



Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Week ending 12th January 2024

A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

A happy new year to you all. We have started back with our weekly newsletter today. You will also have a phase termly newsletter sent home about Terms 3 and 4 and a few helpful reminders specific to each age group.

The new gates are now operating and so you should simply come to the new gate if you enter as a pedestrian during the school day. All the timings remain the same. We also have a fantastic new projector in the school hall thanks to the PTA...who even installed it to save us the cost!!! Thank you!

Well done to all who continued to make it to school in wintry weather this week. Please wrap up warm. The children have missed enough school in recent years so we will do our level best to stay open despite the weather. I had a magical lunchtime playground duty where we went from no snow at all to enough to throw some snowballs on Monday and the children just loved it!!!

Other than the temperature of the weather, a warm welcome to you all this new spring term. All the children have made a new year's resolution for what they are going to aim to do better in class this year...let's help them stick to it and the sky's the limit for their learning.

Have a good weekend.

A window into school life.....



Geography allows us to explore the world – not just the local area but places we haven't yet travelled to. It encourages us to be curious about places, maps, natural and human processes and the larger concept of change.

By the end of Year 6 pupils will have explored knowledge about Borough Green and Kent and compared their local area to other locations in the UK and the wider world.

This term we are learning about London in Year 1 and 2, about volcanoes and fossils in Year 3 and 4, and about farming and agriculture in Year 5 and 6.

The Big Ideas we are exploring include:

Processes

Place and space

Change

Nature

Why is that there?

How has this place changed over time?

Why is this river important?

How is a city different from a village?

How can you support your child in Geography at home?

When you go to new places, encourage your child to ask questions and suggest answers.

Look at maps in city centres, train stations, parks, woods etc

Talk about physical features at significant places like coasts, rivers and mountains naming them to help your child expand their subject-specific vocabulary eg riverbank, cliff, peak...

Talk about how places you visit are different from Borough Green and why they are special or significant.

Talk about the weather, the seasons and climate.

Attendance...

Apple	94.74%
Lime	95.26%
Myrtle	98.67%
Bay	88.75%
Cherry	96.06%
Poplar	93.07%
Sycamore	90.38%
Acacia	92.01%
Maple	91.11%
Oak	96.15%



The total attendance so far this year is 91.2%, while the national average is 94.4%.
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 already shown that they know how to take pride in their work and support their classmates.

House Points totals

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	679	572	687	588
Grand total	679	572	687 winner	588

Star of the Week



Apple	Ebony	Poplar	Molly
Lime	Billy	Sycamore	Emelia
Myrtle	Theo	Acacia	Savi
Bay	Emma	Maple	Joshua
Cherry	Jake	Oak	Artie



Year group / Club messages & emails sent....

All Years: Social Enterprise Kent CIC Young Cooks event, see email sent out this week.

All Years: Art Gallery information, see email sent out this week.

All Years: Art & Writing Competition, see news page on website

Choir: O2 Young Voices T Shirt collection, Telephone tree and final details, see email sent this week.

Tag Rugby Club: Safety message

Year R, 1 & 2: We are offering free school dinners on Thursday 18th January 2024 to all pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 as a taster for your child to see if they would like to continue having school lunches after half term.

Year 1 & 2 - Please could your child be sent in with a named old shirt/apron for painting. We will keep these in school.

Thank you.....



Thank you to all our Early Years and KS1 families who kindly donated after the Christmas Nativity performance's at the end of last term.

We raised a fantastic £189.76 for our chosen charity, Young Epilepsy.



CAULIFLOWER CARDS

Also a big thank you also all our BGPS families who supported the school by buying Christmas cards, mugs etc. from the Cauliflower Christmas cards project.

We made £380.20 in commission to spend on our school.

PTA.....

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Our first event of the term is on Friday 12th January - Year 2 Cake Sale! It will be held after school in the middle playground, or in the hall if it is raining.

We also have the wonderful news that we have been chosen as one of 3 causes to go for the customer vote in store at Tesco Riverhead. So anytime you go to Tesco, please make sure you pick up the little blue tokens and pop it into our slot! We are raising money for a kitchen garden to go down near the forest school classroom. If we get the most number of votes, we will be given £1500 from Tesco! Please support us! Voting starts in the middle of January and runs until the end of March!

Term 3 & 4 Dates to remember....

Tuesday 2 January: Start of Term 3

Friday 12 January: PTA Year 2 Cake bake sale

Monday 15 January: National closing date for Reception applications

Friday 19 January: O2 Young Voices trip

Monday 22 to Friday 26 January: Year 6 Bikeability week

Monday 22 January – Friday 9 February: PTA Penny Wars!

Friday 2 February: PTA Disco's in the Hall

Friday 2 February: PTA Year 3 Cake bake sale

Friday 2 February: Deadline for Art & Writing Competiton entries

Tuesday 6 February: Safer Internet Day

Friday 9 February: Last Day of Term 3

Monday 19 February: Start of Term 4

Friday 1 March: National Offer date for Secondary schools

Friday 8 March: PTA Bags2School Collection

Friday 15 March: PTA Year 4 Cake bake sale

Monday 18 March – Thursday 28 March: PTA Wonka Bar Golden Ticket

Wednesday 20 March: Year R Hearing & Vision Testing

Monday 25 March: Year 3 / 4 Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 26 March: Year 3 / 4 'Rock Bottom' Musical 1.30pm in the Hall (Year 3 Parents/Carers)

Wednesday 27 March: Year 3 / 4 'Rock Bottom' Musical 1.30pm the Hall (Year 4 Parents/Carers)

Thursday 28 March: Deadline for Secondary school appeals

Thursday 28 March: End of Term 4