



Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Week ending 6th October 2023

A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

If you noticed that Mr Cooper has not been in school as much as planned this week, unfortunately Covid struck and so he was working from home for much of the week. He will be back doing his normal gate duties and assemblies next week.

Also on **Saturday 14th October between 10am and 12pm we have an open day for all prospective parents for Reception children next academic year.** Steps to School are also attending and so the whole site will be available to tour round. We will hope it will be a sunny day, with some of our fantastic House Captains and Sports Captains helping us show families around our lovely school and particularly the meadow and the swimming pool which always look better in the daytime!

Please please please encourage anyone you know with children due to start school next year, or even the year after to come and have a look round, as whenever we tour parents round, they are always amazed by the size of the school site and the facilities we have. It is one way that you can really help the school, as with good numbers joining this always helps the school financially and so the offer that we can provide for our children can be even stronger.

In recent years we have had good numbers join, but we are still determined to do even better this year, and to show off what is such a fantastic place. Thank you!

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin

Ps Please also note that we are now allowing **black** or white shorts for PE for the remainder of this academic year. Times have changed and white shorts/trousers are not the best colours for some girls to wear...so we are making the change with immediate effect, as we want all our girls to feel comfortable in PE lessons. Next year, we will switch to black shorts for all (instead of white).

What have the children been up to this week?

Apple and Lime Class have been super busy exploring our indoor and outdoor classroom and choosing their own learning. We have enjoyed the sunshine and the rain! In writing, we have been exploring our senses. We had a great time going on a listening walk around the school grounds.



This week in Year 1 and 2 we have been experimenting with balancing on different body parts and connecting our balances using different ways of travelling such as hopping, skipping and sliding. Bay class enjoyed taking photographs of their balances and evaluating them back in class to see how we could improve. In Geography we have been looking at the purpose of maps. Myrtle class designed maps using the small world equipment and physically placed models of features onto the maps. Bay class drew maps of the school environment.



In Years 3 and 4 we have been learning how to write instructions, using “How to wash a Woolly Mammoth” as our key text. We’ve had lots of fun thinking about what you would need to fulfil this task! We have noticed that instructions are everywhere, from our Early Morning board to our science experiments. Talking of which... in Science, we came up with a fair test to investigate which foods contain the most fat. We tested six or seven foods; and some results were surprising! Ask your child for more information....



Well done everyone for a wonderful week!

Attendance...

Apple	88.89%
Lime	92.40%
Myrtle	92.65%
Bay	90.91%
Cherry	97.01%
Poplar	92.06%
Sycamore	94.87%
Acacia	90.04%
Maple	97.44%
Oak	89.30%



The total attendance so far this term is 91.3%, 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. Last week the Citizenship Awards were presented to Imaan, Harry and Mason in Year 6 for the many ways they demonstrated a sense of belonging – thank you boys for making such a positive difference in our 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 2 parents After carrying out our reading assessments at the start of the new academic year, we have used the results of the children's recent Accelerated Reader tests, their phonics score from the end of year 1 and a fluency test to determine what level of book to start your child on at the start of year 2. Each child will have their own ZPD, which is the band they can choose books from. Some children are now taking these books home. They may return them when they have finished reading and discussing them with you. They will then do a quiz online and receive their next book. They will complete an assessment test called a Star Test every half term. This will determine whether they are ready for a higher reading band.

Year 5/6 parents History Workshop on 30th October. Reminder for payment to be made via Arbor.

Christmas Card Competition

Tom Tugendhat, our local MP, is running a Christmas card competition. A few years ago one of our students won this competition and Mr Tugendhat came to our school to present the prize. This year it could be you – the winner's card will be the one Tom Tugendhat sends to thousands of people across the country. In addition to this you will win a prize and a tour of the Houses of Parliament.

Here are the rules:

- Drawings must be on A4 paper and can use any medium
- You must sign your name on the front
- The deadline is Friday 27th October
- Post your entries to: Tom Tugendhat MP, 130 Vale Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1SP or bring your entries to school and we will post them

Reminder to all Parents.....

Uniform standards reminder:

- Children are not permitted to wear necklaces and bracelets at school.
- Children are not allowed to wear make up or nail polish to school.
- For PE days, we are allowing children this year to wear white **or** black shorts this year, with a full change to only black shorts from next academic year.

Snacks reminder:

- Only fruit or vegetables can be brought in as a snack for all year groups.

PTA news...

We are really excited to bring to you a new event - Pumpkin Picking in the field! This is on Thursday 19th October from 3.20-4pm. All those pumpkin picking events always look so much fun, so we have decided to do it in our field! There will be a word hunt around the school playgrounds, then go and choose the pumpkin you want to take home. And make sure you visit our photo spot which will be decorated by hay bales, a balloon arch and lots of fantastic scarecrows!

Talking of scarecrows, we will be running our very first Scarecrow competition! Design and make your scarecrow and hand it to the office by Wednesday 18th October. It is free to enter and there will be a prize for the best scarecrow as voted by the school! All the scarecrows will then be displayed at our pumpkin picking event the next day!



We can't wait to see all the fantastic scarecrows!

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

- 1) KCHT National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) for Year's R & 6
- 2) Open Events for reception intake 2024
- 3) Swimming money reminder Yr 3,4,5 & 6

Term 1 & 2 Dates...

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

Wednesday 18 October: PTA Deadline for Scarecrow to be brought into school

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

Thursday 19th October: PTA Pumpkin picking event

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

Friday 3rd November: PTA Reception cake sale

Wednesday 8 November : PTA BAGS2SCHOOL collection

Wednesday 8 to 10 November: PTA Chocolate & Bottle donations collections

Thursday 9 November: KCHT National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) for Year's R & 6

Friday 10 November: Whole school own clothes day in exchange for a PTA Chocolate & Bottle Donations

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

Saturday 18th November: PTA Christmas Fair

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