



Borough Green Primary School



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Newsletter

Term 1 ending 13 September 2024

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for our new academic year which we are really excited for. We are extremely proud of how quickly the children have settled into their new classes and the positive response to their learning so far. Teachers are looking forward to meeting you at our 'meet the new teacher sessions' and we have completed a year planner to share with you to help you with planning ahead for some of our pre-booked events and timings.

Years 5 and 6 were immersed in their African workshops last week and we witnessed many different faces from the past as Key Stage 1 took part in their history theme day. Thank you for the creative and inspiring costumes you prepared for them. Years 3 and 4 have been introduced to their Viking topic and are looking forward to a visiting theatre group where they will be experiencing 'Viking life.'

On Monday, I introduced the children to the Junior and Mini Dukes Awards. As a school, we have signed up with Junior Dukes to offer a programme for the academic year. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation as they complete challenges to gain the award.

There are ten levels, one per year group, named: the Nano Duke, Micro Duke, Mini Duke, Junior Duke and Senior Duke Awards. These are all aimed at helping children from the age of 3 to 13 to learn a large variety of life skills as well as broadening their horizons and understanding others' cultures. Each of these levels has a selection of challenges and, in order to complete a level, the children need to finish a pre-determined number of these successfully. These include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Eco Awareness, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair. The children will be given some of the necessary skills in school, but most of the challenges will require a good deal of time and effort out with school with friends and family. On completion of a level, a well-earned certificate and badge will be awarded. Children should aim to finish their challenges by the end of the school year. However, if your child's booklet remains incomplete by the end of the school year, he or she may carry it on into the next year. If your child would like to take part, please follow the link or QR code to book. This link will close on September 29th and the booklets will then be sent to our school for the children taking part.

There is a financial contribution for the resources provided with the award and this will be requested on the booking form.

<https://form.jotform.com/242543795390969>



The Junior Duke Award

I look forward to seeing the sense of pride that is achieved by the participation in these awards.

I hope everyone has a great weekend. If you are going to Paws in the Park this weekend, I might see you there...
Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Jackson

What we have been up to this week...

Year 5/6: We had an African workshop as our 'Stunning Start' to kick start our history topic. We first learnt that Africa is the 2nd largest continent with 54 countries inside this continent. We learnt how to say 'Hello' in 5 different African languages: Amharic, Swahili and Yoruba. We then travelled down the River Nile and stopped off in the Sahara Desert, Serengeti and Mount Kilimanjaro. We then learnt about influential black people in History: Mary Seacole, Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr. We used lots of drama and acting to help remember key facts.

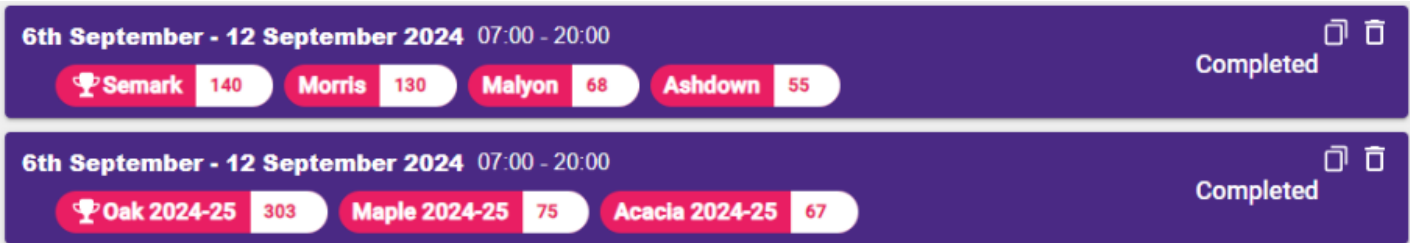


Kent Test

Congratulations to all those in Year 6 who sat the Kent Test this week. They all showed incredible fortitude and determination as they tackled a challenging array of literacy, maths and reasoning papers. Whatever the outcome in a few weeks' time, they should be incredibly proud of themselves for giving it their absolute best.

TTRockstars

This week, we have had an interhouse battle running in KS2 - with Semark closely beating out Morris for the coveted Rock Guitar of times table greatness. In Year 5/6 we have also had an interclass battle raging with Oak victorious over Maple and Acacia.



Important medical reminders to action...



All Years: If your child suffers with any illnesses that require medication in school, you must complete a new form at the beginning of each academic year in September. Please can you also ensure that you bring in with you inhalers that are in date, epi-pens that are in date that we can keep in school should your child need them.

Reception: Letter from the Kent Community Health team regarding the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP - Height and Weight check). Please note there is a deadline to opt out of the programme of **Friday 20th September 2024**. Email with details sent out this week.

Year 6: Letter from Kent Community Health Team regarding the NCMP and TLM questionnaire. Please note there is a deadline of **Friday 20th September** to opt out. If you would like to opt your child out of the programme.

All Years: A reminder to submit a consent or decline for the Flu Immunisation Programme via the Immunisation Service's website <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms> and click on "Child vaccination form" button to complete. The vaccinations will be taking place in school on 23/09/2024. The closing date for Parents/Carers to complete the online consent form is **Tuesday 17 September**.

NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Attendance...

There has been a lot of news and social media coverage about the new attendance fines from the government. As a school, our message is simple:

We really do want your children to achieve the best education at Borough Green Primary School, in both their academic and personal development. For us to achieve this, we need them to be here. Let's work together to improve attendance. There are 190 school days in every academic year. Together, we can make the most of them...

Apple	95.85%
Willow	96.67%
Myrtle	95.00%
Bay	96.79%
Cherry	94.85%
Poplar	93.33%
Acacia	95.00%
Maple	97.86%
Oak	97.78%

Congratulations to this weeks winner
Maple Class

The total attendance so far this year is 91.8%, 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...

Achievement Awards

Well done to our Children that have received an Achievement Award this week.



Apple	Whole Class	Poplar	Johnny-Ray
Willow	Dolce	Acacia	Teddy
Myrtle	Edith	Maple	Taylor
Bay	Tariro	Oak	Scarlett
Cherry	Mason		



Term 1 House Points

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	488 winner	353	270	333
Grand total	455 winner	353	270	333

PTA news...

We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and have had a good first full week! We are preparing for our first few events and our AGM in the evening of the 1st October. Everyone is welcome to our AGM, whether you want to see what we do, if you want to get involved in raising money for the school, or if you have any new ideas! If you have only a couple of minutes spare, or if you would like to help out a little more, we would love to see you there. Location TBC.

We have managed to secure LEGOLAND tickets for just £18 each ticket! These tickets are valid for a visit for 25th October 2024 only - which is our INSET day before half term! Everyone is welcome to come - pupils, old pupils or even your neighbour who also has the day off!! These tickets will be available soon, so watch this space!



Year group / Club messages & emails sent...

All: The General Data Protection Regulation, also known as GDPR, means that you will have a more control over how your data is used. It also ensures that organisations protect your personal data better. Please see our website for the latest privacy notice, which tells you what we do with your personal data, how it is used and your rights as an individual. Please go into your Arbor account for your child/children and please consent to all statements GDPR 1 - 12. Please action asap.

Reception: Welcome to Arbor email sent out this week, please sign up.

Yr 1 & 2: Reminder to download your Child's Tapestry PDF this week as their accounts will be deleted.

Yr 1 & 2: Please be advised that following a timetable change, PE is now on Mondays (OUTDOOR) and Wednesdays (INDOOR). On these days, children may come to school in the appropriate PE kit.

Yr 3 & 4: On Tuesday 24th September, we will be welcoming 'In a Nutshell Theatre' who will be running an exciting 90-minute interactive workshop with the children on a variety of aspects of Viking life. Payments to be made on Arbor.

Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6: Swimming lessons for Term 1 Reminder to pay swimming lessons for your child.

Yr 5 & 6: Year 5/6 will have P.E on Mondays and swimming on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Please could children wear P.E kit on Mondays.

Yr 6 only: Written consent given to the office for children who are allowed to walk home on their own

KS2 only: Rugby Club will start back up again on Wednesday 11th September. If your child would like to join rugby club please sign them up via Arbor.

Choir: Important deadlines for the Young Voices Concert at the O2 London - Friday 24th January 2025.

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...once signed up, you can check your app to see your school's Cashpot so far.

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The poster shows a man holding a smartphone and a child holding a basketball. A smartphone in the foreground displays the app interface with a QR code and the text 'Only with ASDA Rewards' and 'Download and opt-in today'.

Term 1 dates to remember...

Please see our 2024-2025 Calendar with dates to note in your diaries. These dates will also be on our website.

[Borough Green Primary School - Home \(bgpschool.kent.sch.uk\)](http://bgpschool.kent.sch.uk)

Are your children due to start school in September 2025?

Please join us at Borough Green Primary School for one of our new parent school tours. We welcome visits to our warm and friendly community school and look forward to sharing our learning with you.

Tours with our headteacher, Mrs. Jackson, are taking place on:

- Tuesday 8th October 2024 9:30am and 1:30pm
- Wednesday 6th November 2024 9:30am and 1:30pm
- Friday 22nd November 2024 9:30am and 1:30pm

And we are hosting an open morning on:

Saturday 12th October 2024
10.00am

Go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/borough-green-primary-school-92250866193>
to book your tickets...

QR code

The poster features three images: a child's bedroom, the exterior of the school building, and a group of children playing in a garden. At the bottom, there are two more images showing children sitting at a table and a group of children playing.

