



# Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

**Week ending 22 March 2024**

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

The end of another busy week at Borough Green. As you will see from the news below it has been one, which just shows how strong our parent support is. From the time given by our fabulous PTA, and from the generosity shown by all our parents in supporting the sponsored read and Wonka bars excitement. It was also lovely to see you all at parent consultation evening. The biscuits being a particular highlight for me and many of the children it seems. Other highlights of the week were seeing the children's faces when they got to run and play on the meadow for the first time since late autumn, they just loved it. Another highlight was overhearing our year three and year four children singing during one of their rehearsals this week.

Next week, the performances and the end of term at the usual time on Thursday.

As I said at the start, many thanks for all your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin

## World Book Day celebrations...

Thank you so much to everyone who got involved with the sponsored read as part of World Book Week. We had a target of £600 to achieve which we absolutely smashed, raising a huge total of £2,426. Usborne add on 60% to that and so we will have a staggering £3881.60 to spend on new books for the library. Thank you for your support with this! Individual winners for reading the most minutes will be announced shortly with these children being awarded a prize in assembly.

Another activity, which took place as part of this week, was a paper plate competition. The children designed a paper plate based around a book of their choice and some of their designed were incredible. Finalists were chosen by teachers and the winners were voted for by the school council. The winners, which included 2 children from each phase (year 1/3, year 3/4 and year 5/6) and were announced in assembly today, were: Arthur (Bay), Fearne (Bay), Nerys (Cherry), Millie (Sycamore), Kian (Maple), Sophie (Maple).

Finally, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the children who came in dressed up, and to those who took part in the workshops run by our visiting author, Mo O'Hara. She commented on how wonderfully creative and well behaved our children are and we have had some great feedback from the children as well. A truly successful Book Week!



## A window into school life...

### Reception

For our Marvellous Middle in our Cornerstone's topic, 'Ready, Steady, grow' Apple and Lime Class children really enjoyed making Chocolate Mug Cake, inspired by Michael Rosen's book, 'Chocolate Cake'.



### Year 3 / 4

Rehearsals are well under way for next weeks' Musical Play 'Rock Bottom'.... Gates open at 1.45pm for a 2pm start in the main hall on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 March. We look forward to seeing you there



### Borough Green Art Ambassadors

We now have sixteen Art Ambassadors from across years 3-6. They have already helped with setting up the mini art gallery (see photos), with art produced at home. The Ambassadors also support their teachers in art lessons and have other plans for Terms 5 and 6. Watch this space.

Please keep on producing art at home to display at school.

The Art Ambassadors are Jacob, Emily, Amelie, Tammy, Wren, Sophie, Kayleigh, Bobby, Alex, Nerys, Harlow, Evie, Frankie, Jessica, Izzy, and Molly.

Student art gallery in the school library below:



### Year 5/6

This term, we have been learning about land art and installation art and this week, we combined these two disciplines to create land art inspired, small-scale, shoebox installations on the school field. We thought about composition and aesthetic balance as well as physical structure and the challenges of construction with natural materials. The results, though temporary, were fantastic.





## From our Family Liaison Officer...

As parents, many of you will have experienced the dread of hearing the words "I don't want to go to school today". For some, it becomes a regular occurrence and a habit that becomes very difficult to break. There can be a whole host of reasons that mornings can be difficult times for families. This can have a huge impact on the rest of our day and on children's learning. We are fortunate to have Una Archer from Help Your Family thrive coming into school to offer a **free** parent workshop focussed on strategies to help families have a better start to the day. This is happening the first Thursday after the Easter holidays so please email the office to let them know that you would like to attend.

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.officesbgpschool.kent.sch.uk](mailto:school.officesbgpschool.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](http://www.helpyourchildthrive.co.uk)

## Young Carers

Our Young Carers meet every week here at Borough Green and last week we celebrated Young Carers Action Day. The children enjoyed decorating biscuits for themselves and those they care for at home, as a treat, to recognise how brilliant they all are.



## Attendance...

Apple	85.62%
Lime	93.89%
Myrtle	93.20%
Bay	86.33%
Cherry	93.98%
Poplar	93.42%
Sycamore	94.44%
Acacia	83.33%
Maple	92.72%
Oak	91.27%



The total attendance so far this year is 91.4%, 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 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, Molly in Year 3. The Citizenship Award recognizes children who go beyond in their general attitude and behaviour around the school.

### Term House Points

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	301 winner	265	297	276
Grand total	1960	1863	2082 winner	1775

### Star of the Week



Apple	Olivia	Poplar	Nadia
Lime	Daniel	Sycamore	Evie
Myrtle	Shahmirul	Acacia	Zeenia
Bay	Immy	Maple	Eva
Cherry	Alfie	Oak	Taylor & Charlie



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

**All Years: IMPORTANT** Over the last few months we have had an increasing number of children not being collected at 3.15pm, resulting in children being left in the school office. Please can you ensure your child is collected at 3.15pm. If you require the Afterschool Club for your child, please contact Cat Osborn on 01732 780431.

**Year 3/4:** Email sent to confirm the play timings and charity donations.

**Pupils Librarians:** Email reminder sent re helping in the Library on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 3:15 - 4:45pm, consent required.

**FSM:** Easter Holiday vouchers Food vouchers have been sent out this week.

**Choir:** To re start after Easter

**Writing Club:** Date change for Wednesday 26 NOT Thursday 27 March

**Star of the Term:** If your child is in possession of last term's 'Star of The Term Trophy', we would be grateful if you could return the trophy to the school office by Monday 25th March 2024.



**Order Your School Uniform Online**

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**Free Delivery to School Service**

Orders are placed in a queue until 15th and 30th of each month and delivered into School up to 14 days after.

**IMPORTANT SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER INFORMATION**

Last order date for free delivery into school is **14th June** then service switches to home delivery until **13th September** (Place your home delivery order by **26th July** for delivery before the start of term)

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## PTA...



**BE OUR BGPS MAY QUEEN & KING!**

We are looking for our first May Queen & King!

The procession will take place at our May Fair on 11th May. All entrants will be invited to be in the May Chorus with our Queen and King leading the procession.

To enter, collect an entry slip from the school office and complete it by 22nd April. The teachers and PTA will choose the winners and announce this in assembly on Friday 26th April.

We want to say a huge thank you for all the support we received with WONKA this week! It has been so wonderful seeing how excited the kids have been about the event. We will hopefully announce how much money we have raised next week.

### Wonka Winners:

Day 1 winner were Harry in Year 6.

Day 2 winner were Darcie in Year 5 and Lily Mae in Year 2

Day 3 winner were Hayley in Year 4

Day 4 winner were Amelie in Year 6 and Georgia in Year 4

Day 5 winner are to be confirmed

**Future dates the upcoming term:**

Year 5 Cake Sale - 26 April

May Fair - 11 May

Year 6 Cake Sale - 14 Jun

We are going to be looking for our first BGPS May Queen and King! The procession will take place at the May Fair on 11th May. All entrants will be invited to be in our May Chorus with our Queen and King leading the procession. See the poster for further details.

We hope you all have the most amazing Easter holidays!

**Term 4 Dates to remember...**

**Monday 25 March:** Year 3 / 4 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30am

**Monday 25 March:** Librarian team to help from 3.15-4.15pm in the Library.

**Tuesday 26 March:** Year 3 / 4 'Rock Bottom' Musical 1.45pm gates open, start at 2pm in the Hall (Year 3 Parents/Carers)

**Wednesday 27 March:** Year 3 / 4 'Rock Bottom' Musical 1.45pm gates open, start at 2pm Hall (Year 4 Parents/Carers)

**Wednesday 27 March:** Year 6 IOW 4<sup>th</sup> payment of £98.25 due

**Thursday 28 March:** Deadline for Secondary school appeals

**Thursday 28 March:** I Rock Concert in the Hall. Gates open at 9.45am, start at a 10.00pm

**Thursday 28 March:** End of Term 4

**Monday 15 April:** Start of Term 5