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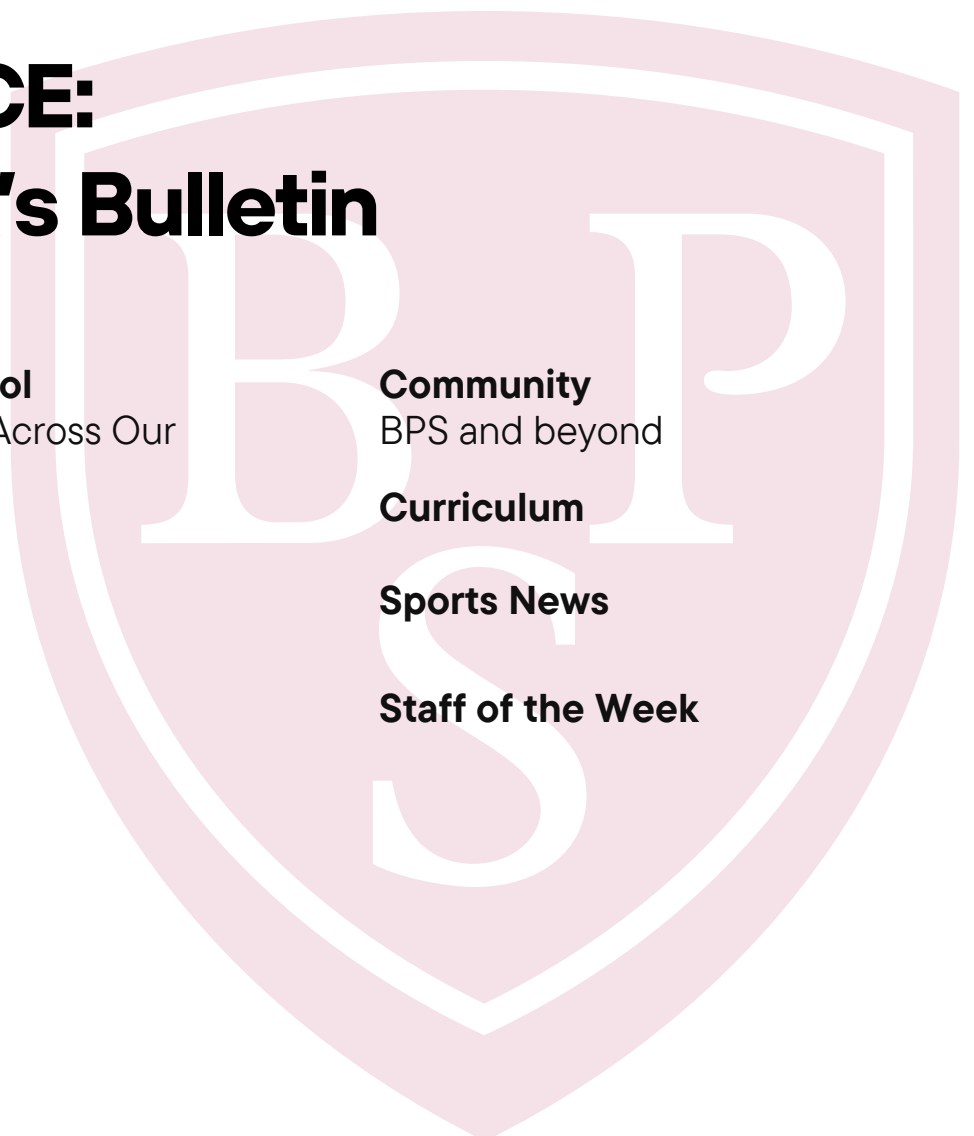
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BPS Strengthens Partnership with Repton

Visit reinforces shared values and future collaboration

We were delighted to welcome Mr Mark Semmence, Headmaster of Repton School; Sarah Greig, Chief Operating Officer; and Ian McIntyre, Managing Director of the Repton Family of Schools, to Bowdon Prep on Wednesday.

During his talks to parents and staff, Mr Semmence shared Repton's commitment to supporting independent schools with charitable status, particularly in response to the increasingly challenging landscape facing the sector, stressing that schools must be innovative and forward-thinking to remain successful; foresight in decision-making allows schools like Bowdon Prep to continue to operate from a position of strength.

Mr Semmence highlighted the strong cultural alignment between Repton and Bowdon Prep, with both schools sharing a commitment to prioritising the academic and personal development of every pupil – a truly balanced and holistic education. This enables pupils to thrive not only as part of a strong school community at Bowdon Prep but also as members of the world-wide Repton family.

As the partnership develops, Mr Semmence explained that the team at Repton will offer valuable back-office support to help ensure the school continues to operate sustainably and efficiently, particularly in negotiating large contracts such as energy and



insurance. There was clear enthusiasm from both Repton and Bowdon Prep for strengthening existing links, including inviting pupils and staff to visit Repton and deepening professional collaboration. There will also be future opportunities for parents to visit Repton and consider it as a possible choice for secondary education, further strengthening the relationship between our two school communities.





Everything Begins with an Idea

Exploring how small ideas can be nurtured, shared, and grown into something meaningful.

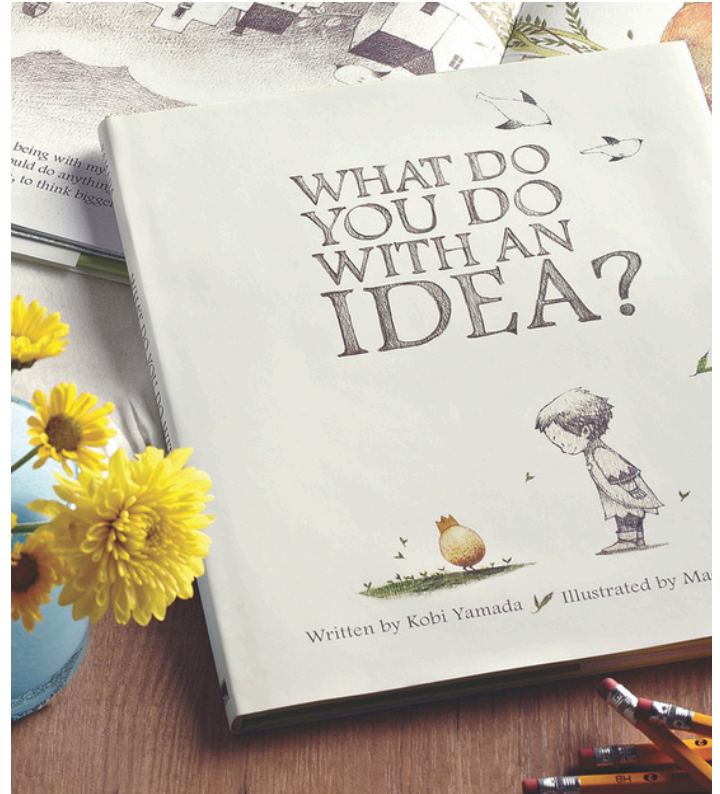
This week in school, linked to our Thought of the Week 'Everything Begins with an Idea', we have been exploring a powerful and inspiring question: "What is an idea and what do you do with it?" It's a simple question, but one that can lead to extraordinary things.

Every invention, every story, every piece of art, and every game we enjoy today all started in exactly the same way: with an idea. Sometimes ideas arrive quietly. Sometimes they feel exciting and impossible all at once. And sometimes, they might even feel a little strange or different. For our pupils, this week has been about understanding that ideas matter - all of them.

Even the small, fleeting thoughts we might be tempted to ignore can grow into something meaningful. Inspired by the message from Kobi Yamada's book 'What Do You Do With an Idea?', we've been thinking about four important steps:

- **Care for it** – Give your idea attention. Don't dismiss it too quickly.
- **Share it** – Talk about it with others. Ideas grow when they are heard.
- **Try it** – Be brave enough to take the first step.
- **Grow it** – Keep developing your idea, even if it takes time.

This idea has been brought to life across the school this week in many different ways. Firstly, we were delighted to



welcome Mr Semmence, Mrs Greig and Mr McIntyre from Repton into our school on Wednesday. Their visit to Bowdon marked an exciting moment as the idea of joining the Repton family continues to grow and take shape, now becoming a reality. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to see





our wonderful school in action - our pupils, staff and community shining in their daily action and showing what a special place BPS is.

What's more, our Reception children embraced their creativity during their recent trip to Imagine That, where they explored, experimented and let their imaginations lead the way. Through hands-on activities and independent choices, they showed how ideas can spark curiosity, build confidence, and support decision making. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they enjoyed all the exciting experiences on offer!

Meanwhile, our Year 5 netball team demonstrated the power of believing in an idea - that with teamwork, determination and perseverance, success is possible. Their fantastic achievement of finishing 1st and 2nd at the ISA U10 Netball Tournament is a testament to their hard work and belief in what they could accomplish.

They didn't just have the idea that they could succeed, they committed to it, worked for it, and made it a reality. For parents, this is a wonderful opportunity to encourage

conversations at home. When your child shares an idea - whether it's about building something, writing a story, or solving a problem, take a moment to listen and explore it with them. Asking questions like "What could you do next?" or "How could we try that?" helps children see that their thinking is valued. For all of our pupils, the message is clear: Your ideas are important. You don't need to wait to be older, wiser, or more confident.

Every great change in the world started with someone choosing to believe in an idea. As we continue through the week, we encourage everyone to reflect: Where will your ideas take you? Because who knows - your idea might just change the world. Wishing you all a happy, creative, and inspiring week ahead.

Mrs G Oakley
Phase Leader
(Lower School)
Early Reading & Phonics Lead
DDSL



Next Week

Thought of the Week

Some people dream of success while others wake up and work hard at it

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

Keeping safe in the home – what to do in an emergency



Communication Key Dates

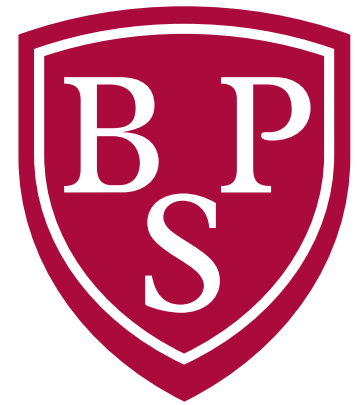




NEXT WEEK

At a glance...

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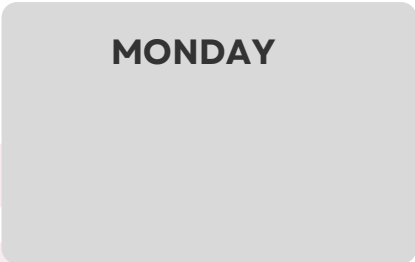


Year 6 reviews commence

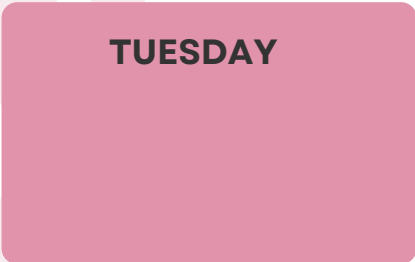
After School Club
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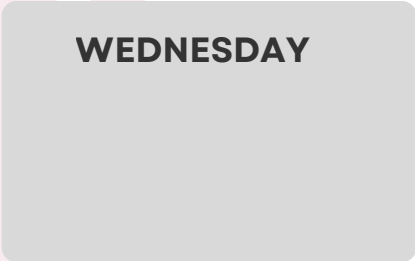
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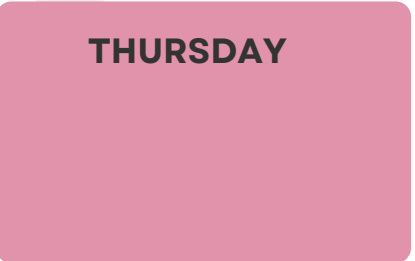
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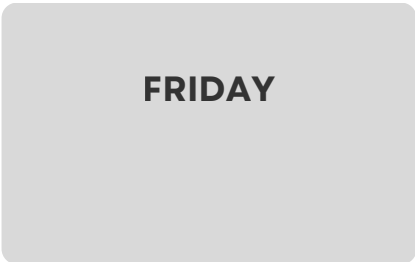
Y3 Residential
Y4 Residential



Y4 Residential
Y6 STEM Day



Y6 STEM Day



Key dates at a glance

Summer Term



April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	29 Repton visit Y6 Maths Challenge 6pm: Yr 5 Zoom	30 5pm Y6 Transition Evening with Ex Pupils in school	1 May Break the Rules Day

MONDAY

Y1, Y2, Y3 Dance
Y5 Rounders
Y2 Art
Y3 - Y6 Ukulele
Y1 Baking Club

May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 <i>School closed for Bank Holiday</i>	5 Y3 Residential	6 Y3 Residential Y4 Residential	7 Y4 Residential Y6 Stem Day	8 Y6 Stem Day
11	12 Early Years Mini B-Fest	13	14	15
18	19	20	21 Y1 & Y2 Show	22 <i>School Closes for Half Term</i>

TUESDAY

Y1 & Y2 Yoga
Y5 & Y6 Chamber Choir
Y3 & Y4 Recorder Club
Y1, Y2 Baking Club

WEDNESDAY

Y3 - Y6 Multi Sports
Y3 - Y6 Art
Prep Rock Band
Y5 & Y6 Recorder Club
Y4 Rounders

THURSDAY

Y6 Rounders
Y1 - Y6 Drama
Y1, Y2 Recorder Club
(Y3 - Y5 Street Dance)

FRIDAY

Y3 - Y6 Yoga
Y3 - Y6 Full Orchestra
Y1 -Y6 Mandarin



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Notes...

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MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 4 MAY

MONDAY



School closed for May Bank Holiday

TUESDAY



*Veggie or Beef Pasta Bolognese
Broccoli
Sorbet*

WEDNESDAY



*Baguettes with various fillings toppings
Sweetcorn, Olives and Salad Bar
Oat Cookies*

THURSDAY



*Veggie or Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato
Green Beans and Baked Beans
Fruit or Yoghurt*

FRIDAY



*Veggie or Fish Fingers, Potato Wedges
Peas
Iced Fingers*



The salad bar, with fruit and yogurt (as an alternative to desserts), is available each day

Health and Safety Notice

As an 'Allergy Aware School' - we are a nut and sesame seed free school including coconut and hummus

Please be mindful when sending items into school, including birthday treats.

Please cut grapes into QUARTERS (updated advice)

Please note, due to manufacturing processes, some products used in the school kitchen state may contain nuts/sesame'.

BPS UNIFORM

The BPS Society sell pre-loved uniform throughout the academic year, with all funds raised going towards our School. Please contact the School Office if you have an enquiry.

To purchase new uniform, the BPS Uniform Shop will be open this week on:

Tuesday and Thursday - 8.10 - 9am

Please email victoria@pwschoolwear.com purchase online (local delivery is free)

Click here: [Link](#)

Password: BPS24



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Curriculum

Reflecting on our
week at BPS





Outstanding Music Festival Achievements for our pupils!

Orchestra and choirs recognised at the prestigious Alderley Edge Festival of Music, Speech & Drama

Building on last week's celebration of Bridget's success, we are proud to share further exceptional results from the festival.

The Alderley Edge Festival of Music, Speech & Drama is steeped in a rich history, having provided a stage for young performers for well over a century. Renowned for its high standards and distinguished adjudicators, the festival attracts talented musicians, speakers, and performers from across the region. To achieve success in such a respected and competitive environment is a significant accomplishment, and one that reflects both individual excellence and collective dedication.

Against this prestigious backdrop, our Orchestra delivered a truly outstanding performance to secure 1st place, while both the Chamber Choir and Small Choir achieved excellent 2nd place finishes. These results are a testament not only to the pupils' musical ability, but also to the countless hours of rehearsal, perseverance, and commitment that underpin such success.

Lunchtime practices, and after-school rehearsals have all played their part, with pupils demonstrating resilience, focus, and a genuine passion for their craft.

Mrs Stiles spoke with great pride about the pupils' achievements, commenting, "We are



absolutely thrilled with these results. The pupils have shown tremendous dedication and maturity throughout their preparation, and their performances at the festival were a joy to witness. To see their hard work recognised in such a prestigious setting is incredibly rewarding."





We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Fan, whose tireless commitment and unwavering support have been instrumental in these accomplishments. Her expertise, encouragement, and high expectations have inspired the pupils to strive for excellence, and her dedication to nurturing their musical development is evident in every performance.

These achievements not only celebrate success on the day, but also reflect the strength, spirit, and vibrancy of music at Bowdon Prep. We are immensely proud of all those involved and look forward to seeing our talented pupils continue to flourish in the months ahead.





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Double Success for Year 5 at ISA Regional Tournament

After the ISA U10 netball tournament had to be cancelled due to poor weather before the Easter break, we were delighted to host it this summer term with the weather on our side. We entered two Year 5 teams, who competed against nine other teams from across the region.

In this Hi-5 tournament, all players rotated positions, giving them the opportunity to shoot, defend, and support in the midcourt. As always, there was some fantastic netball on display.

Players timed their runs well, delivered strong passes, and converted opportunities into some excellent goals. The format of the tournament allowed all teams to play each other, with over 80 minutes of netball played throughout the day.

Our Year 5A team delivered an outstanding performance throughout the tournament to be crowned well-deserved champions, showing excellent teamwork, composure, and consistency in every match.

Congratulations also to our Year 5B team, who performed brilliantly to finish as runners-up.

This success follows on from our Year 4 team winning their regional competition and our Year 6 team securing silver back in February before going on to achieve a national bronze medal.



What a way to finish an incredibly successful netball season. On many occasions, we have fielded up to four teams against some schools, alongside inter-year matches and fixtures against both independent and state schools. Well played to every single player who has taken to the court throughout the year.





Year 5 and 6 Shine in Closely Contested Rounders Matches.

On Monday, our Y6 A and B teams took on the Y5 A and B teams in a pair of lively and closely contested rounders matches. Both games were played in great spirit, with pupils demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination, and skill throughout.

In the first match, the Year 5 A team secured an impressive 14–9½ victory over Year 6 A. Standout performances with the bat came from Claudia, Beatrice, and Charlotte for Year 5, while Florence led the scoring efforts for Year 6 with a strong individual display.

The second match saw the Year 5 B team continue the success, defeating Year 6 B 9–5. Imogen, Lennie, and Aashi impressed with confident batting for Year 5, while Eloise and Martina contributed some excellent play for Year 6. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of sport, with all pupils showing enthusiasm, resilience, and excellent sportsmanship.



UPCOMING FIXTURES

FRIDAY 8 MAY
YEAR 6 ROUNDERS MATCH V SCARISBRICK
HALL
1.00 - 2.00PM
(ALL OF 6M TO TAKE PART - 6H IN THEIR
VIRTUAL STEM DAY)

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Staff of the Week

Each week, the School Council present this prestigious award during the Celebration Assemblies



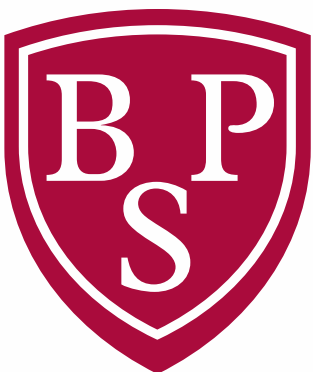
Mrs Cheney is a valued member of our before and after school care team, who consistently creates a calm and nurturing environment for the children. Her kind and reassuring manner helps pupils feel settled and secure at the start and end of each day. She takes great care in ensuring every child feels included and supported, and her positive presence is appreciated by both families and staff alike.

Ms Odiwei brings energy and enthusiasm to our before and after school care provision. She builds strong, positive relationships with the children, helping them feel happy, engaged, and well cared for. Her proactive approach and warm personality ensure that pupils enjoy their time in her care, and her commitment has a meaningful impact on the wider school community.

Ms Haroon is a valued member of our school team, working in the office and as part of the lunchtime staff. She is always friendly, organised, and ready to help both staff and pupils. Ms Haroon goes above and beyond to make sure everyone feels supported and that the school day runs smoothly. Her positive attitude and hard work make a real difference to our school community.



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