



# Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

**Week ending 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

## Parent Consultations

**We are looking forward to seeing you all at Parent Consultation evenings next week on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you have had trouble booking a slot or have not signed up to Arbor yet, please just call us and we can help you on Monday. They will take place in the hall. You will be able to look at some of the children's work while you are waiting and there should be a cup of tea or coffee too!**

**It will be lovely to see you all there and for us to share with you how your children have settled in this year and how they are progressing with their learning.**

**Have a lovely weekend.**

**Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin**

PS: We have raised £210.99 in Poppy Sales for the Royal British Legion.

Thank you to all who contributed.



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

**NURSERY:** This week the children in the nursery have been busy practicing their nativity play and Christmas songs, getting creative with plenty of arts and crafts and sensory play - making sparkly pictures with lots of collage materials, and also exploring communication and sign language. Our toddlers have enjoyed signing different animal names, winter/ celebration words and other basic words such as 'mummy and daddy' and so on. They have really enjoyed themselves this week.

**FLO:** We have been fortunate this week to welcome Sophie Tibbles, the local support co-ordinator for Kent Young carers, to our school this week. She spoke to the children in assembly to tell them about what it means to be a Young Carer. She explained how young people can be helping to care for parents, siblings and other family members in lots of different ways, from helping with shopping and housework, to reading a book to help a sibling feel better. It is believed that there could be around 3 children in every class that care in some way for a family member and they often go unidentified. At Borough Green we only have six children currently registered as Young Carers but know there are probably many more. We are trialling running a Young carers group which provides children with the opportunity to talk about their feelings in an understanding environment and also gives them the opportunities to socialise with other Young carers and have some fun. Registering as a Young carer also gives families access to external support and opportunities that they may find difficult to access otherwise. If you think your child might qualify as a Young carer, please find more information and the registration form on the link below. If you need any further advice or support with this then please speak to Ms Dechaine.

<https://www.imago.community/Children-and-Young-People/Kent-Young-Carers>

**YEAR 5 & 6:** On Friday 10 November we went to visit the Borough Green War Memorial to pay our respects with a 2 minute silence and to recite a Remembrance Poem.



## Attendance...

|          |        |
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| Apple    | 87.13% |
| Lime     | 97.08% |
| Mrytle   | 92.96% |
| Bay      | 83.84% |
| Cherry   | 92.31% |
| Poplar   | 81.35% |
| Sycamore | 87.18% |
| Acacia   | 80.08% |
| Maple    | 89.71% |
| Oak      | 81.48% |



The total attendance so far this year is 91.8%, while the national average is 95%. Please make sure your child is always in school whenever possible, as attendance needs to improve.

### A polite reminder re absence reporting procedure

Please ensure all absence is reported by email to [school.office@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk](mailto:school.office@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk) or by telephone message to the school office by 9AM on each date of absence please.

## 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 winner is Alfie in Cherry class. 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   | 375     | 360         | 427    | 385    |
| Grand total | 1493    | 1660 winner | 1613   | 1393   |

### Star of the Week



|        |          |          |         |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Apple  | Danny    | Poplar   | Daniel  |
| Lime   | Edith    | Sycamore | Georgia |
| Myrtle |          | Acacia   | Sadie   |
| Bay    | Isabella | Maple    | Hannah  |
| Cherry | Elodie   | Oak      | Charles |



## Year group messages.....

**Year 1:** In the front of each child's reading record book Mrs Austen has noted their reading group number. She will let you know each week which ebook each group is reading in class so they can also easily find and read that book at home too.

**Year 3 & 4:** 'Fabulous Finish' for our Through the Ages topic on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30-3.00pm in the library.

**Year 5 & 6:** We are sending Acceptable Use Agreements home tonight. Please read these carefully with your child and discuss the statements about being safe and respectful online. When your child has signed the agreement they should return it to school. There is also one for parents to sign.

In Year 5 and 6 at school we have been learning about our online identities and reputations. This has included how to be respectful online and how easy it can be to forget basic rules of kindness when posting or commenting in social media groups. Please continue to support your child online by checking their phone regularly. Below are two helpful websites which tell you more about social media apps.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub2/>

## Reminders.....

### School Choir

The choir's first concert at the Borough Green Christmas lights is this Saturday 25 November at 4.30pm. The children are working really hard in choir and dance club to learn the songs but have a lot to learn. We hope that you can come and see them in action. (Choir children to meet at the Baptist church at 4.10pm)

### Competition

Mrs Martin is running an Odd Socks competition. She would like you to design a sock with the theme of kindness. If you need a sock template, Mrs Martin will provide you with one; alternatively you can draw your own sock outline and start working on your kindness design. Give your sock design (names and classes on the back please) to Mrs Martin by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and winners will be announced the following week.



## PTA information.....



Thank you to everyone for all your support with our Christmas Market last week, whether that was helping out or coming along and supporting us. We raised a brilliant £2400, so thank you very much! We hope you all had a wonderful time!

Next week, Friday 1st December, we have our Hollywood Night! KS1 will have Arthur Christmas, KS2 will have Home Alone. £3.50 includes 1 drink, 2 snacks and there are hot dogs available for an extra £1.

The following week, we have Elfridges on the 6th Dec, Year 1 Cake Sale after school on the 8th Dec, and our Wreath Making event on the 8th Dec in the evening. We hope you can join us at these too!

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

- Cauliflower cards collection.
- Year 5/6 Acceptable policy.
- Football club cancelled today and next Friday 1 December.
- PTA Events
- Year R Hearing and Vision screening programme.
- PTA Match Funding.

## Term 2 Dates...

**Friday 24 November:** Deadline for booking a Christmas lunch

**Saturday 25 November:** Choir Singing at BG Lights

**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

**Friday 1 December:** PTA Movie Night in the school hall

**Tuesday 5 December:** 'Fabulous Finish' for our Year 3 and 4, Through the Ages topic 2.30-3pm in the library.

**Wednesday 6 December:** PTA Elfridges Sale

**Thursday 7 December:** Yr 5/6 End of term work gallery in Maple & Oak classes 3.15pm - 4.15pm

**Friday 8 December:** PTA Year 1 cake sale

**Friday 8 December:** PTA Christmas Wreath Making in the Hall 7pm – 9.00pm

**Monday 11 December:** Choir visit to Westbank Nursing Home

**Wednesday 13 December:** Year 6 IOW Trip 2nd instalment due

**Wednesday 13 December:** EY & KS1 Nativity in the Hall 2.15pm - 3.15pm

**Thursday 14 December:** I Rock Concert in the Hall at 10am

**Thursday 14 December:** EY & KS1 Nativity in the Hall 2.15 - 3.15pm

**Friday 15 December:** Christmas Lunch, wear Christmas jumpers or red/green.

**Friday 15 December:** End of Term 2

**Tuesday 2 January:** Start of Term 3

