2 - Indigo Hudson-Page for a super written prediction of your story.

J3 - Bea Clarke for trying hard with handwriting.

J4 - Oscar Birch for being enthusiastic and well mannered on his school trip.

J5 - Penny Heaume for working hard on her presentation in maths.

6SR - Amelie Laws for consistently working to the best of her ability.

6NS - Mabel Phillips for making fantastic progress in maths.

Congratulations everybody.

Prep parents: See Saw ICT:

*We have access to a fantastic online platform called **Seesaw**, which uses ICT across the curriculum. Your class teacher will send you instructions on how to log in with personalised codes (most of the children are familiar with it already, so don't worry!*

In addition, I thought I'd share with you that the children are doing brilliantly in our **Coding unit** in Computing and have asked me to share the website so they can show you at home!

It is www.code.org Scroll down then choose Try the Hour of Code and select one. The Minecraft and Angry Birds are good ones to start with and the Frozen is one of the most challenging. The children can achieve up to 5 steps on each. They use algorithms (instructions) and debug when needed (solve problems.)

Rainbow Maths books have been sent out which have progressive Maths tasks to practise at home, which include number bonds, doubling etc. Each child has been tested so you can clearly see their next step.

Have fun!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Ridge

Family Art morning:

As part of our Arts week, we will be holding a Family Art morning for children from Nursery to J6 on Saturday 11th February. Families are invited to drop in and join us for a morning of art activities between 10am and 12 noon. As it is an event for families we ask that parents stay and join in the activities with the children. Friends and family are also welcome!

Mrs Mellor and Miss White

Read All About It!

Pupils joined forces for national 'Read Aloud' day on Wednesday. J5 carefully selected books from the library and paid Mrs Mao's class a visit. The older children each read to a small group of enthusiastic listeners. Harper (Year 5) said, 'It's been fun reading to them and I'd love to do it again.' Ayla (Year 5) was asking her group comprehension questions as they read and encouraged them to predict what was going to happen next. Elena (Year 1) enjoyed reading Sleeping Beauty, and Ariel (Year 2) loved the experience saying, 'It's exciting, I love Ayla reading stories to us!'

Pictures were posted on Twitter if you missed them!

Music:

Arts Week: Arts week is fast approaching and your child may be preparing for the Music Composition Competition. Please see details below. Entries will be heard on Thursday and Friday lunch times next week in the music room.

Reflect, Repair, Recreate and Enrich
What is your message?

Challenge: Write and perform your own song which gives a strong message about **reflecting upon the mind** and **enriching positive mental health**. It should include:

- **Hook** – Catchy repeated word which gives an important message about
- **Accompaniment** – Keyboard or guitar perhaps to support your voice
- **Individual or as a group**

Performances and judging day – Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February
MUSIC ROOM! At lunch



Music Star of the Week: Juliette Mawby in 9JS for her superb Folk Jig rhythmic compound time composition. Juliette impressed me this week with her creative decisions; writing some lovely folk rhythms quickly and applying her value groupings very well. Excellent work Juliette!

Thank you.

Mrs Izod

Art Room News:

We are looking forward to our Arts Week with plenty of ways to take part. You can help by encouraging pupils to enter some of the competitions. We would love everyone to try two, except for Year 11 who have other challenges at the moment.

Attached to the e news is an invitation to **be creative as a parent or staff member**. Please take a look at the poster and join in with us!

As a plea for equipment, we are looking for donations of old newspapers for the art room and of clean jam jars for the Prep school.

Thank you very much, everyone.

Mrs Mellor

PE Department News.

ISA U14 Netball: Friday 27th February

The U14 Netball squad travelled to Loughborough early Friday morning to take part in a full day of tournament netball. We had 5 games to play in our group and met Tettenhall College an old rival in our first match. With only 7 minutes each way it was important to get ahead quickly and the girls did just that. There was some excellent team work in attack with Lottie Pennington Fairchild dominating in centre court and Chloe Mills making accurate passes to the shooters. Tettenhall struggled to keep up the pace and it was a win for Bowbrook 7-3.

The girls played Kingsley School next and with some excellent shooting from Sofia Merlin the team quickly got ahead. They all worked hard to keep the lead and won 12-6.

Loughborough Amherst School was our only loss in the group stage. Lucinda Kirkham and Lottie Tocknell worked tirelessly in defense but the very physical Loughborough team had a well drilled attack. Unforced errors lost Bowbrook the game with too much footwork and inaccurate passing. Loss 4-8.

Bowbrook followed with two convincing wins against St Dominics Grammar School scoring an impressive 15 goals in 14 minutes and a 12-6 win against Dixie Grammar. Amelia Speers and Rose Halligan both played as shooter and their confidence grew in each match scoring some impressive goals.

We met Stafford Grammar school in the play off rounds and it was a very even match each side scoring quickly. Izzie Wilcox gave her all in defence and supported the attack up court. At full time it was 8-8. A 3 minute extra time was decided and again ended in a draw at 10-10. So... 1 minute extra time was given and with a Stafford centre pass Bowbrook were unable to equalise with seconds to go. Really unfortunate result as they all worked so hard.

However, they did meet Tettenhall College again and finished the day with a very satisfying 11-2 win.

A fantastic effort by all girls who took part. Very well done!

U11 Tag Rugby Festival

On Monday, our U11's hosted 3 local primary schools in a tag rugby festival, Holy Redeemer, Lyppard Grange, and Norton. In the first game, Bowbrook came face to face with Holy Redeemer school. They got into a quick lead scoring some tries quickly from the first whistle, but the Bowbrook team didn't let the score line run away from them and battled hard to gain possession of the ball. Some good tagging and running on the field from Max and Sam put Bowbrook into good field position, which we capitalised on to score a couple of tries. The end result went to Holy redeemer but the score line was close between the teams.



Next up for Bowbrook was Norton School. This game started well for the Bowbrook team, with them scoring their first try within the first 30 seconds of the game. Norton responded with a try of their own and the teams went onwards scoring tries back and forth. Tagging got better as the game went on, and the Bowbrook team managed to force the Norton team into tag turnovers more often as the game progressed. This game ended 6 tries to 5 to Bowbrook and they went forward to play against the

Lyppard School.

The final game for Bowbrook started with both teams trading tries between each other. If Bowbrook scored then the Lyppards were next. This is not to say that defence was forgotten about but both teams kept going at each other in an attempt to stay 1 try ahead of the other. Alfie, Sam and Tom linked up together very well, running good lines of each other in attack and getting their team on the front foot. Bowbrook were in the lead with only seconds left on the clock before just missing out on a last tag, resulting in Lyppard scoring and the game ending in a 5-5 draw.

A great day of tag rugby was had by all and the boys represented the school well, playing some very good rugby and being gracious hosts to the other schools. Well done to all who competed.



U9's Football vs Tettenhall

Tuesday afternoon saw our U9's football team take on Tettenhall College in a 7 a side football match. The match started furiously with Tettenhall putting the Bowbrook defence under pressure immediately, pinning the Bowbrook team into their half. Some good tackling was made by Leo and Will, with some strong saves by Oscar, to attempt and null Tettenhall's attacking threats, but the ball rebounded into difficult places for the defenders to react to.

As the game developed Bowbrook tried very hard to shift the focus of the game from defence to attack and worked hard to push the ball up into the Tettenhall half. Aadil found himself in good positions taking the ball into space and looking for team mates to pass and Will put lots of pressure on the Tettenhall team to move the ball in the back third but the Tettenhall team were too quick moving the ball away from the box for the Bowbrook team to capitalise on being in front of goal. Tettenhall finished the game as winners but lots of lessons were learnt by the U9's taking part in their first fixture this year. Fantastic effort was shown from all who played and we will keep training hard for the next game!



U14 Netball v RGS Dodderhill

A convincing win on Wednesday for the U14 Squad at RGS Dodderhill. Leading 5-1 in the first quarter, it was a fast paced game which at times meant Bowbrook rushing their passes and giving away a lot of balls in their own attacking third. Lucinda Kirkham had a great game in defence and as always gave 100% in going for every ball. The girls are still learning to stay focused after an intercept and not panic the next pass. Juliette Mawby had her debut game in defence and did a great job. Although it was a scrappy game of netball they began to communicate better and move into space to receive the ball.



The final score was 17-9. Player of the match was awarded to Sofia Merlin

U16's Football vs Bredon

Bowbrook started off the game very strongly creating many chances and it didn't take them long to take the lead through Noah S. It was just a matter of time for the national finalists to add a second goal by Findlay M. The boys were comfortably up 6-0 at half-time. More goals followed from Captain Jack P, Eoin C, Theo M and a second from Findlay M.

The boys managed to maintain a clean sheet even when goalkeeper Ethan W played outfield for the second half and midfielder Theo M played in-between the posts. They managed to improve upon the lead through goals from Jack P, debutant Ethan C, Findlay M who completed his hat trick, Ailbhe C and Troy J to end the match 11-0.

The boys played with respect and determination. Well done!

District Cross Country

Congratulations to the 8 pupils who represented Bowbrook and South Worcester in the H & WSAA county cross country championships held at Bromsgrove School. The course was testing at times but all runners tried their hardest and served their district well. This was the final test before the English Schools which this year is being held at Nottingham. Unfortunately, none of the runners were able to meeting the qualifying positions.

Well done to Betsy E, Ellen B, Will F, Mustafa A, Harry C, Mya W, Myles L and Luca DFP.

U13's Football vs Bredon

Thursday saw the U13's boys host Bredon in a home football fixture of four 10minute quarters. The Bowbrook boys started with intent, moving the ball quickly into the Bredon half from the first kick and putting pressure on the Bredon defence. This was short lived with Bredon gaining possession and keeping the ball in the Bowbrook half.

Bowbrook fell victim to a couple of early goals from the Bredon side but brought themselves back into the game with a goal from Harry R In the second quarter. Similarly, into the third quarter, Bredon took a couple of quick goals but Bowbrook responded with increasing vigor to score another with captain Archie Being the scorer.

Going into the 4th quarter of the game the squad set themselves a challenge to come away from the last part with a draw or a win. They met this with a 1-1, 4th quarter score, and showed that with determination and resilience performances can improve. The third overall goal was scored by Harry R, to give him his brace, and Bowbrook come away from the match with a loss but with important lessons learnt about the game.



Well done to all who played.

U13's Netball vs Pershore round up

Bowbrook took 2 under 13 teams to play at Pershore High. Both teams played very well, moving the ball around the court quickly to get into the scoring areas, also working hard to mark their players, in an attempt to nullify Pershore's attacking threats.

With the final results in, the 1st team lost 9:5 and Lucinda Kirkham (Goal Defence) was awarded player of the game. The 2nd team lost 7:3 and Eleanor Bicknell (Goal Keeper) was awarded player of the game. Well done to all who travelled to Pershore and gave their best against tough opposition.



Students should check the PE notice board to see if they are involved in fixtures.

Monday 6th February 2023

Tuesday 7th February 2023

Wednesday 8th February 2023

Thursday 9th February 2023

U11's A&B Football vs Arnold Lodge (H)

Y4,5&6 Netball vs RGS Springfield (A)

U13's Football vs Pershore (A)

U15's Rugby 7's Fixtures (H)

U13's Football vs Arnold Lodge (H)

U14's Netball vs Bredon (A)

U13's Netball vs Bredon (H)

U12's Netball vs Bredon (H)

And Finally our 'Mug of Magnificence' nominees and our Thought for the Week:

Year group	Name
11	Flynn Little Josh Mudd
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9	Myles Lynch Ayana Govin x 2 Hannah Icke
8	Tom Duckworth Cameron John
7	Isabella Banham x2
6/5	Bobby Rushton Rosie Styles



w/c 30th January
Thought for the week
February 2
Time To Talk Day



This day is all about creating supportive communities by having conversations with family, friends, or colleagues about mental health. We all have mental health, by talking about it we can support ourselves and others.

We know that conversations about mental health have the power to change lives.

Recent research shows how important open conversations in communities/schools/home are to support everyone's mental wellbeing.

Ms Govin's PSHCCE Challenge: Make the time to have a conversation about mental health this week. For example, whilst you are online gaming, share a story via a digital platform with a friend, host a movie night.