

Bowdon Bulletin



Bowdon Preparatory
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Weekly message from Mrs Gee

The Year 3 Waxworks event was a great success! The Waxworks is where our pupils demonstrate great research skills in bringing historic figures to life. Their speeches were delivered with precision, fantastic expression and confidence. Thank you to all parents and family members for your super support and engagement in our school life.

Despite being slightly weary following the Year 5 and 6 production, we all enjoyed a wonderful 'Moving up Morning' where children had the chance to sample and get a flavour of the year ahead and meet their new teachers.

Our Happy, Healthy, Safe focus this week is all about encouraging children to speak up if they see or hear anything that might be upsetting or worrying. We were recently sent the following from **Learn Live** to raise awareness of rail safety to avoid trespass and unnecessary risks before the summer holidays.

Primary school: Suitable for KS1 <https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

Primary school: Suitable for KS2 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

A thought
TO START
YOUR WEEK

Life is full of possibilities



Focus: How to keep safe in the holidays – what to do if you see, hear or experience something upsetting at home or online



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What a spectacular musical production. The talent and dedication displayed by our performers, and everyone involved in bringing this production to life was truly remarkable. The magic of theatre allows us to escape into a world of fantasy and imagination, and this week, we really were transported to the enchanting kingdom of Arendelle. The songs, the costumes, the set design, everything came together seamlessly to create a truly unforgettable experience. Lots of hard work and commitment paid off! Their passion and creativity shone through every scene, every note, and every dance move. Congratulations and well done to each and every performer! Thank you to Mrs Lloyd-Wilson, Mrs Clarke and all our staff who supported - your tireless efforts and commitment to nurturing the hearts and minds of our pupils has created magical memories. You inspire and empower our pupils to reach their full potential. Your guidance and encouragement help them thrive and grow.



I want to express our deepest gratitude to you as parents and family members for all that you do. Thank you for your support and for encouraging and believing in your daughters.



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Staff News

After 33 years of walking through the 'big red door' (formally blue), Mrs Jackson will be leaving us next week to embark on a new chapter of her life and enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Her calm demeanour, willingness to embrace new ideas, and thorough approach to teaching have left an indelible mark on generations of BPS (Culcheth Hall) pupils. I wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for her unwavering commitment and dedication to our school community. She has been more than just a teacher; she has been a great colleague and a source of inspiration for many. Her presence in the staff room (and in the Year 6 versus teacher rounders matches) will be greatly missed. We all thank her for her years of service, her friendship, and her support. Mrs Jackson, may this new chapter bring you joy, relaxation, and endless opportunities for new adventures.

We are also saying our fond farewells to Mrs Langley who has been a dedicated member of our learning support teams for 10 years. In addition to supporting pupils learning and development in the classroom. Her roles at BPS over the years have been diverse and we valued her creative talents and passion as a technology teacher. The early morning Wake Up Shake Up club that she ran for younger girls not only promoted physical activity but also fostered a sense of community and fun. Beyond her professional role, she has a great friend to many of us, always ready to lend a listening ear or offer a word of encouragement. Mrs Langley, as you move on to new endeavours, please know that your presence will be missed, thank you for your hard work... and remember we will always keep an orchestra seat available for you and your cello.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Wood back following her maternity leave. Our 'New Year 2' girls are very excited!





Optional 10.00am late drop off Monday

After 50 matches, the Euro 2024 Final is set and it should be an incredible match... in case you haven't heard, England will be playing. I have no doubt that this will be a huge family event for many. It's a big match for both our English and Spanish families.

Just in case we have a few sleepy heads on Monday morning, we are offering an additional drop off time. Doors will open as usual at 8.40am, alternatively you can bring you daughter at 10am. We will be on the pupil entrance to welcome them.



Last Week Arrangements and Information

Monday	<p>Lost property will be displayed outside. Any items not claimed by Wednesday will be taken to the preloved uniform shop or discarded.</p> <p>Staff v's Year 6 rounders match 3.45pm. (Please note that we will have to cancel if we have rain).</p>
Tuesday	<p>Pupils will empty their drawers and cloakrooms and all belongings from school will be brought home.</p> <p>Lost property will be displayed outside. Any items not claimed by Wednesday will be taken to the preloved uniform shop or discarded.</p>
Wednesday	<p>Please allow additional time for parking as staff will be parking on nearby roads.</p> <p>Year 6 parents are invited into the school at 8.45am for pre-assembly refreshments.</p> <p>Dismissal arrangements</p> <p>School closes at midday – pupils will be dismissed from their normal exit.</p> <p>You will be able to collect Lower School pupils (kindergarten to Year 2) from 11.50am</p> <p>Year 6 will be dismissed at 12.15pm. We ask parents to wait beyond the cones in order to keep the main door area clear.</p> <p>Lost property will be displayed outside. Any items not claimed will be taken to the preloved uniform shop or discarded.</p>



A huge thank you to Holly (class of 2020) and Charlotte!
We've loved having you and hope you enjoyed your work experience!



Announcement for all our talented musicians

Each year we submit an entry (one pupil) to the [Young Musician of the Year](#) competition. This is an extremely challenging and highly acclaimed competition run by ISA. Although the standard of competence required is high, this competition is open to all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6.

We would like to invite pupils to submit their entries for consideration. Please send a video recording of your daughter playing a piece of music on her chosen instrument.

Pupils need to introduce themselves with their first name and the name of the piece and composer. They can have an accompanist but please do not use backing tracks or singers.

Please send videos to rclarke@bowdonprep.org.uk no later than Friday 12th September.

We look forward to seeing the entries.





Looking for holiday activities?

Click [here](#) to find out what's happening

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Uniform Shop

Please note, pupils will return to school in September wearing the summer uniform until 30th September when they will wear the winter uniform. Pupils moving to Year 3 need to have a junior rucksack and red PE hoodie. Click [here](#) to access the uniform policy.

Appointments will be available during the summer break for new starter fittings and uniform collections, please email victoria@pwschoolwear.com to arrange. Uniform can also be ordered online www.pascoeandwillis.com/bowdon-preparatory-school - Password: BPS24



Mrs Abbey's Menu for the week

Monday	Homemade Pizza	Peas and Baked Beans	Selection of Desserts	
Tuesday	Chicken or Quorn Burger	Chips and Sweetcorn	Doughnuts	
Wednesday	No lunch served			
Thursday	School closed			
Friday	School closed			

BPS is a nut and sesame seed free school. However, due to manufacturing processes, some products used in the school kitchen state that they 'may contain nuts/sesame'.

Vegetarian options, salad bar, fruit and yoghurts are available daily.

All our food is made using the finest quality produce. Suppliers include Taylor's of Sale (butchers) and 'Bettaveg'.



Math challenge success!

Every year, we enter our Year 6 pupil into the UKMT junior challenge. This is a 60-minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make pupils think.

We are once again very proud of our talented mathematicians – well done Year 6!

8 Bronze Awards

9 Silver Awards

5 Gold Awards

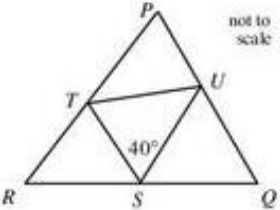
Well done to Alexis and Dania, who as elite achievers in the Gold Award were then entered into the Kangaroo Challenge

Last week Evariste and Sophie both bought some stamps for their collections. Each stamp Evariste bought cost him £1.10, whilst Sophie paid 70p for each of her stamps. Between them they spent exactly £10. How many stamps did they buy in total?

A 9 B 10 C 11 D 12 E 13

The points S, T, U lie on the sides of the triangle PQR , as shown, so that $QS = QU$ and $RS = RT$. $\angle TSU = 40^\circ$. What is the size of $\angle TPU$?

A 60° B 70° C 80° D 90° E 100°




Two adults and two children wish to cross a river. They make a raft but it will carry only the weight of one adult or two children. What is the minimum number of times the raft must cross the river to get all four people to the other side? (N.B. The raft may not cross the river without at least one person on board.)

A 3 B 5 C 7 D 9 E 11

The diagram shows a trapezium made from three equilateral triangles. Three copies of the trapezium are placed together, without gaps or overlaps and so that only complete edges coincide, to form a polygon with N sides. How many different values of N are possible?

A 4 B 5 C 6 D 7 E 8



Well done to all our BPS LAMDA students, you have worked really hard and achieved amazing results! Thank you Mrs Horridge, for your passion for teaching and your commitment to bringing out the best in each and every girl and encouraging them to reach for the stars.

1 Pass
17 Merits
38 Distinctions

LAMDA

Success!