



Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Week ending 15th September 2023

A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first weekly newsletter edition, we hope to improve it as we go, so that it provides the information that parents need, as well as providing you a flavour of what is going on in school. Here goes...

Wow! What a fantastic start the children have had to the new school year. They are trying so hard to show that they are 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. In our assembly on Tuesday the children came in beautifully, listened really well and shared some amazing achievements with the rest of the school. It has also been lovely to look out from the headteacher's office and see the classes



coming to use the library and explore the books with their quiet library voices switched on! It is such an amazing space. We also saw one young lady this morning, walking to school while reading a book (safely on the school path). Reading each day and coming to school each day are both so important, but rarely seen in combination!

We have also been very impressed by our house captains, sports captains and all our year 6 leaders by their dedication to their new roles. They are really setting a great example to the rest of the school. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the staff team, who worked so hard over the summer to prepare for the children's arrival and for how hard they are working to help the children settle into their new classes and new routines.

Thank you parents too for your support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin

What have the children been up to this week? KS2 this week...

Last Friday, Year 3 and 4 began their Through the Ages experience with a Prehistoric Day. They explored soap knapping, Stone Age clothes and handled prehistoric artefacts. In the afternoon, they had a go at den building and cave painting. Thank you to parents and carers for helping the children to look fantastic in their prehistoric outfits they arrived in.



Term 1 has seen the start of our Dynamic Dynasties topic in Years 5 & 6. The children have already got hands-on creating Shang Oracle Bones out of clay (based on lamb scapulas kindly donated by Kent County Butchers on Western Road). We have also been exploring poetry in our writing, describing a traditional Chinese garden through metaphor, simile and other literary techniques. In science and DT, we have started to look at forces and have created simple pneumatic mechanisms in the classroom. Please do ask your children to share their learning with you – they are incredible at absorbing and explaining all that we are up to.

Well done everyone, a fantastic end to a wonderful week!

Attendance...

Apple	97.08%
Lime	99.44%
Mrytle	88.54%
Bay	94.93%
Cherry	90.50%
Poplar	94.44%
Sycamore	94.02%
Acacia	94.84%
Maple	90.17%
Oak	92.18%



The total attendance so far this term is 93.2%, while the national average is 95.6%. Please make sure your child is always in school whenever possible, as attendance needs to improve.

Awards this week...



Well done to our first Stars of the Week who have already shown that they know how to take pride in their work and support their classmates. Also huge congratulations to Mrs Martin's Citizenship Award winners: last week Ellie and Lucas; this week: Johnny-Ray. The Citizenship Award recognizes children who go above and beyond in their general attitude and behaviour around the school.

House points totals:

House	Ashdown	Semark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	393	464 winner	330	332
Grand total	536	546 winner	469	417

Year group messages

Year 6 parents please note that there will be a meeting on Thursday 28th September at 6pm with information about the secondary school transfer process and the Isle of Wight residential trip.

PTA information

Hello, we hope everyone had a lovely summer break.

We have been busy throughout summer, planning **Meadowfest**. So please do support the school by coming along and enjoying a super fun family festival on Saturday 23rd September! You can scan the QR code on the posters around the school to buy your tickets. Or search for Meadowfest on eventbrite.

And if you'd like to see more information follow the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/meadowfestbgps>

Or see the website <https://meadowfest.my.canva.site/>

PTA AGM

On Thursday 28th September at 7.30pm we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. Where we will share an overview of the last year and look ahead to the next. We will also be appointing a new chair and deputy chair.

Anyone is welcome to come along, whether you want to put your name down for helping at future events, share ideas or you just want to see what we do. There will be drinks and snacks on arrival too. Hope to see you there



Letters sent this week.... (most are on the BGPS website)

- 1) Year Group Newsletters
- 2) PTA letter
- 3) Parent Governor letter

A reminder that the closing date for parent governor nominations is 3pm on Friday 22nd September.

Term 1 & 2 Dates...

Wednesday 20 September: Rugby Club restarts 8.00am to 8.40am on the Meadow.

Thursday 21 September: Choir restarts 8.10am to 8.40am in the Hall.

Saturday 23 September: PTA MEADOWfest event. Tickets selling fast.

Thursday 28 September: Year 6 parents information evening re secondary transition and Isle of Wight residential trip. 6pm-7pm.

Thursday 28 September: PTA AGM in the Hall at 7.30pm.

Saturday 14 October: Reception intake 2024 Open morning. 10am to 12pm.

Monday 16th October: Pupil Photos, all day

Thursday 19 October: Flu vaccinations. All years, all day

Friday 20th October: End of Term 1

Thursday 16th November: Reception intake 2024 Open morning. 9am to 10.15am.