



Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Week ending 20 October 2023

A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

We wanted to say what an excellent first term this has been. It has really flown by. Mr Cooper and our other new staff feel settled, and the children seem really settled in their classes too. After half term we will be writing to you with details of how to book in for parents evening appointments at the end of November. This will be a good chance for teachers and staff to meet face to face and for you to find out how your children are doing in school this year.

A huge thank you to all the children and staff who came and helped at our open day last Saturday. It was a great success and we had so many lovely comments about the children especially!!

Over the half term we are having new fencing and gates installed to replace the rickety wooden fence around the school car park. This will make the school safer and keep the children and cars separate more clearly, which can only be a good thing. Sorry if it ends up looking a little more austere...but in the world we live in we need to be putting children's safety first.

Finally, to all our parents, thank you for your welcome and your support. And to all our children... Be good for the grown-ups at home this half term and come back safely on Monday 30th October.

Have a lovely half term holiday.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin

Governors..

Welcome message from the Co-Chair Governors

Firstly, by way of introductions, we are Charles Copping and Claire Nash, the newly appointed Co-Chairs of the school's governing body, elected at the board meeting on Thursday 21st September 2023.

We're looking forward to an exciting school year ahead and playing a vital role in driving up school and pupil performance and ensuring that resources are used effectively to give every child at Borough Green the best possible education.

Thank you and Welcome

We would like to thank the outgoing Co-Chairs George Booth and Richard Pearce for their hard work and dedication and extend this gratitude to Stephen Cole (Vice Chairman), our Clerk and all Borough Green Governors who work extremely hard behind the scenes.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newly appointed Governors, Tammy Flower, Gary Redrup, Faye Wood and Jayne Ingman all of whom we look forward to working with.

We want to welcome Mr Cooper and all our new teachers, TAs and school staff who recently joined us and say a huge thank you to staff who worked extremely hard over the summer break and into the academic year.

What is the role of the Governing Body?

The Governing Body concentrates on three key areas:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

The governing body meet each term and visit the school to undertake monitoring visits and other activities over the course of the academic year.

For further information about the work we do, we encourage you to look at the school website:

<https://www.bgpschool.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Governors&pid=36>

Attendance...

Apple	89.47%
Lime	87.89%
Myrtle	90.67%
Bay	91.58%
Cherry	89.23%
Poplar	81.35%
Sycamore	84.62%
Acacia	91.38%
Maple	92.59%
Oak	92.96%



The total attendance so far this term is 91.6%, while the national average is 95.1%.

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	346	304	363 winner	301
Grand total	2165	2261 winner	1991	2027

Star of the Term

Reception	Elsie	Year 4	Ryan
Year 1	Holly	Year 5	Sophia
Year 2	Dolcie	Year 6	Liam
Year 3	Rajmirul		

Year group messages

Year 1 & 2 - Please could you send in small cardboard boxes, egg boxes or other items suitable for small sized junk modelling. Please could these be sent in on Monday 30th October onwards.

Year 3 & 4 - From term 2, we will be doing PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Year 5 & 6 – Please sign up and pay for the History workshop on Monday 30 October.

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

Thank you.....

I would just like to say an absolutely enormous thank you to everyone who has been involved with, and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning and cake sale. It has been wonderful to see everyone coming together to support this very worthy cause. Special thanks need to go to our wonderful kitchen staff and PTA for their generous donations of yummy treats and huge support in hosting both events. I started with a modest goal of raising £100 and meeting more parents. After the coffee morning we were well on the way with over £50 raised. We were spoilt for choice with the range of cakes and biscuits donated. We clearly have some fantastic bakers in our community and this enabled us to crash through our target easily. I am thrilled to announce that our final total to give to Macmillan is a huge **£300.31**. I'm sure you will agree that this is a great achievement and wonderful to see what we can do when we work together. Thank you again for all of your generosity and support.

Louise Dechaine (FLO)



Thank you for all the amazing scarecrows that were produced and to everyone who came to our 1st pumpkin picking event! It was such fun seeing all the children run around finding the letters, choosing their favourite scarecrow and picking their pumpkin! We hope you all managed to get them home OK - they were huge and very heavy!! We will announce how much we raised after half term.

I think we can all agree that all the scarecrows were amazing, and thank you so much for all the effort that has been put into them. It was a very close competition, but congratulations to the winners who were

1st - Mrs Martin!
2nd - Mason Wood
3rd - Sofia Glass

We hope you enjoy your prizes and that everyone has a fantastic half term!

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

-) Yr 5/6 Reminder for History Workshop payment.
- 2) School photos, deadline for orders.
- 3) Year 1 & 2 - DT project on Shelters

Term 1 & 2 Dates...

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

Wednesday 1 November: Deadline for ordering pupil photos.

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

Friday 10 November: Year 5/6 visit to BG War Memorial

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

Friday 17 November: Odd socks day (more details to follow)

Saturday 18 November: PTA Christmas Market

Tuesday 28 November: Year R Balanceability Workshop

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

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