



Bowburn Primary News

Meet the School Council.

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Children have elected their representatives to the School Council last week, and we were pleased to welcome Mr Collinson our Chair of Governors to assembly last Friday to announce the successful candidates. Those who wanted to be elected put their name forward in writing and had to prepare a short speech to deliver to their class in a 'hustings', while everyone else listened closely. Quite a scary task, but teachers were impressed with the speeches that the children gave. After this, children came to the hall a class at a time to vote in a secret ballot at the polling booths. The votes were counted and checked by Mrs Foster, and the new school council members received their badges in assembly from Mr Collinson. Meetings will begin after half term. Well done to everyone who took part and to the new Council

members:

Year 1: Fynn C and Kye C Year2: Eva C and Summer W

Year 3: Max S and Rio W

Year 4: Freddie J and Solace A Year 5: Charlotte B and Sumayyah J

Year 6: Kai N and River C

Parents Meetings

We hope to hold in person parents meetings next half term.

For health and safety and access reasons we will request that only ONE adult attends and that ALL children remain at home. This will reduce the number of people in the building and in contact. Meetings will also be kept short (10 minutes maximum) We appreciate that parents haven't had in person meetings with teachers for a long time so we want to do this if the Covid regulations allow. If this is not possible we will look to organising phone calls as last year

The dates we have set aside are November 22nd and 23rd from 3.30-6pm.

Appointments will be arranged by class teachers via Class Dojo after the holidays.

Staffing News

We were very sad to learn that Mrs Carter, one of our infant lunchtime supervisors, had died after a short illness. Mrs Carter had worked at Bowburn Infants and Primary Schools for 31 years and will be very sadly missed by staff and pupils alike.

Mrs Raine (Nursery) and Mrs Simpson (School office) are taking early retirement. Both staff have worked at the school for over 20 years. Mrs Raine will be leaving this week and Mrs Simpson leaves us at Christmas. Both will be a huge miss and we will be sad to see them go, but wish them both a very long and happy retirement.

Mrs Glass will be leaving Bowburn Primary School at Christmas to take early retirement after 7 years of being Head teacher of Bowburn Juniors and then Bowburn Primary School from September 2019. Until Mrs Glass's replacement is appointed, Mr Soler and Mrs Foster will become Acting Head and Acting Deputy Head in January.

Half term holiday:

School closes Friday 21st October, and re-opens TUESDAY 1st November.

(NB: Monday 31st October is a teacher training day, so school is closed.)



**School Photos:
Wednesday 16TH**

November.

Family groups from 8am in the hall.

Photos delivered in time for Xmas!

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS for pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be taking place in school on Monday 14TH November. Please register your consent for your child online to guarantee their vaccine. It's really important that we have a high uptake for this important vaccine which can prevent winter illness.

Year 6 Visit the Newcastle Central Mosque

Year 6 visited Newcastle Central Mosque last week to help with their RE work on places of worship. While there, Br. Khadim taught us all about similarities and differences of Islam to other religions. Pupils found out what a typical prayer session was like, the Five Pillars of Islam and traditions, routines and Islamic culture. We got to experience a 'call to prayer' and what it would be like brushing your teeth with 'miswak'. The children enjoyed the trip, asked lots of questions and learned a lot !



Bowburn People's Lamp Ceremony:

On Monday, twenty Year 6 children plus Mr Soler and Miss Falcus went along to the dedication ceremony for the People's Miner's Lamp in Bowburn. The children had worked with artist Andrew McKeeown, the sculptor who designed the lamp, in school last year. They had designed and cast commemorative mining coins in pewter. They enjoyed holding aloft the Children's banner for the 'unveiling', listening to the speeches about mining history and the also the Ferryhill Brass band.

Attendance Policy and

Procedures—New for 2022.

We have updated our Attendance Policy and procedures in September to bring it in line with new Department for Education and Local Authority guidance, and have sent this out to all parents, plus it is on our school website. It is important that all parents, those with parental responsibility and those who have day to day care of pupils take time to read this, as it will be strictly adhered to in future. We are sending out letters today, where attendance of pupils has already dropped below 90% (classed as persistent absenteeism) and will be inviting some parents in to meetings to support their child's better attendance. Plus, a reminder : holidays in term time **CANNOT BE AUTHORISED** and breaches of the policy may result in referral to the Attendance Improvement Team and a fixed penalty notice being issued to all adults involved in day to day care of the children plus those with PR. Please get in touch if you have any queries. **Every School day counts !**

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon :

On Friday 30th September, we held a Macmillan Coffee afternoon in school. Despite the atrocious weather, parents, carers and relatives came along to show their support and raise money for a very worthwhile cause. Lots of cakes were donated, and we had a fabulous raffle and tombola. In all an amazing £535 was raised for Macmillan cancer care. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped and Miss Gates for organizing it all.

Finally.....Watch out for Christmas dates on a separate letter early next term !