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Bow Bulletin

Friday 2nd October



Well, what a busy couple of weeks it has been here at Bow - a football tournament, a football match, Martial Arts workshop, Rani the therapy dog has visited, a dentist visit, police visit and a walk around Bow. Throughout all of these exciting opportunities all the children have demonstrated the school rules of being **Ready, Respectful** and **Safe**! In fact, the martial arts visitor commented on just how brilliantly behaved the children at Bow were which has made us all burst with pride!

Alongside this, I have been fortunate enough to start my new fantastic flames celebration on a Monday collecting all the learning flame children from the previous week and celebrating their achievement with a drink of squash and a biscuit! It really is a very special time to say a big thank you to the children for all their hard work from the previous week and encourage them to keep it up! It certainly helps to start the week with this positive event, I almost look forward to the Monday morning alarm now!

I hope you enjoy reading more about our wonderful school in the rest of the Bow Bulletin.

Mrs Drake

Class update

Foxcubs

Foxcubs are all settled in and have been doing some fantastic learning!
In Phonics they have started learning the new sounds, they are enjoying practicing the actions and forming these in their new workbooks!
In Maths they have enjoyed learning about capacity and mass using the water containers and scales. They are now moving onto patterns and recognising numbers!
In English they have explored The Hungry Caterpillar book, using their creative minds to draw what they would look like as caterpillars and creating beautiful butterflies!
With the fine weather all of Foxcubs are still enjoying their outside area performing on the stage, serving soup in the mud kitchen and pretending to chop trees down using their wood proof shoes.

Otters

This week, we have been following the journey of The Jolly Postman and discovering all the different people he meets along the way. The children have enjoyed thinking about who he might deliver his next letter to, what he might be delivering, and even what form of transport he could use to deliver his post!
The Jolly Postman even delivered a special letter to Otters' Class. It was an invitation to Baby Bear's Picnic! The children have been very excited and have decided which teddy they are going to bring along. They have also written their own replies to Baby Bear's invitation.
In Maths, Year 1 have been using number lines to find one more and one less. They have also been comparing groups of objects and matching them to numbers, using mathematical language such as fewer, more, less than, greater than, equals and the same.
Year 2 have been exploring two-digit numbers and explaining what each digit represents. They have been partitioning numbers practically and using part-whole models to help develop their understanding. They have also begun to explore flexible partitioning, including substituting ones for tens.
The excitement is building for our upcoming class walk around Bow! The children will be looking carefully at our local community and identifying different physical and human features. We are looking forward to seeing what they discover along the way and talking about how these features are used within our community.
It has been another busy and exciting week of learning in Otters' Class, with lots of opportunities for the children to develop their communication, creativity, mathematical thinking and understanding of the world around them.

Hares

It's been another busy couple of weeks in Hares' Class, with lots of fantastic learning taking place!
In Maths, we have started exploring addition and subtraction. Year 3 have been thinking carefully about how they can use their number bonds to 10 to help them add and subtract larger numbers. Meanwhile, Year 4 have begun learning how to use written column methods to add and subtract 3- and 4-digit numbers. We've been working hard to make sure our calculations are accurate and that we can explain the thinking behind our methods.
In English, we have been planning and writing our own version of Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave — with a rather hilly twist! Our story, Mrs Armitage and the Big Hill, follows the same cumulative structure, with things becoming increasingly funny as the story develops. We have worked carefully to include plenty of descriptive phrases to bring our writing to life, as well as putting our knowledge of the past progressive tense into practice.
Our Ancient Egyptian learning has been keeping us busy too. In DT, we have finished planning our sarcophagi, using our research to make thoughtful choices about the hieroglyphics, colours and symbols we want to include in our designs. We're looking forward to seeing our plans come to life!

In History, we have been finding out all about the fascinating process of mummification. We have learnt why the Ancient Egyptians preserved bodies, explored some of the different stages involved and discovered how important their beliefs about the afterlife were. It has certainly sparked lots of curiosity and interesting discussion in the classroom!
We are especially excited to welcome Time Travellers UK to school on Tuesday 6th October for a whole day of Ancient Egyptian workshops. It promises to be a fantastic opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in their learning and experience history in a memorable, hands-on way.
Families are warmly invited to join us at 3pm, when the children will share some of their learning from the day. You can find more information about the visit further on in this Bulletin.
We can't wait for another exciting week in Hares!

Badgers

Badgers class have had a busy and exciting few weeks of learning! In English, we have started our new book, What a Waste!, an informative text exploring how we can protect our planet and make a positive difference to the world around us. In Art, we have begun our new unit, Extraordinary Egyptians, learning about traditional Egyptian art and developing our painting skills in preparation for creating mixed-media portraits as our final piece. We have also been thoroughly enjoying our class reader, The Boy at the Back of the Class, with pupils asking lots of thoughtful questions and engaging in interesting discussions about the themes of refugees, friendship and belonging.
We have been particularly impressed by the outstanding effort shown with our Black Belt Reader challenge. Every pupil has been working hard to develop their reading, and it has been fantastic to see so many children moving up to new book marks! We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and commitment Badgers have shown across all areas of their learning.

Stags

We have been very busy in Year 6 and have had a fantastic few weeks of learning!
Our English unit is coming to an end, and we are now putting all our learning into practice by writing our own funny letters from the perspective of objects that have been misused and have finally had enough! The children have enjoyed being creative and thinking carefully about how an object might feel about the way it has been treated.
A big focus throughout our writing has been checking for sense and editing our work carefully. We have been thinking about how punctuation helps our readers understand what we mean and how we can improve our writing by checking that our sentences are clear, accurate and make sense.
In Science, we have continued learning about the heart and its role as an organ and muscle. We have been exploring how the heart helps to pump blood around the body and how blood transports oxygen to where it is needed. We have also been learning about what blood is made up of and the different jobs that its components carry out. The children have been developing a good understanding of how the heart, blood and lungs work together to keep our bodies functioning.
Our History learning has taken us further into the Stone Age, where we have been fascinated by the incredible settlement of Skara Brae. We have explored what makes Skara Brae so amazing and what it can tell us about how people lived thousands of years ago. We have also been learning about how life changed throughout the Stone Age. We have compared the Palaeolithic period, when people were largely hunter-gatherers and lived in caves and temporary shelters, with the Neolithic period, when people began to settle, farm the land and live in permanent homes and small settlements.
It has been fantastic to see the children making links between the different periods and thinking about how and why life changed so dramatically over time.
Can you imagine living at Skara Brae? Ask your child what they think a typical day might have been like and what would have been different from life today. What would they miss most about modern life?
Well done, Year 6, for another busy and productive few weeks! We are very proud of the enthusiasm and effort you continue to show in your learning.

News

Football at Bow!

Our mixed year 4/5 football team took on Landscore Primary on 23rd Septemebr in a fantastic friendly fixture.
It was a great encounter, with plenty of skill, teamwork and determination on show. For some players, it was also their first ever football match, making it particularly exciting experience!
Congratulations to Bow with a 4 - 1 win and a massive well done to everyone who took part. We are incredibly proud of your efforts, teamwork and sportsmanship and you should be too.



Martial arts

Last week, we welcomed Chris from VM Martial Arts into school, who delivered an engaging workshop to every class.
The sessions focused on the importance of physical fitness, emotional regulation and self-discipline. Chris also spoke to the children about using martial arts responsibly, emphasising that the moves they had learned should never be used on each other, in the playground or within the local community.
The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with Chris and had great fun learning new skills while developing their understanding of fitness, self-control and respect

School Council

Congratulations to all our our newly elected school councillors. We look forward to having you help us shape our school.

Rhani



We were delighted to welcome Rhani the Pets as Therapy dog to school. Rhani was a wonderful visitor and brought lots of smiles and excitement to the children. The pupils enjoyed spending time with her, and her calm and friendly presence provided a lovely opportunity for children to relax, connect and enjoy some time with a very special four-legged friend.

Harvest fesival

Thank you for the wonderful donations that you kindly contributed to our Harvest collection. Helen, from Crediton foodbank, came in and gave an assembly to the whole school explaining how these contributions would help others.



Safeguarding

Just a little reminder that once children have been collected from school, they are the responsibility of their parent/carer. We would really appreciate parents and carers continuing to supervise children while they are on the school grounds at the end of the day.

We know that children love exploring and having a bit of fun, but please could you remind them not to climb the trees around the school. This will help us to prevent any accidents or injuries.

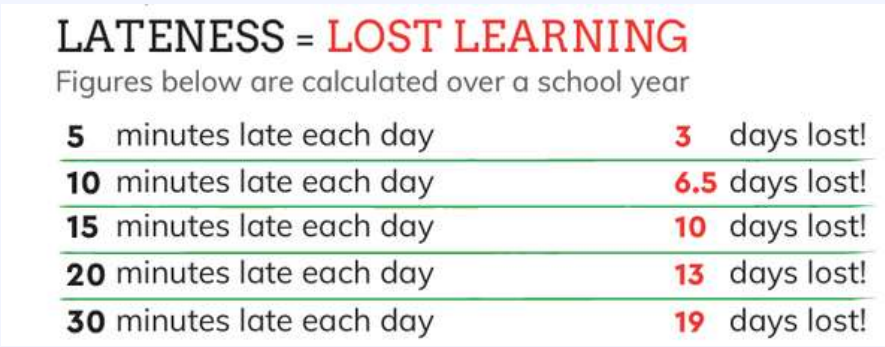
Thank you, as always, for your support and for helping us to look after our school environment and our children. It really is appreciated! 😊

Safety when travelling to and from school

To avoid unnecessary accidents, please ensure your child walks their **scooter** or **bike** onto the **school** grounds. We advise that children wear a helmet to keep them protected and allow them to ride with confidence.



Attendance



Arriving late to school disrupts the classroom and causes students to miss vital morning instructions. Please ensure your child arrives on time every day so they can start learning alongside their peers

Healthy choices reminder





Our community



A huge thank you to Peter Evans, a local resident, and property maintenance man, for kindly repairing the school bench outside our school.
We're sure you'll agree that it looks lovely and is looking as good as new!
We really appreciate Peter taking the time to help improve our school environment. Thank you, Peter!

Hares & Badgers – Celebration of Learning Reminder
We are excited to welcome a special visitor from The Time Travellers UK on Tuesday 6th October 2026, who will be spending the day with Hares and Badgers running a range of engaging workshops to build on and enrich the children's learning around their current topic.
To finish this exciting day, parents and carers are warmly invited to join us in the school hall to celebrate the children's learning and see some of what they have been exploring.
Please arrive at 2:55pm, ready for our Celebration of Learning to begin promptly at 3:00pm.
We look forward to sharing the children's learning with you!

Vacancies

Please see below our current vacancies. For more information please email admin.

Admin assistant

Clerk to Governors

Catering Cook

Let's talk families

Let's Talk Safer Families is a platform designed to support parents, carers, professionals, and communities in having open conversations about issues that can affect children's safety. The platform provides free accessible information, advice, and resources on a range of topics to help families build resilience, recognise risks, and know where to access support when needed.
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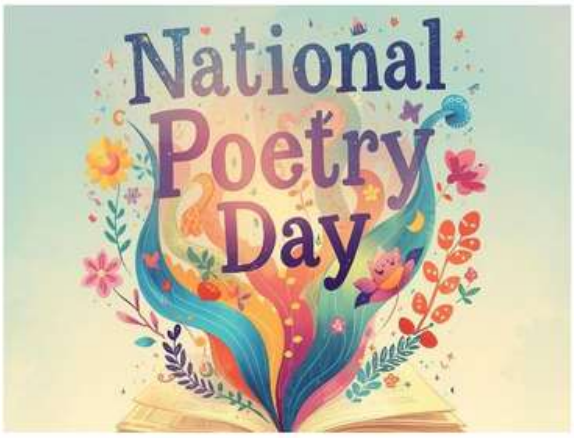
Reminder dates for your diary

6th October - Hares & Badgers class visitor Ancient Egypt
12th October - Fox cubs class visitor Toddler Town
14th October- YR 3/4 girls Football
16th October - Non uniform day & FOBS disco
23rd October - Non pupil day
26th October - Half term

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National Poetry Day Celebrations

Thank you to all the children who wrote a poem for us on national poetry day. Take a look at these 2 wonderful poems.



At Bow school you've made your mark,
Learning and growing light in the dark,
With friends and teachers by your side,
You've found new ways to learn with pride,
Every challenge, every day,
Has helped you find your own way,
Whatever the future has in store,
We know you'll achieve so much more.
By Hollie.

Our school

At our school we see children playing
At our school we see people helping each other
At our school we see people learning
At our school we see people working hard
At our school we hear people singing
At our school we hear people counting
At our school we hear children having fun
At our school we feel happy
At our school we feel relaxed
At our school we feel safe.
By Eliza