



Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Week ending 2 February 2024

A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

This week, Penny Wars has been a real feature of most children and parent conversations each morning. Thank you all for your amazing support, there is a week to go so who knows which house will win... and thanks once again to our amazing PTA for suggesting this idea.

The Year 6 children have also been brilliant as they have had a go at doing some mock SATS papers this week. This year group didn't do Key Stage 1 SATS and so we need to get them used to test conditions but in a gradual and supportive way of course. Well done to them all for the attitude they have shown. We may well send home some practice/revision work for them over the Easter holiday when the time comes, so watch this space.

Number Day today has seen a lot of times tables being completed and another reminder of the importance of times tables and maths in general.

We are also planning to send out a survey for parents to complete after the half term, which in case you had forgotten, starts on Monday 12th February.

We are also looking to restart a holiday club at Borough Green in conjunction with Steps to School, so once again watch this space. We hope that this might even be ready for Easter, we will of course let you know. Where there are siblings attending, we will provide a discount for families.

A window into school life.....

HISTORY



History enables children to discover the stories of the past, develop their understanding of time (chronology) in the past and recognise how past events have shaped today's world. It encourages children to ask questions about the past and think like a historian.

By the end of Year 6, children will have understood the wider chronology of key events in history and reflect on different representations of the past, considering the reliability of different sources.

How you can support your child's History learning at home:

- When out in your local area or visiting new places, encourage children to think about how long the area might have looked like this and what might have changed over time.
- Visit a museum and encourage your child to ask questions about the artefacts there. Some museums also offer virtual visits.
- Visit a library and choose books about past events or individuals – there are some fantastic books about different historical periods or significant individuals which are aimed at children of all ages.
- Look up information about historical events or figures – BBC Bitesize has some great information.

Questions:

Who might have made it?

How was it made?

What was it used for?

How might this have changed the way people lived?

Our History learning

Our main History projects take place in terms 1, 2, 5 and 6. In terms 5 and 6, Year 1 and 2 will be looking at our school's history as well as comparing school in the Victorian era to today. Year 3 and 4 will be studying the development and spread of the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, while Year 5 and 6 will be learning about Ancient Greece, comparing and making connections between periods of world history.

Attendance...

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| Apple | 98.83% |
| Lime | 93.89% |
| Myrtle | 97.78% |
| Bay | 97.78% |
| Cherry | 93.33% |
| Poplar | 91.77% |
| Sycamore | 90.60% |
| Acacia | 89.27% |
| Maple | 86.11% |
| Oak | 94.65% |



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 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, Samuel and Tinashe 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 | 352 | 398 | 501 winner | 319 |
| Grand total | 2048 | 1939 | 2283 winner | 1980 |

Star of the Week



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| Apple | Arthur | Poplar | William |
| Lime | Johnny | Sycamore | Emily |
| Myrtle | Ellis | Acacia | Mehrajai |
| Bay | Tristian | Maple | Braidon |
| Cherry | Dylan | Oak | Kayleigh |



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

FSM Meals: Holiday Vouchers were sent out this week.

Star of the Term: Trophies to be returned to the school office by Monday 5 February

Year R, 1, & 2: The Swimming Pool re opens next term. More details will follow as to which days you child will be swimming.

Year 1: Homework for February sent out this week.

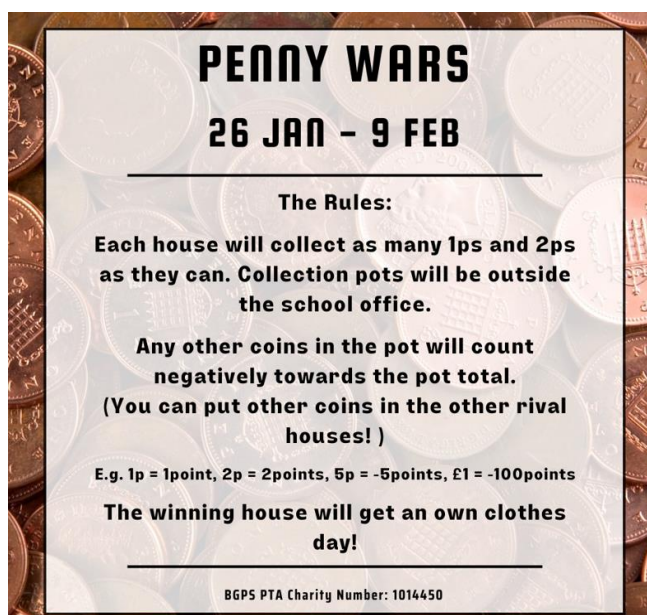
Year 3,4,5,6: To help celebrate NSPCC's Number Day 2024, thousands of schools across the country are coming together in a national times tables competition on TTRockstars - NSPCC Rocks!

Acacia, Cherry, Maple, Oak, Poplar and Sycamore classes will be joining them. All children will be given half an hour in school to tot up as many correct answers as possible and we would ask you to encourage them to do an additional 30 minutes at home. This needs to happen between 7:30am and 7:30pm on Friday 2nd February.

Let's see if we can get Borough Green Primary on the national map of times table rock stars!

Year 3,4,5,6: School Dinners and closing down of Parent Pay. All balances must be cleared before Friday 9 February.

Year 3,4,5,6: Ukulele starts after half term, sign up via Arbor.



PENNY WARS
26 JAN - 9 FEB

The Rules:

Each house will collect as many 1ps and 2ps as they can. Collection pots will be outside the school office.

**Any other coins in the pot will count negatively towards the pot total.
(You can put other coins in the other rival houses!)**

E.g. 1p = 1point, 2p = 2points, 5p = -5points, £1 = -100points

The winning house will get an own clothes day!

BGPS PTA Charity Number: 1014450



MONDAY 4TH MARCH

MOTHER'S/SPECIAL PERSON DAY SALE

*During school hours, the children will have the opportunity to purchase **A GIFT FOR £3-5** per child to give to their chosen special person which will be wrapped by the PTA.*

There will be a selection of new items to choose from.

Please send your child in with the correct money in an envelope on the day

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Term 3 & 4 Dates to remember....

Monday 26 January – Friday 9 February: PTA Penny Wars!

Tuesday 6 February: Safer Internet Day

Friday 9 February: Last Day of Term 3

Monday 19 February: Start of Term 4

Tuesday 20 February: Swimming Pool reopens with lessons for Year 3,4,5 & 6

Friday 1 March: National Offer date for Secondary schools

Monday 4 March: PTA Mothers Day event

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