



# Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

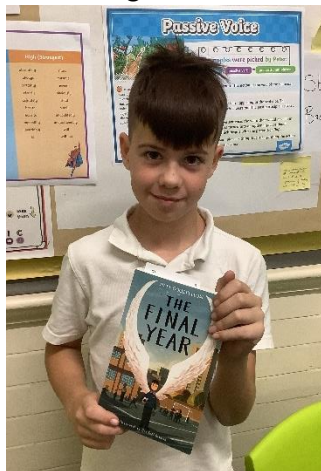
**Week ending 13 October 2023**

## A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

We are looking forward to our open morning tomorrow from 10 to 12. A huge thank you to all those staff and children who have volunteered to come in to help above and beyond the normal school week. Please do encourage those with children in reception next year to come along. We hope that they will be able to see the lovely facilities in the daylight and hopefully without having to book the day off work to do so!

Mr Cooper has so enjoyed being back in school for the first four days of the week and has been so impressed with the children seeing so many wonderful instances of children producing excellent work and achieving new firsts for them. We also held our first real fire drill this week and the children were impeccably behaved and lined up in silence for about 5 minutes, recognising that this was a situation that needed to be taken seriously. They really do know how to keep themselves safe in that situation.

Mrs Martin has been working with a lot of readers this week, with children asking her when they are coming to work with her next. Again, it has been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm for reading, and the scene of the group working with her in the library is just lovely. Of course, Mrs Martin is not the only adult who reads with children in school – if you walk through our library you will often see our amazing teaching assistants or the Beanstalk volunteers reading with individuals. Well done to all our children who are enthusiastically reading ambitious texts and asking for recommendations – don't forget our Reading Ambassadors – Liam, Meg and Omi - who have read so many books they can recommend their favourites to you. Reading is the most important academic skill, and the children at Borough Green have every opportunity to be fantastic readers. Children make sure you read something at home every day too....before you go on a screen!!! Or before you go to sleep...



Mason and Mrs Martin are reading a recently-released book called *The Final Year* by Matt Goodfellow. It is a story about a Year 6 boy called Nate and is told through poems. Lots of teachers are discussing this book on social media because it has had such an impact on them. If you are a Year 6, ask Mason if you would like to borrow it when he has finished it.

Younger years, don't forget the Kate DiCamillo books we enjoyed in assemblies last year. Well done to Logan Year 4 who is reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tullane*.

Have a lovely weekend.

## What have the children been up to this week?

### Rugby

Our visiting Rugby Coach, Wilko, has been singing the praises of the KS2 rugby club recently. So well done to all those who have joined this club. He says that they are all so hardworking and demonstrate such good sportsmanship and honesty. He is able to set them up in two separate activities (as they are such a large group) and then move between them as they self-monitor and self-score. He says that he is genuinely impressed by them and looks forward to coming to BGPS each week. Lovely to hear!

### Eco Warriors

We had our first Eco Warrior meeting on Tuesday (10 Oct) and the children have created an Eco Charter that they will be sharing with their own class and then helping to drive forwards. This is our first step on a journey towards raising awareness of environmental issues and accountability throughout the school. We also hope to extend our reach into the local community in the coming year. All our Warriors are very enthusiastic and we are very much looking forward to working with them, and seeing what a difference they can make. Stranger Danger!

On Thursday afternoon, our Community Warden Mrs Sandra Edmonds talked to Year 1 and 2 about being safe. She reminded us about who strangers are and who safe adults in our community might be. We talked about what to do if a stranger makes us feel uncomfortable - RUN YELL TELL – and we practised the yell, “I don’t know you – go away!” The children listened attentively and made very wise contributions to the discussion. They all knew that visitors to our school always have a badge on a red lanyard to show us that they are safe adults.

Well done everyone for a wonderful week!

## Attendance...

Apple	95.32%
Lime	85.38%
Myrtle	96.67%
Bay	90.91%
Cherry	94.44%
Poplar	89.29%
Sycamore	94.44%
Acacia	92.31%
Maple	90.60%
Oak	94.24%



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.

Please be aware that from 30 October we will be implementing U codes to our registers as requested by KCC. U codes will be applied for all students who arrive after 9.30am, unless they are arriving late for a preauthorised absence e.g medical appointment, or have a pre-arranged later start time.

Please note that the U code will count as an unauthorised absence for the morning session. A standard L code for students who are late will continue to be used until 9.30am.

## 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 Award was presented to Tyler in Year 5 for the many ways he demonstrated a very focused way of approaching making progress in his learning as well as showing good manners as he moves around the school.

### House points totals:

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	129 winner	106	84	102
Grand total	1672	1798 winner	1431	1575

## Year group messages

**Year 5/6 parents** History Workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.....

- Friday 13 October is the last day for sign up for your child's flu vaccination.
- **School photos on Monday 16 October**, please ensure your child has their full uniform on.
- Please sign up for Arbor, if you haven't already done so.
- Year 1 & 2 PE on Monday won't take place due to the children having their individual photographs and so they will need to be in school uniform.
- Year 6 parents please make sure you have told us that your child is coming to the Isle of Wight. We need numbers before the deadline for the deposit so please confirm your child is attending as soon as possible.

## PTA news...



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

- 1) Flu Vaccination reminder.
- 2) Yr 3-6 Try something new lunches for Term 2.
- 3) Term 2 School dinner payments.
- 4) PTA Upcoming events

## Term 1 & 2 Dates...

**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

**Friday 27 October:** Deadline for Tom Tugendhat, our local MP, is running a Christmas card competition

**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.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Odd socks day (more details to follow)

**Saturday 18th November:** PTA Christmas Market

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** Parents Evening appointments 4.30pm - 7.00pm in the school hall

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** Parents Evening appointments 3.30pm - 6.00pm in the school hall