



# Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

**Week ending 9 February 2024**

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

There is a lot to read in the sections below this week, so enjoy finding out about what we do and have been doing in school. Next week is half term week and so we look forward to **seeing you back in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. Hopefully it will provide a break for the children and for some of the illnesses passing around.

I wanted to take a moment to focus on our school meals which are all cooked on site and as someone who gets to eat them on my dinner duty day, are delicious! Today we are sending an email home with the menu for the coming term, and how we are increasing your options for ordering school meals.

So to encourage more children to take up our delicious dinners, your child can now choose to have meals just on Mondays, just on Fridays, on both Mondays and Fridays, or for the whole week. We hope that these options and knowing what the menu will be will really help you to take advantage of the food on offer and widen your child's choices. You will be amazed what they will eat at school, which they might not try at home!

Have a lovely half term and happy reading.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin

## World Book Day.....

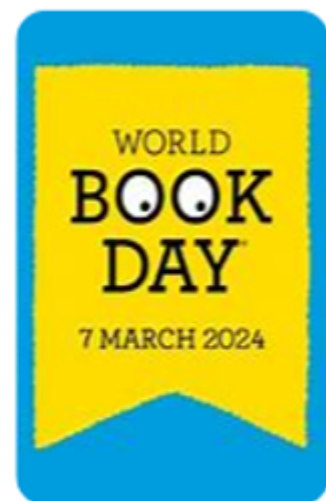
World Book Day 2024

**World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** this year and we have lots of exciting things planned in school. We would like to continue the idea from last year for dressing up with the children coming in dressed up as a 'word'. They should not have the word written on them as they will be guessing what each other represents as part of one of their activities on the day. Some great ideas from last year included colours (children come in dressed in as one colour), adjectives such as 'cosy' (children coming in dressed in warm dressing gowns), sporty (wearing sports clothes) or coming in dressed as a particular animal. Please do not feel you need to buy outfits for the children - they can just use what they have at home!

We will be running a **sponsored read from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March** in conjunction with Usborne to raise money for new non-fiction books for the school library. Look out for the poster in the newsletter with information after half term.

**Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will have an author visiting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March called Mo O'Hara.** Mo is the author of the Agent Moose series and will be leading some workshops with the children around graphic novels. There will be an opportunity for children to purchase books from her, as well as to have them signed if the children wish. Or you can bring in your own personal copies to be signed.

There are many other things planned for this week, and as ever, we thank you for supporting your children to read at home.



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

### **TT ROCKSTARS**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Borough Green took part in the NSPCC Rocks times table challenge.

277,522 children played in total, including 124 BGPS students, who helped us to come in 1,161 out of 3,793 schools nationally – putting us in the top third of the league table!

Huge congratulations to all who played but especially to Sam (Oak), Teddy (Sycamore), Ryan (Sycamore), Artie (Oak) and Joe (Maple), who clocked up over 1,000 points each, and to Archie (Maple) who scored more than 5,000 points.

## COMPUTING

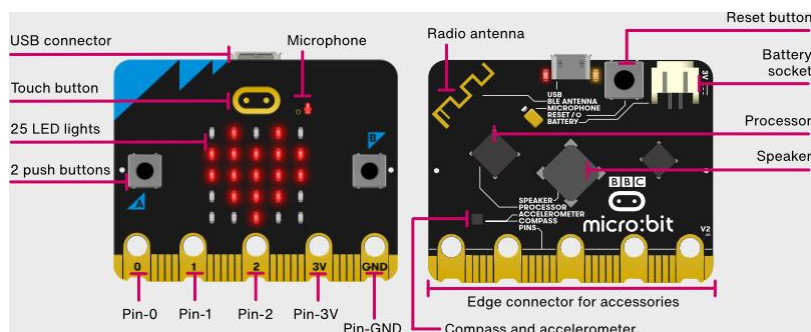


SAVE the DATE

Safer Internet Day

2024 | Tuesday  
6 February

[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



This week at Borough Green Primary School, we have been raising awareness about 'Online Safety' and 'Internet Safety'. From EYFS to Year 6, we want to encourage children to get talking about positive and negative online experiences to help educate our young people about online life. These conversations are great for children to have a better understanding of the online world. The theme this year for 'Safer Internet Day' is about changes online.

In EYFS, we have been busy using iPads and being more digitally literate with apps and photos, as well as listening to diverse stories including technology.

In Year 1/2, we have been looking at 'What is a computer?' This is where we understand what is meant by a computer, a program and starting to look at coding based on instructions (also known as algorithms). We have been using computers to develop our digital literacy as well as our computer science skills.

In Year 3/4, our topic this half term has been about 'My Online Life'. We have had discussions about being a good digital citizen and what this means, including being kind online and what is meant by cyber bullying. With this awareness, we hope the children can understand the importance of staying safe online.

In Year 5/6 we have focussed on coding and programming physical computing kits called 'Micro:bits'. Using online software on the laptops, the children have programmed these miniature computers to perform actions in the real world after using the online simulator.

### What can I do to support my child at home?

Children can explore programming skills ready for physical computing (where they input an action using code which will create an output in the real world using a 'Micro:bit'). It is free to use and fun to explore. <https://makecode.microbit.org/>

## CRICKET

Over this past term, Sandra Hepple, Community Cricket Coach with Kent Cricket, has been delivering cricket sessions to year 2 and year 3/4 through a charity called Chance to Shine. Chance to Shine aims to give all children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket. The response of the children was overwhelmingly positive so we will look for more opportunities to develop our cricket skills as the weather improves!







## DT



This week in Year 5/6 we have been improving and practising our kitchen skills to make a seasonal soup. During the day, we peeled the potato and carrot. Then we chopped the potato into bite-sized pieces and sliced leek. Then we grated the carrot. Finally we added a vegetable stock cube. Then we were tasked with making the soup at home – as the main task in lesson was kitchen and knife skills. We thoroughly enjoyed making our soup kits! Pictured on the left, Mehraj from Acacia Class cooking the seasonal soup at home. Fantastic work! It is lovely to see home learning which links to our topic.

## Attendance...

Apple	92.83%
Lime	92.60%
Myrtle	94.43%
Bay	87.66%
Cherry	94.00%
Poplar	89.91%
Sycamore	81.11%
Acacia	91.56%
Maple	88.01%
Oak	92.08%

Congratulations  
to the Term 3 winner  
Myrtle class

The total attendance so far this year is 91.1%, while the national average is 94.2%.

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 Term who have shown that they know how to take pride in their work and support their classmates.

## Term House Points

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	470	448	442 winner	407
Grand total	2518	2387	2725 winner	2387

## Star of the Term



Reception	Harry	Year 4	Jessica
Year 1	Chloe	Year 5	Poppy
Year 2	Fearne	Year 6	Mehrajul
Year 3	Scarlett		



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

**Year 1 – 6:** Closing down of Parent Pay from Friday 9 February. All Lunch payments from 19 February are to be made on Arbor. Please check your accounts and withdraw any refunds.

<https://www.parentpay.com/how-do-i-withdraw-money-my-account/>

**Reception:** Mastering Maths at Home Workshop on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2:30pm

Apple and Lime class have been using the Mastering Number scheme since September and the children are developing great number sense as a result of this. Mastering Number aims to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2. The aim over time is that children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number that will benefit their maths throughout their education and beyond. We would like to invite every EYFS child to bring an adult into school to learn more about Mastering Number and how it can be used at home to support their learning. The workshop will take place in the school hall and will be attended by all Apple and Lime children.

**Reception, Year 1 & 2:** Swimming lessons start week commencing 19 February. Please see email re your child's swim day. Payments to be made via Arbor.

**Year 1 & 2:** After Half Term, we will be starting a DT topic which involved the children designing and making a model taxi. They are learning about wheels and axles. Please could they bring in a box about the size of a tea bag box by week beginning 26 February.

**KS2:** As we head towards Spring, we would like the children to access as much of our fantastic school site as possible. From the start of term 4, KS2 children will be able to use the meadow at break and lunchtime when it is dry enough. In order to do so, children should bring in a spare pair of trainers or boots to change into. If your child would like to play football, then they should also bring in a pair of tracksuit bottoms to put over their uniform.

**Tag Rugby:** Cancelled on Wednesday 21 February.

**Choir:** No Choir until further notice.

**Malyon:** Own clothes day for the most House points in Term 4 is on Friday 23 February.

**All Year Groups:** Lunch menus for Term 4 and moving to Arbor for payments, please read emails.



Thank you so much for your support for our events this half term - the Cake Sales, School Disco and of course Penny Wars! We are so pleased with how well Penny wars has gone - and the competitiveness has surpassed anything we expected! The number of notes that have been put in the bottles! We can not wait to find out who has won - results will be announced after half term!

Our events for after half term will be our Mother's Day Sale , and instead of our traditional Easter Egg Hunt, we are introducing Wonka bars - all details will be announced after half term. We hope you all have a brilliant break!

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

- 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 R, 1, 2
- Thursday 22 February:** Reception parents' maths workshop at 2.30pm
- Friday 23 February:** Own clothes Day for Malyon, winners of most house points
- Friday 1 March:** National Offer date for Secondary schools
- Monday 4 March:** PTA Mother's Day event
- Monday 4-11 March:** Sponsored Read
- Wednesday 6 March:** Author visit for Year 1,2,3 & 4
- Thursday 7 March:** World Book Day with children coming in dressed up as a 'word'
- 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