



# Borough Green Primary School



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

## Newsletter

**Week ending 26 April 2024**

### A message from Mrs Jackson & Mrs Martin

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has simply flown by and it has been a hive of activity here at Borough Green Primary School. We continued our theme of determined minds in assembly on Tuesday and were inspired by the athlete Suzanna Hext. She has demonstrated resilience throughout her life and has represented Great Britain as a Paralympic swimmer and in equestrian. We hope to see her taking part in the summer Olympics. The children have been singing in good voice in their singing assemblies and are being challenged with harmonies and different parts. We thank Miss Armstrong for the time taken to prepare and lead these assemblies.

Across the school, it has been a pleasure to see the excitement and enthusiasm in the EYFS swimming lessons and the flying of the fish kites. In Year 1, the children demonstrated teamwork and confidence when partitioning 2-digit numbers, and in Year 2, they were finding thirds and thinking about the different manipulatives that could help. Years 3 and 4 have been writing their non-chronological reports about the life of a Roman soldier following their research last week. Finally, in Years 5 and 6, they have been writing persuasive letters in response to the 'suggestion of reduced break time'. The children wrote passionately and articulated their thoughts in well-written letters which were a delight to read.

Mrs Martin has been impressed with the home learning and contributions for the Friday achievement assembly. I enjoyed reading a book Abbie (in Year 2) had written about life in a Victorian School. She wrote about punishments including the cane and dunce hats-how things have changed!

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mr Wheeler, our site manager, today. We would like to thank him for his hard work during the last 9 years and wish him well in his new job.

Despite the colder days, we have managed some time out on the meadow. We hope to see some more of this over the next few weeks...

We thank you for your continued support, including for the Year 5 cake sale today.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs Jackson and Mrs Martin

### What we have been up to...

#### Earth Day 2024

To celebrate Earth Day 2024, on Monday our KS2 Eco Warriors undertook a litter pick around the school site. They were fantastically focused and removed a shocking amount of rubbish from our beautiful school grounds. Please help us keep Borough Green Primary clean and tidy by ensuring that you always use one of the many bins to dispose of your rubbish (and if you do see a rogue piece of litter anywhere, please pick it up and pop it in the bin). Thank you.



To learn more about Earth Day, please visit [www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/](http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/)

### **St George's Day**

In honour of St George's Day on Tuesday, our very own trio of gorgeous Georges donned crowns to help Mrs Jackson explain the legend of St George and the dragon in Assembly. I am sure you will agree that they look very regal surveying their school kingdom.



George (Myrtle), George (Maple) and George (Oak)

### **Miniature Model Magician**

Alex (Cherry) shared one of his amazing model creations in Celebration Assembly last week and we were so impressed that we asked him to bring in some more of his work for us to look at. He kindly agreed and these are now proudly on display in our school trophy cabinet, in the library, for all to see. Thank you, Alex.



### **Bird Boxes**

A big thank you to Sofia (Maple), Emily (Lime) and their family, for very kindly donating a number of handmade bird boxes that have been put up this week, around the school site. We look forward to them becoming homes for feathered families and watching their development.

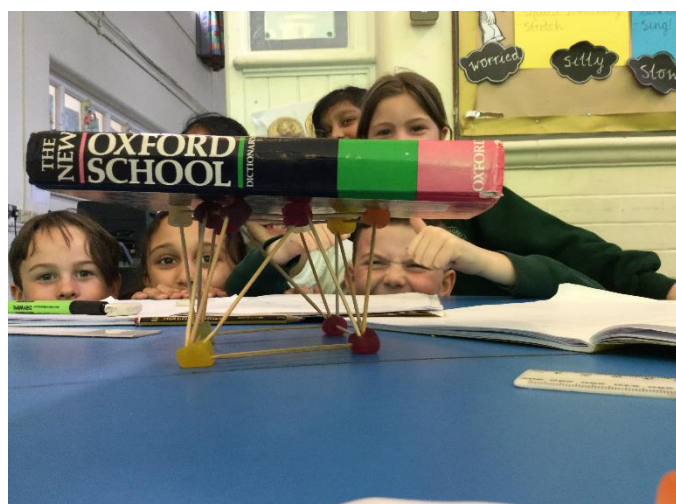




**Reception:** Our learning experience this term is called Splash. For our Stunning Start, Apple and Lime Class children each made a fish kite. They had great fun flying them on the field.



**Year 3 / 4:** have been making frame structures in DT, investigating how to make them stronger and more stable and testing them!



## A window into school life...

### Primary Languages - French

French is taught from years 3-6 at Borough Green using the fantastic resource, Language Angels. Learning a new language has many benefits, not least in broadening children's understanding of the world. Many of our children already know another language and that is celebrated here.

French at Borough Green is taught in a fun, interactive way, with songs and many opportunities for trying out their language skills in a relaxed setting. Each term the children focus on a different topic, for example, Pets, the Weather, At the Cafe, At School. They learn to use relevant vocabulary in phrases and whole sentences, building up from listening and speaking to reading and writing. Core language is recycled in each unit so that children become familiar with language and can adapt it to suit different topics.

By the time children leave at the end of Year 6, they will be ready to continue their journey in language-learning at secondary school. All skills learnt in French at Borough Green will be beneficial to learning ANY language in the future.

Please take the opportunity to ask your child what they are learning in French; to practise vocabulary with them; to talk about famous sports people or celebrities who speak multiple languages; and to look for opportunities to speak or listen to another language on holiday.

## Top Tips for Parents & Carers...

Each week this term, we will focus on some top tips for parents and carers. This week's topic is Managing Screen Time.



## Attendance...

Apple	97.66%
Lime	97.22%
Myrtle	92.59%
Bay	89.26%
Cherry	98.15%
Poplar	92.18%
Sycamore	88.89%
Acacia	88.89%
Maple	97.70%
Oak	93.25%



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 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, Ellie-May in Year 2. 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	454 winner	401	423	282
Grand total	877	871	967 winner	785

### Star of the Week



Apple	Florence	Poplar	Amberley
Lime	Adam	Sycamore	Logan
Myrtle	Jake	Acacia	Ava
Bay	Johanny	Maple	Archie
Cherry	Freddie	Oak	Maisie



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

**Year R:** P.E days for Reception, classes will continue to be on Wednesdays. There is no PE on Friday as stated in the term 5/6 Newsletter.

**Year 5:** Maidstone Grammar School for Girls Information for year 5 parents.

**Year 6 IOW Trip:** Tapnell Farm Aqua Park forms to return to the school office. Final Payment is now due.

**Year 6:** New weekly maths club in Maple classroom on Monday's from 3.15 to 4pm. Consent via Arbor.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all the Year 3/ 4 families who kindly donated after the Play last term.

We raised a fantastic £124.80 for the local Foodbank.



## Important reminders...

- A polite reminder for parents/carers to not use the disabled space in the car park unless you have a blue badge.
- For PE days, Children should only wear plain black leggings/base layers under their shorts, not instead of shorts.
- 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.



## Term 5 Dates to remember...

**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

**Thursday 9 May:** Parenting Workshop with Una Archer in the Hall from 9-10am, All welcome

**Saturday 11 May:** PTA May Fair

**Monday 13 to Thursday 16 May:** Year 6 SATs week

**Monday 20 to Friday 24 May:** Year 6 Residential Trip to the IOW

**Friday 24 May:** Year 3/ 4 Maidstone Museum Trip

**Friday 24 May:** End of Term 5

**Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 June:** INSET DAYS – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

**Thursday 6 June:** Start of Term 6