

## Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

### Week ending 26th January 2024

A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

It has been a busy week as you can see from some of the highlights shared below. There are so many amazing things that happen at Borough Green each week which we want to share.

One change you may notice if you visit the school is that we have a new signing system via an ipad. You won't have to pose for the picture but it is a better and more data friendly system.

We will remind the children in assembly next week of the message below, but please can you support with this too:

Please can we remind parents that children shouldn't be arriving too early at the start of the school day, or running around, scootering or cycling on the school site while waiting. We have little children on our site as part of the nursery or simply younger brothers and sisters and we want to make sure that they are safe and feel safe of course. Children also shouldn't go onto the main playground, nor should they be using a mobile phone while waiting for the school doors to open. Even with the oldest children, please don't allow your child to bring a phone with them if you are dropping and collecting them yourself (or take it home with you) so that we minimise the number of devices we look after.

Thank you for your support in this and in everything. Mrs Martin and I know how lucky we are in this respect. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cooper

#### A window into school life.....

**Apple and Lime classes** have had fun learning about some nocturnal animals. The children have enjoyed crawling into a black tent to see what it is like to do things in the dark.





This week **Year 5/6** have been developing their scientific enquiry skills. They have used a thermometer and hot water to find out what material best slows the cooling of water. As great scientists, they have produced data on their investigation and turned it into a line graph. They have also dissected lillies to examine the reproductive parts of flowering parts.



# BUBBLES ARRIVES AT SCHOOL

#### Photo Caption

On the 18th of January, an orange koi carp named bubbles arrived at a local school in Borough Green after his best friend sadly passed away. Ever since, he has been making new friends in the fish tank at maple class. Mrs. Quantick told Borough Green News "Maple class have been really enjoyed having Bubbles and hope he is here to stay". Bubbles was not willing to share any information but pupils said that he looks like he is having the time of his life.

By roving reporter, George T, Maple Class

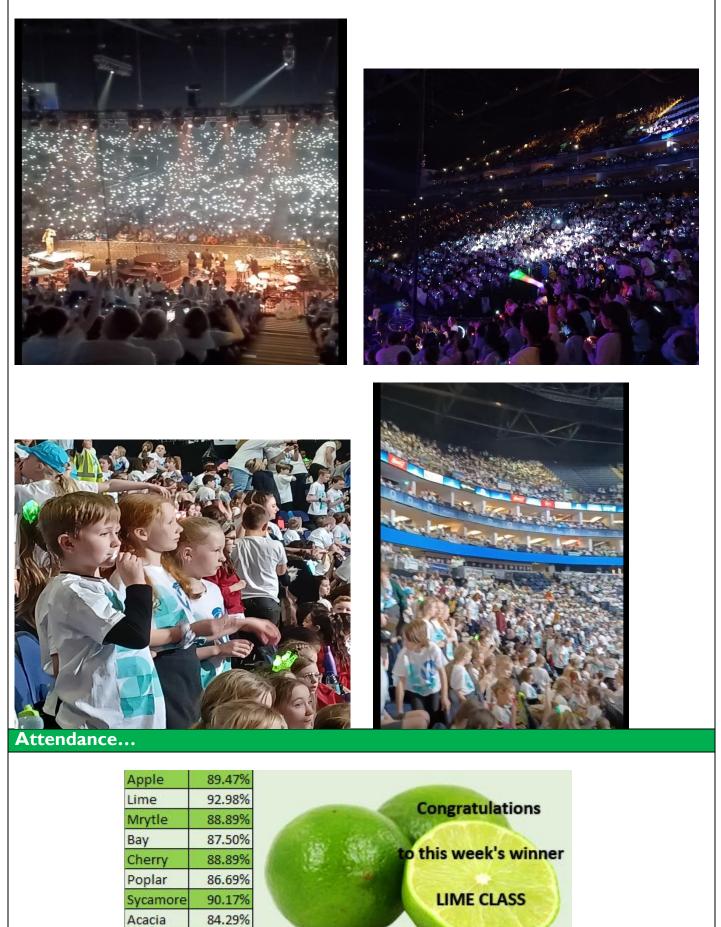
#### Big Garden Birdwatch Takes Place Soon.

The Big Garden Birdwatch takes place every year and anyone can join. Next week the birdwatch will start and people will start to fill in there bird tallies. The Big Garden Birdwatch will start on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January and will end on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Anybody of any age and any ability can join. By joining in you will help the birds thrive and live healthier, happier lives.

Year 6 enjoyed the Bikeability course this week. Getting the qualification is so important, and they were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour too. Please remind them to continue to stay safe. We plan to make this a regular feature of what we offer as a school.



**O2 Young Voices Choir:** Photos from last Friday's Concert. It looked, and they sounded,.... AMAZING!!!!!!



The total attendance so far this year is 91.2%, while the national average is 94.4%.

Maple

Oak

91.97%

89.74%

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 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, Sid in Oak 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	454	373	469 winner	432
Grand total	1696	1541	1782 winner	1661

#### Star of the Week

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Apple	Indie-Rose	Poplar	Amberley
Lime	Emily	Sycamore	Ethan
Myrtle	Molly	Acacia	Tammy
Bay	Sienna	Maple	Liam
Cherry	Victoria	Oak	Isabella

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

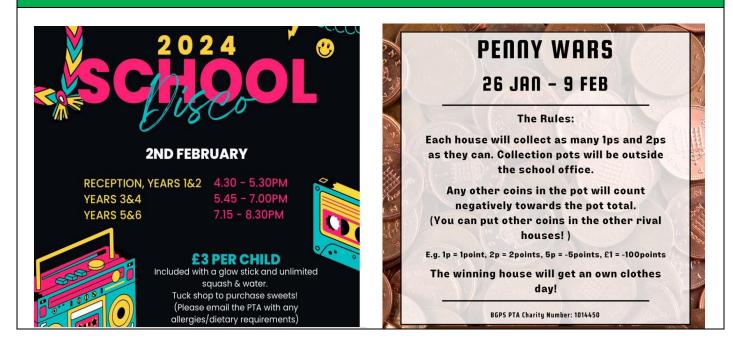
All Years: Second hand / good as new Welly Boots requested for Forest School. Please bring along to the school office.

Football Club: Cancelled on Friday 2 February.

Choir: No Choir until after Half term, re starts Thursday 22 February.

Year 3/4 We still have lots of Acceptable Use Agreements that haven't been returned. Please look through 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 office. There is also one for parents to sign.

#### PTA.....





We have a number of events for this week!

Penny Wars has started! From Friday morning, for 2 weeks, all children will be invited to bring in loose change in a Penny War between Houses! The House pots will be located next to the school office.

#### The Rules:

Penny War - 26th January - 9th February

Each house will collect as many 1ps and 2ps as they can.

Other houses can try to sabotage opponents points by putting silver coins into their pots which will deduct from their copper total!

The house with the most points will win!

E.g. 1p = 1point, 2p = 2points, 5p = -5points,  $\pm 1 = -100points$ The winning house will get an Own clothes day!

Friday 2nd February is a busy one, as the Year 3 Cake Sale is straight after school, and then we have the school disco! At the school disco there will also be a tuck shop so the children can purchase some sweets!

**Do you shop at Tescos??.** We need your Help!! Borough Green Primary School are currently in Tescos Riverhead as one of their Charity options! Any time you go to Tescos, please can you put a blue coin in our box?! We have tough competition as Riverhead Primary School are there too!

A reminder that we are still a cause for the Co-op too - we have currently raised £165 from the co-op. Please choose us for your cause if you shop at the co-op too!

https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/85411

#### Term 3 & 4 Dates to remember....

Monday 26 January – Friday 9 February: PTA Penny Wars! Friday 2 February: PTA Discos 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 Monday 4-8 March: Sponsored Read Thursday 7 March: World Book Day 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 Tuesday 19 March – Parent Teacher Consultations Wednesday 20 March: Year R Hearing & Vision Testing Thursday 21 March – Parent Teacher Consultations 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: IRock Concert in the Hall Thursday 28 March: End of Term 4