



Borough Green Primary School



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Newsletter

Week ending 28 March 2024

A message from the Governors and then from Mr Cooper

Spring Message from the Governors:

And breathe ... we've made it to the end of another term, and what a busy term it has been!

Our fantastic PTA have been ever so busy running no less than 6 events since Christmas. Who can forget the deviousness of Penny Wars and the delicious madness of the hunt for Wonka's Golden Tickets? And yet still, they had the time and energy for a Mother's Day event, the school discos, and the Year 3, and Year 4 cake sales. As well as raising funds to help the school enrich the school life of all our children, these events bring bucket loads of excitement. Their efforts, and your support of these events, is very much appreciated by the Governors. Next term, we have the May Fair to look forward to (Saturday May 11th), and I am sure they will appreciate any assistance you might be able to provide on the day.

Our staff have shown amazing resilience this term – guiding the school through both Headteacher Recruitment and an OFSTED inspection. Whilst we do not have the final OFSTED result as yet (due early next term), the Governors were very proud of how well the staff all came together to present our school in the best light.

Our students, and your children, have also been busy doing us proud. Starting the term with a bang by rocking the O2 at Young Voices, they'll be finishing the term in a similar fashion with the Year 3 & 4 "Rock Bottom" musical and an iRock concert. In between, they found the time to power the school into the top 3rd of the national TT Rockstars league table. Their eager assistance during the headteacher selection process, and exemplary behaviour during the OFSTED inspection, has made us all proud. The costumes for World Book Day were amazing and the support for the Sponsored Read was phenomenal – raising almost £4,000 towards new books for the library.

It is unfortunately time to say farewell to Mr Cooper who has been a pillar of calm determination during his time at Borough Green Primary School. The Governors wish to extend our extreme gratitude to Mr Cooper for the work he has put in. He has been a pleasure to work with. He, and all the staff, have done a fantastic job bedding in our new curriculum, re-establishing our firm foundations on which to build a thriving school environment.

Spring is a time for hope, renewal and refreshing, and whilst we are all sad to say farewell to Mr Cooper, we are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Jackson as our new Headteacher next term. She was an outstanding candidate during the recruitment and brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. To maintain continuity, Mr Cooper will still be visiting the school next term to assist Mrs Jackson to settle in, and to help the Governors deliver some project work.

Stephen Cole,
Vice Chair of the Governors

I wanted to add my own Thank Yous to all the Borough Green Community. I have genuinely fallen in love with this school and nursery and will miss the children so much. The school really does have all the key ingredients to go from strength to strength in the future. It has wonderful parents (typified by the amazing PTA) dedicated governors, caring staff and just the best children.

I look forward to my visits to Borough Green next term to work with Mrs Jackson, who I know will be a brilliant headteacher. I am confident that the school will not feel dramatically different, just as it doesn't now on the days when I am not here. However, please now direct any school matters to the school office for the attention of Mrs Jackson and Mrs Martin.

Today we also sadly say goodbye to Mrs Radclyffe, our finance officer, who has been at Borough Green for many years. She will be missed, and we wish her all the best in her new job. She will always be welcome at Borough Green. She has done so much for both the school and the nursery, and we will miss her.

However, quite rightly, my last word should go to Mrs Martin, as she has continued to be the rock who will see Borough Green through from one permanent headteacher to another. I and the whole community owe her a debt greater than you will ever know. She has been an absolute pleasure to work with.

Have a lovely Easter
Mr Cooper

A window into school life...

Year 3 / 4 Play 'Rock Bottom'

Thank you to everyone that came to see our play this week and thank you for your kind donations for the local foodbank.



Year 3/4 have spent the last day of term making automatons. They've average used DT skills to measure, cut and put together different parts to create a moving toy.



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.office@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	93.54%
Lime	92.84%
Myrtle	94.25%
Bay	86.42%
Cherry	95.62%
Poplar	94.83%
Sycamore	94.10%
Acacia	92.92%
Maple	86.92%
Oak	93.66%

Congratulations
to Term 4 winner
Cherry class



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 term...



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. Also huge congratulations to Mrs Martin's Citizenship Award winner, Elliana and Teddy both in Year 4. The Citizenship Award recognizes children who go beyond in their general attitude and behaviour around the school. Our new Star Performer Award was presented to Renat and Flynn both in Year 4.

Term House Points

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	157	171	211 winner	134
Grand total	2117	2034	2293 winner	1909

Star of the Term



Reception	Dolce	Year 4	Flynn
Year 1	Ellis	Year 5	Ellie
Year 2	Ruby	Year 6	Ellie
Year 3	Florence		



Mathematician of the Term

Year 1 / 2	Alice
Year 3 / 4	Daniel
Year 5 / 6	Kian

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

Parents & Carers: It has come to our attention that Dog's are being brought on site at drop off and pick up times. Please note that Dogs are not allowed on site at any time, including those being carried. The only exception is for guide Dogs and assistance Dogs.

Parents & Carers: Improving Attendance letter emailed out from Mr Cooper & Mrs Martin

All Years: Reminder re outstanding swim payments

Year R: Reminder that Swimming lessons will commence again on Thursday's in Term 5

Year 1: Reminder that Swimming lessons will commence again on Wednesday's in Term 5

Year 2: Reminder that Swimming lessons will commence again on Tuesday's in Term 5

PTA...

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone for your support with WONKA last week - we raised an incredible £1031!!!!

This means, from the events this term - WONKA, Mother's Day Sale, Penny Wars and the School Disco, we have raised an amazing £2475 this term!!

Our future dates the upcoming term:

Year 5 Cake Sale - 26 April

May Fair - 11 May

Year 6 Cake Sale - 14 Jun

School Disco - 28 June

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter Holidays!



Term 5 Dates to remember...

Monday 15 April: Start of Term 5

Tuesday 16 April: National offer day for Reception intake Sept 2024

Friday 19 April: Parenting Workshop with Una Archer in the Hall from 9-10am, All welcome

Wednesday 24 April: Final instalment for the Year 6 IOW trip

Friday 26 April: Year 5 Cake Bake Sale

Tuesday 30 April: Deadline for Parents to accept/decline Reception intake Sept 2024 spaces.

Monday 6 May: Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED

Saturday 11 May: PTA May Fair

Mon 20 to Fri 24 May: Year 6 Residential Trip to the IOW

Friday 24 May: End of Term 5

Mon 3 to Wed 5 June: INSET DAYS – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Thursday 6 June: Start of Term 6