

# Bowman Academy News

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## British Science Week—Planetarium Visit



We loved having a Planetarium visit as part of British Science Week! All classes had the opportunity to take part in the immersive space experience in the hall. Students then had a mission to design an invention that helps astronauts survive on the Moon. Students used their problem solving skills to identify how they could overcome problems astronauts might face, such as having no natural food, very little water, no air or extreme temperatures. Students drew their design and then made a model using recycled materials, before putting together a mini movie to show their project. Finally, all students put their projects together in a showcase in the hall and visited each other's displays.



### World Book Day

We loved seeing all the costumes on World Book Day! Each class had a book and author assigned to them and completed special activities alongside these. Classes also took part in a virtual reading event online. It was a brilliant day to share our love of reading!



### Cinema Trips

Five classes went on cinema trips this term, watching films like Paddington in Peru and SpongeBob. This was a reward for our Big Tidy Up challenge that happened in February, where students helped do some jobs across all areas of the school to keep us looking good!



### Ice Hockey & Skating

Some of our students had the opportunity to see the Nottingham Panthers, where they watched the team train, spoke with the players and even collected a few autographs. Students then took to the ice themselves for a skating session.

## Does your business have an unused Apprenticeship Levy?

CIT, the trust that Bowman is part of, is seeking support from businesses that pay into the Apprenticeship Levy but don't use all their funds. By transferring unspent Levy contributions, organisations can directly help develop skilled, motivated apprentices who play essential roles in our schools - from supporting teaching and SEND provision to administration and vital operational services. We're looking for organisations that have a payroll over £3 million (levy-paying employers), don't fully use their Apprenticeship Levy funds and are willing to transfer their unused funds to support apprenticeships within CIT.

By partnering with us, businesses can make a real impact on young people, schools, and communities across the region. Interested in supporting CIT? Please contact: [Lauren.Bedford@citacademies.co.uk](mailto:Lauren.Bedford@citacademies.co.uk)

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### Red Nose Day

We had a brilliant Red Nose Day! Classes had a great time completing the 'Taskmaster' challenges building spaghetti and marshmallow towers and we had lots of entries to the 'Design a Nose' competition.

Thank you to those who donated £1 for non-uniform as well.



### Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 21st April—Buddies Cycle training day
- Friday 24th April—London Mini Marathon at school
- Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 5th May—Parents Evening (3-6pm)
- Monday 11th—Friday 15th May—SATS Week
- Thursday 21st May—Cultural Diversity Day
- Monday 25th—Friday 29th May—Half term