

INSET DAYS REMAINING: 24/11/23, 02/01/24, 15/04/23 and 24/06/24

Dear families,

The sun was shining for the return to school last week and, despite the heat, pupils settled quickly into their new classes, with their new teachers, ready to show **Brilliance, through Bowsland Best**.

It has been particularly brilliant to welcome our new pupils to **Team Bowsland**. Our new reception class have been enjoying their first full day of school this week, sharing lunchtimes together with their new friends. We have also seen new pupils join in other years in the school—welcome to you too, we hope you have enjoyed your first few week as part of our Bowsland family.

Our first weeks of learning are, as always, about ensuring we build relationships in classrooms between pupils and teachers. We have spent time looking at our school **PART-E values** and our rules; **Safe, Respectful and Ready**. Our first focus value is **Pride** and in showing our pride through respect—to ourselves, to others and to things around us—such an important part of our school behaviours. Do take a look at the curriculum page to see more about the text we chose to support this first week and how we are helping everyone **believe they can be brilliant** too.

Bowsland Green Primary is now officially part of **The Leaf Trust**—our new family of schools. The pupils in year 6 who took part in writing The Leaf Trust Story, have been invited to the book launch. Look out for copies around school soon! We look forward to sharing more opportunities that this brings across the year.

Well done for a brilliant start, Team BG. We can't wait to see your brilliance shine!

Miss Engley, Miss Harris and Team Bowsland

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Important Messages

Harvest Donations

We will collect donations for the North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank **w/b 25th September**. Please can pupils bring onto stage in hall.

Current shopping list items include:

- ◆ Washing powder
- ◆ Coffee
- ◆ Cooking sauces
- ◆ Tinned vegetables
- ◆ Tinned fruit
- ◆ Sponge pudding
- ◆ Instant noodles
- ◆ Biscuits

We will also be collecting **cash donations in a sealed envelope via the office, for the Blond Angels Street Team**. These are spent on Greg's £5 vouchers, handed out as part of survival packs for homeless people in Bristol.

Let's make a difference, Team BG!

Key Stage One Harvest Assembly

Thursday 28th September 9.10am

Our learners in year 1 and 2 will be sharing poems and songs to celebrate harvest in a short assembly for families.

Please enter school via the main office.

Parking

Our school is in a residential area. We have received a number of parking complaints already this term.

Please **park considerately**, without blocking drive-ways and so that roads are still usable by residents.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends.

The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING INFORMATION



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CRITICAL THINKING
With COMPASSION



CREATIVITY



COMMUNICATION



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Update from Miss Wells



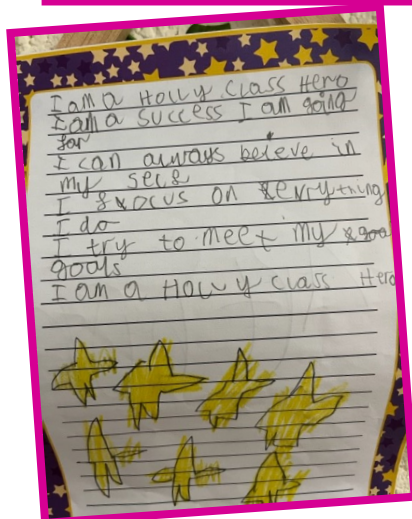
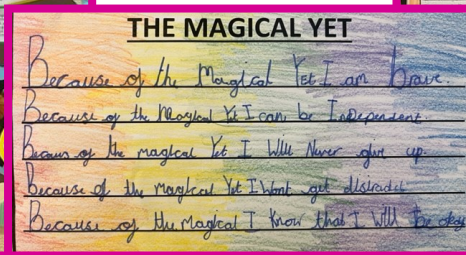
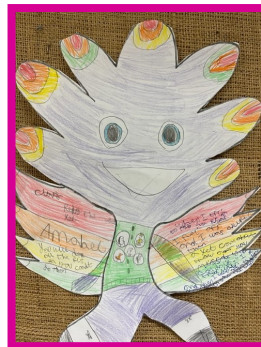
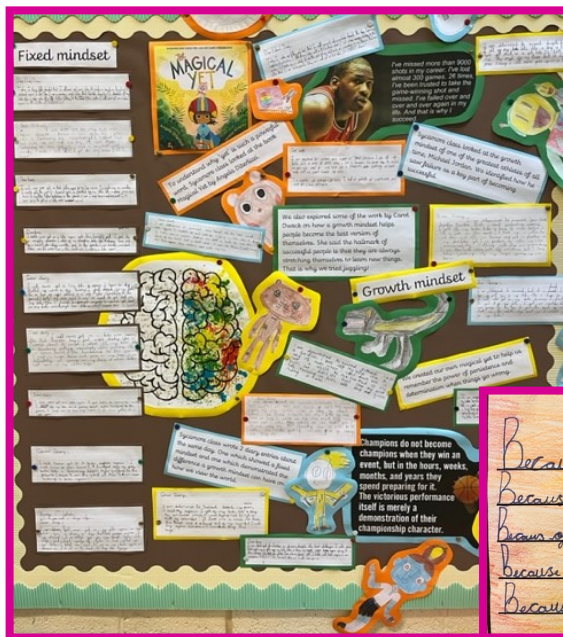
THE MAGICAL YET

Angelia DiTerlizzi

Years 1—6 have reconnected by using the text, *The Magical Yet*. In this story, the main character is frustrated at not being able to ride a bike. Until she meets the magical yet, when she realises that with the power of a positive mindset and 'yet', she can do anything!

Watch the story being read here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODmJumrvPeY>



We've explored the book and created our own 'Magical Yets' as well as writing poems and diary entries. In assembly, we shared our outcomes across the school and talked about our growth mindset. This year, we are working on believing our brilliance and encouraging our pupils to believe that everyone can do it...even if you haven't yet!

How can you help me have a positive mindset?

- ♦ Talk about **marvellous mistakes** and how they help us learn
- ♦ Praise the **process** and **challenges** — "Wow, that must have taken lots of effort."
- ♦ Remind me that the brain is a **muscle**—it can **grow** with practice.
- ♦ Encourage me to use **'yet'** and model **positive language**— "I can't do it yet, but I will keep trying"

Spotlight On READING

Well done Team BG on a successful Summer Reading Challenge. It was great to see so many of you take part and sharing this achievement, alongside your certificate and medals, in assembly this week. With this in mind, let's keep the momentum for reading going! A new school year means a new start to our reading challenge for the year. Make sure you read at least **5 times a week** and record this in your reading records. Let's see how many of us can reach Bronze by the first achievement assembly.

Update from Mrs Burden and Mrs Dickson

Bronze - 36 reads
Silver - 72 reads - you'll be awarded a **bookmark!**
Gold - 108 reads
Platinum - 144 reads - you'll be awarded a **pencil!**
Amethyst - 180 reads
Sapphire - 216 reads - you'll be awarded a **book!**

Exciting opportunity..... Apply for a Blue Peter Book badge

Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with Blue Peter by answering the questions from the link below...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



Maths – a subject you can COUNT on!

Times tables, times tables, times tables!

Update from Mrs Nunn

Times tables are such an important part of the mathematics curriculum - without them we would find lots of areas of maths challenging. Encouraging your child to practise at home in different ways will develop their confidence and aid the improvement of their instant recall of key facts. Here are some ways to encourage times table practise at home:

- Practise counting in 2s, 5s, 10s etc... Count forwards and count backwards!
- Play bingo with times table facts.
- Race against a friend or family member - how quickly can they list a set of times table facts?
- Roll dice - roll twice and multiply the two numbers together.
- Sing times table songs.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jf2BHUSbt_Y sing the rolling numbers chants.

Bowsland Best Pieces

Update from Miss Wells

Let's all get writing! On Team BG we love writing and want to celebrate it! This term's writing award will be for children who are trying their best in writing to show their creativity and imagination. That could be by adding an imaginative twist to a re-telling of a story, adding in some extra description about a character or just sharing a fantastic idea! We can't wait to see the writing produced throughout the year by our team members.

We are also passionate about improving our spellings and making sure everyone can understand our writing. Please support your child by logging into Spellingshed 3 x a week to practise your weekly spellings. You can also find termly spelling lists on the school website:





Update from Miss Wells

Does your child participate in out of school clubs?

Do they love exploring museums and National parks? Do they love arts and crafts? Then The Children's University project is for you!

Children's University is all about celebrating and encouraging children to participate in extra-curricular activities in order to be inspired by the new experiences and aspire to bigger dreams and goals in the future.

Throughout the year you/your child can log in into to their portfolio on the CU tracking system and track and document the extracurricular achievements they have completed, whether that's an at home activity, attending a club, joining a new hobby at the weekends or through in-school events and trips, and for each activity you complete, you can gain a stampcode (e.g GREEN3214). This code gives you credit when you upload it onto your child's portfolio. The more your child does, the more stampcodes and credit they can gain. Then at the end of the year, your child will be invited to a graduation ceremony where we will celebrate all the amazing extra-curricular activities and hours of credit they have gained.

For those who already have logins, you can start uploading codes straightaway for the activities completed over the summer. If you need a stampcode for an event/trip/activity, please email Miss Wells via Classdojo. New members of the team will receive their login details soon. If you have lost or forgotten your login details, please contact your child's class teacher.

Across the year, please look out for stampcodes shared via ClassDojo for events, trips and visitors and for termly challenges you can do at home.

Here are our graduates from last year who had gained at least 30 hours credit!



Be Safe Team BG



Update from Miss Campbell

What a lovely atmosphere there is around school! This term in our Be Safe lessons, we are revisiting what it means to be a Safe, Respectful and Ready to Learn member of Team Bowsland. We have discussed what this looks like now we have joined the team or as we continue to journey through our school.

We have also looked back at our values characters: exploring their three key words and how each of them play a key role in ensuring that we have a PART-E on Team Bowsland. How does Feather the Kingfisher role model pride throughout his day? How does Prickle the Hedgehog take responsibility for ensuring our school is the very best place it can be and most importantly, how can we follow their guidance to make sure that each of us showcase what it means to be a BOWSLAND BRILLIANT citizen in our community?

