



Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Week ending 8 March 2024

A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

Well, it certainly hasn't been an ordinary week at Borough Green! It was great that we could continue to enjoy dressing up day as planned on Thursday even with the inspectors in school.

The staff and children and parents here are fantastic in terms of getting involved with school life and in how much pride they have in school.

The inspectors spoke with lots of the children. Parents you can all be exceptionally proud of all the children who they spoke to; though we were not party to their conversations, they were a credit to you and to the school for their willingness to share things as they saw them. Well done children!

We are sorry that we ended up sending you 2 surveys in 2 days (a bit like buses we know!). Obviously, we don't know when the Ofsted call will come, or else we would have scheduled things differently. We will still read the anonymous school parent surveys that are completed by Monday, and as we don't see the Ofsted ones of course, that is still helpful. Thank you. I hope ours was at least reasonably quick to complete.

In terms of us finding out the result and sending home the report after the inspection, this can take some time, so please don't think that because you haven't heard anything that that means anything, it doesn't. Things just vary. Hopefully we will be able to send it you before the end of term, but it is probably more likely to be early next term on balance...We don't really know.

Thank you to parents and governors for your support and kind words of encouragement or care for us over the last few days. And an even bigger thank you to the staff for working even harder than usual to ensure that we kept everything we had planned for the children in place, enabling the inspectors to see what they needed to see, and supporting Mrs Martin and I over what is always a stressful couple of days. The commitment to Borough Green children and the school here is first class.

Attendance on Thursday this week was 95.7%, a much better level, let's keep it up please.

And finally, the book week and other events this week have been fantastic, do have a look below. If Mrs Martin or I had to dress up as a word today, it would be "tired" !!!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin

Parenting workshop with Una Archer GMBPsS

A Peaceful School Run

that sets everyone up for a good day

Getting children to school on time can be the most stressful part of the day. This workshop can help you to:

- Support your children with manage their emotions that might come up
- Empower your children to take more responsibility for getting ready in the mornings.

Using the tools we will cover during the workshop can:

- Save you time and energy because you don't have to repeat the same things over and over again
- Helps children develop life skills that will serve them well at school and in other areas of life

By the end of the workshop, you will have a clear list of simple steps you can take to make your school runs more peaceful.

Where: Borough Green Primary School

When: Friday, April 19, 9-10 am

To sign up: email school.offices@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk



Una Archer GMBPsS is a founder of the family support service Help Your Child Thrive. She helps parents feel more confident in their role and navigate parenting challenges in a more connected way. To find out more, visit www.helpyourchildthrive.co.uk

Attendance...

Apple	97.89%
Lime	98.89%
Mrytle	92.59%
Bay	89.58%
Cherry	95.50%
Poplar	96.30%
Sycamore	91.03%
Acacia	96.83%
Maple	87.30%
Oak	97.62%



The total attendance so far this year is 91.3%, while the national average is 94.2%.

Please make sure your child is always in school whenever possible, as attendance needs to improve.

What we have been up to this week.....



In art this week, Year 5/6 have been looking at continuous line art. Once we practised this skill with charcoal or pencil, we tried creating a continuous line sculpture using art straws or wire, based on the natural world.



Year 1 to 4 had a visit from the energetic Mo O'Hara. We looked at how she creates her funny books about a secret agent Moose who is a master of disguise. We travelled with the main character and were detectives ourselves searching for a missing News Newt. Year 3 and 4 worked on creating their own set of panels with Secret Agent Moose competing in a race and year 1 and 2 worked on creating their own unique characters. We had a great morning and even got some signed books!

Year 1 and 2 met the author Mo O'Hara. She talked to them about her book, 'Agent Moose, For Your Spies Only', and they were introduced to the character Agent Moose. Ayesha, Abbie and Sienna F wrote this about the workshop. "Mo read a bit of her book to us and we had to look for clues to solve some of the mystery. Mo helped us to draw Agent Moose and then we drew our own made up characters with super powers. Mo talked to us about the windows and sections of the book. Sienna and Abbie liked this and Ayesha loved the pictures."



World Book Day & Sponsored Read





A reminder to parents that the sponsored read is running until Sunday (with money due in by Wednesday 13 March). It has been wonderful to hear how many minutes some of the children have been reading at home! We wait to see how much money we will have raised and how many new books we can buy for the library! A huge thank you to Mr Wibroe who gave up a day to help us make our library look so lovely at the end of last week.

Awards this week...



Our first Citizenship Award goes to each and every child in our school: we could not have been more proud of you this week. Our visitors were so impressed by how kind, confident and respectful you all were. They noticed how proud you are of your school and how hard you work in your lessons. In addition our visitors commented on the House Captains praising them for taking their roles and responsibilities so seriously and being so active around the school.

Term House Points

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	276	277	277	257
Grand total	1255	1157	1273 winner	1082

Star of the Week



Apple	Albie	Poplar	Louanne
Lime	Emily	Sycamore	Romeo
Myrtle	To be conformed next week	Acacia	Eleanor
Bay	Fearne	Maple	Eliot
Cherry	Nerys	Oak	Sophie



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

All Years: Now that we are fully up and running with Arbor, could we ask that you check and make sure all yours and your children's details are up to date. This will include addresses, dietary requirements, emergency contacts and doctors details.

All Years: Parent teacher consultations are now live in Arbor to book. Please note this are on a first come first served bases.

All Years: Parent Survey sent out this week. Deadline for completing is Monday 11 March.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JYK5W9J>

All Years: We have had cases of Headlice in a few classes. Please check your child's hair and treat if needed.

Year 4: Reminder that play costumes are sent into school in a **named bag**. We need all costumes in by **Monday 18th March at the latest** please so that we can decorate them and start our dress rehearsals.

Football Club: Re starts on Friday 15 March.

SEN Pupils: Email sent out regarding Workshops from Facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Year 6 Writing Club: Postponed start date to Thursday 14 March.

Choir: To re start after Easter

PTA.....



WONKA BAR 18-22 March
£2 per bar

Wonka bars will be on sale for £2 each in the middle playground, 3pm-3.30pm every afternoon 18th-22nd March.

150 bars, 1 gold ticket and 20 silver tickets will be added every day!

Gold Prizes include:
Augustus Gloop - Chocolate bouquet
Violet Beauregarde - Purple themed hamper
Veruca Salt - Filled golden egg
Mike Teevee - Family cinema voucher
Charlie Bucket & Willy Wonka - fun filled bucket including singing lessons

BCPS PTA Charity number 1014450

Our events coming up this term are the Year 4 Cake Sale on 15 March and our WONKA bar event 18- 22 March.

Term 3 & 4 Dates to remember....

Monday 11 March: Deadline to Parent Survey's to be completed.

Wednesday 13 March: Deadline for returning sponsored read forms and money.

Friday 15 March: PTA Year 4 Cake bake sale

Monday 18 March: Deadline for play costumes to be brought in for Year 3/ 4

Monday 18 March – Friday 22 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