



Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Week ending 29th September 2023

A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

After the incredible success of Meadowfest last weekend, where as well as providing a fantastic event, they raised an astonishing **£6000**...we thought this week was the perfect opportunity to focus on the amazing work of the Parent Teachers Association - the PTA. Thursday evening was the PTA Annual General Meeting and a really lovely opportunity to celebrate all that they have achieved in the last year as well as making some exciting plans for the year ahead.

We are very fortunate to have such an inspiring, visionary and committed PTA who have raised money for some of the additions to our school that genuinely do enhance the learning and experience of our children - for example, the PTA are responsible for the Forest School structure, the uniform cabin, planting around the school grounds and even classroom redecoration. Not only do they raise an impressive amount of money, they also organise events that bring children and families together in ways that make our school feel like a supportive community.

There have been some changes to the leadership of the PTA, but the fact that many of the officers are continuing to work for the PTA in some capacity shows what a strong team they are. They are always keen to welcome new parents whether it is to support one-off events or to contribute regularly. The wider team meets once a term and sub-committees meet to organise specific events. This term we can look forward to cake sales, discos, wreath-making and the Christmas fair and possibly something exciting called "Elfridges" - so look out for posters and emails.

There are other ongoing initiatives that raise money for the school such as Easy Fundraising and Bags 4 School. One that the children love is the 100 Club - for £1 a month you can be in a draw for one of 4 prizes: £25, £10, 2 x £5 - when we do the draw in assemblies there is much excitement, as you can imagine.

A huge thank you must go to Sarah, Jess, Faye and Helen who have been running the PTA with such energy, enthusiasm and creativity. Welcome to our new Co-Chairs - Ali and Grace - and our new secretary Stacey. Please support them in any way you can. See their regular section below.



Some photos of the Forest School structure and the stalls at Meadowfest

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin

What have the children been up to this week?

Year 1 and 2 would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who sent in their precious toys, books, clothes and other artefacts, last week, for us to look at. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed talking about these wonderful historical artefacts to learn about childhood in the past. Here are some photographs:



This week, Year 5/6 have started to plan their own take on a traditional, Chinese tale based on The Empty Pot. This charming story demonstrates the importance of determination and honesty and how these values can lead to the greatest of rewards. If you would like to share this with your children, there is an online version read by Oscar winner, Remi Malek <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9K-sAKdk2Y> We look forward to bringing you the children's own versions of this in the coming weeks.

Mrs Bowers, our school lead for languages, has also been very excited to see the wonderful French homework the children have sent in this week - celebrating and learning about Ma Famille in all its shapes and sizes. These are really helping to support the learning that we are doing in class and it is fantastic to see the children so engaged.

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

Attendance...

Apple	84.21%
Lime	87.13%
Myrtle	91.40%
Bay	84.85%
Cherry	94.44%
Poplar	93.25%
Sycamore	89.74%
Acacia	91.57%
Maple	94.67%
Oak	86.94%



The total attendance so far this term is 91.9%, while the national average is 95.3%.

Please make sure your child is always in school whenever possible, as attendance needs to improve.

Awards this week...



Well done to our Stars of the Week who have impressed their teachers with their mastery, generosity, independence and sense of belonging. Also huge congratulations to Mrs Martin's Citizenship Award winner last 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	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	383 winner	367	324	377
Grand total	1181	1250 winner	1056	1083

Year group messages

Year 1 & 2 parents- We are going to be making collage portraits in Art. Please could you send in any old magazines, wrapping paper and newspapers that you no longer want, and we will make use of them.

Year 6 parents IOW Residential trip and Secondary admissions details sent out today. Any queries please contact Mrs Martin or Mrs Quantick.

We will shortly be creating pneumatic machines in DT and would be grateful for any hinged egg boxes (6 egg size). Thank you.

Other news.....



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning for Macmillan on Friday 6th October. This will be held between 9-10am in the hall and all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

This is going to be a great opportunity to meet other parents, myself and Mr Wheatley. There will be the opportunity to have a sneak peek at some of the resources we use and some of the services we can access, to give you a bit more of an idea about what support is available. Most importantly, you can enjoy a cake whilst supporting a fantastic charity.

Please help! We would like this to be a great fundraiser for Macmillan who offer support to people living with cancer. We are asking, if you are able, to donate some cakes or biscuits that we can then sell at our coffee morning. If we have enough donations, we would love to sell them after school so the children can enjoy them too. Please bring any donations straight to the hall at drop off and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



Meet our new School Council:

At Borough Green Primary School, every class from Year 1 through to Year 6 have two School Council representatives. We hold regular meetings to discuss ways in which we can improve our school. We also come up with ideas for raising money for charity and for the school and often act as the judging panel for school competitions. This year's council members are:

Year 1 Tariro & Charlie
Year 2 Alice & Ruby
Sycamore Florence & Evie
Poplar Louie & Hayley
Cherry Rajmural & Elodie
Maple Maddie & Wren
Oak Max & Josie
Acacia Honor & Thomas

PTA news...

Firstly, thank you to everyone that came along and supported Meadowfest. With your help we have raised £6000 for our school. We are extremely pleased with this amount, and it makes all the hours and effort that went into organising this event feel even more worthwhile. As well as it being a great opportunity for bringing the community together.

Last night we had our AGM, and we're pleased to say that Ali Beamish-Flack and Grace Murphy are the new Co chairs and Stacey Owen is secretary. It has been decided that individual events will be run by different people, to help spread the workload. So if anyone is interested in helping with certain events please do get in touch- boroughgreenprimarypta@yahoo.com

We already have a few dates for events booked in which we will be sharing with you very soon!

100 CLUB

Every month we have a draw where you could have the chance of winning £25, £15 or £5.

It is only £1 per number each month. If you would like to buy a number and join the club, please send an email to the address above

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

- 1) Attendance guidance.
- 2) Absence Reporting.
- 3) Free School Meals.

Term 1 & 2 Dates...

Friday 6 October: Macmillian Coffee Morning 9am to 10am in the Hall

Friday 13 October: Deadline for Cauliflower Cards artwork to be brought to the school office

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

Monday 16 October: Pupil Photos, all day

Wednesday 18 October: Year 6 IOW Trip, Deposit due date

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

Friday 20 October: End of Term 1

Monday 30 October: First day of Term 2

Monday 30 October: Year 5/6 History Workshop at school.

Tuesday 31 October: Year 6 Closing date for KCC secondary school applications

Friday 3 November: KCC Primary admissions for Sept 2024 intake opens

Wednesday 8th November : PTA BAGS2SCHOOL collection

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

Tuesday 28th November: Parents Evening appointments 4.30pm - 7.00pm in the school hall

Thursday 30th November: Parents Evening appointments 3.30pm - 6.00pm in the school hall