



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

NEWSLETTER – week ending 18 October 2024

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A busy week in school which started with our school photographs on Monday. The children have been working hard and I have seen some fantastic writing this week. Years 5 and 6 have been writing about some rather unusual pets (inspired by *The Arrival*). Years 1 and 2 have been writing about tourists on the moon whilst Years 3 and 4 have been enjoying some performance poetry.

In maths lessons, I have seen children across the school practising their arithmetic skills. In Years 1 and 2 it is important to know those number bonds starting with pairs to make 10. Short arithmetic sessions (quick fire calculations) and times table practice are strongly encouraged to support the children with their learning in maths.

We look forward to meeting you at the parents' consultation evenings next week and talking about this first term of learning. This will be taking place in the school hall.

Until then, have a wonderful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Jackson

I am looking forward to the Poetry by Heart competition.

The children have between now and Christmas to choose a poem to learn and practice reciting it aloud. After the October break, Miss Armstrong and I will be offering some time to practise and polish their performances as part of our 'Poetry by Heart' club. There are a whole range of poems to choose from, and they can be found on the Poetry by Heart website.



[Poetry By Heart](#)

Look on the 7+ timeline as this is for KS2 children.

We will be holding a school competition in December and winning performers will attend our school final in February. School finalist winners will be invited to represent the school in the national competition where there is a chance of performing at Globe Theatre in London. The school is registered in the competition and entries will be made by us.

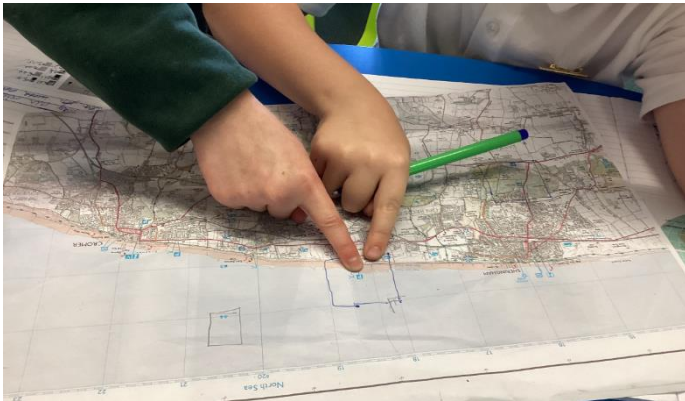
We will also be practising a group poem for everyone who joins us at our club after half term.

Key Stage 1 children are welcome to participate in the school competition, but the national competition is only for KS2 children.

A sample of poems from the website include the following, or pop into the school library after school on Friday (18th October) to choose from a printed selection...

What we have been up to this week...

In **Year 5/6**, we have been working on our directional skills and reading a map using a four-grid reference. We looked at different features and learnt how to read the northings and eastings on a paper map.



From our FLO...

Please find attached details of 3 different courses being delivered online by Kent Adult Education exclusively for T&M residents that could really help some families:

- Exploring Behaviour Strategies
- Supporting your child's anxiety
- Who's pulling the strings

Parents can book by calling 03000418008 or emailing tonbridgeandmallingFH@kent.gov.uk



Exploring Behaviour Strategies (Virtual Course)

Would you like to:

- Explore reasons behind your child's behaviour?
- Be able to identify behavioural triggers?
- Develop strategies to promote good behaviour?

(Aimed for parents of children of secondary aged children.)

This course is for you!

Online Course

Date: 21st October 2024

Time: 19.00 – 21.00

Book your place today!

Email: tonbridgeandmallingfh@kent.gov.uk or call: 03000 418008

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

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Supporting Your Child's Anxiety (Virtual Course)

Would you like to:

- Increase your understanding of anxiety in children?
- Meet up with other parents and carers?
- Discuss your experiences of anxiety?
- Learn new ways to help your child manage their anxiety?

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Date: 14th January 2025

Time: 19.00 – 21.00

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Calling all book heroes!...

Gift a book your child would love to see in our library!

Reading is an amazing superpower. We are inviting you to help support our book drive by donating a brand-new book. Once books arrive in school, we will place a special label in each one with the name of the Book Hero who donated it.

You can view our wish list here <https://booksforbugs.co.uk/your-wishlist/gift-registry-320262>

THANK YOU! To all our book heroes so far, we have had 27 books donated by generous parents in our community!

If you would like to purchase one of these books all you need to do is-

- Add the chosen book(s) to your basket direct from the link above
- At the checkout stage put the delivery address as

Child's Name

Child's Class (in the organisation box)

Borough Green Primary School

School Approach

Borough Green

Sevenoaks

TN15 8JZ

- It is the schools' postcode that activates the free shipping.

- Complete checkout by paying for the book with either card or PayPal.
- Your purchase will then be added to our box ready to be shipped.



What about us? Can we buy books for ourselves to keep at home?

You are also very welcome to add books for your own bookshelves at home too. Just click SHOP NOW on the blue banner under the dinosaur picture at the top of the website to see the full range outside of our Wish list.

Purchases must be made by **Sunday 27th October** to receive free delivery. Books will be ready to collect after half term.

Reminders...

Polite reminder

Parents are reminded that Borough Green Primary is a non-smoking and non-vaping site. Please do not smoke or vape, at any time on school grounds. Thank you.

Uniform Offer

Brigade our uniform supplier are offering a new promotion for half term week;

Halloween Promotion

- Friday 25th October to Thursday 31st October inclusive
- 10% off all parent online orders with the promotion code **SPOOKY10**

Promotion is for Parents Online Orders Only.



[Home - Brigade Clothing, LTD](#)

Attendance...

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 us work together to improve attendance. There are 190 school days in every academic year. Together, we can make the most of them...

Apple	88.80%
Willow	90.53%
Myrtle	89.44%
Bay	98.57%
Cherry	87.58%
Poplar	87.33%
Acacia	95.60%
Maple	93.57%
Oak	90.37%

Congratulations
to this week's winner
BAY CLASS

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

The total attendance so far this year is 93.9%, while the national average is 95.3%.

As we have said before, we believe that we are 'better than the national average at Borough Green Primary School' in many different ways. Help us to show this with our attendance too! We need the children here to work with them and provide the best opportunities to succeed...

Awards this week...

Achievement Awards

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

Apple	Lucy	Cherry	Harry
Willow	Hannah	Maple	George
Myrtle	Danny	Oak	Sadie
Bay	Hollie	Acacia	Tyler
Poplar	Ruby		

Term 1 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	372	440	435	479 winner
Total	2102	2047	2208	2332 winner



Congratulations to this week's Times Tables Rock Stars

House Winners: Ashdown

Y5/6 Winners: Maple

PTA News...



PTA Christmas raffle – Your chance to win fantastic prizes!

The PTA are arranging a raffle, which will be drawn at the Christmas market on Saturday 16th November. This is a great way for us to raise funds for the school.

There is an amazing range of prizes to be won, including;

- A Fire HD 8 Kids Pro tablet (donated by Hillier Reynolds Estate Agents)
- 3 x sweets bouquets (donated by Kingsley Bond Solicitors)
- A selection of family days out, gift vouchers and beauty treatments
- A luxury food hamper
- ... and much more!...

We will confirm the full list of prizes after half-term, and are very grateful to the prize sponsors.

Each child will bring home a book a raffle tickets to sell after the half-term break. Tickets cost £1 each, and can be returned to the school office. Additional books can also be obtained from the office.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Messages & Emails sent out this week...

All Years: Bridge Uniform offer. See above reminder.

Star of the Term: If your child has a trophy, we would be grateful if you could return it to the school office with the name of your child when returning by Monday 21 October.

Year 6: Head of Biology at Sevenoaks School visiting for a Biology lesson. Free of charge but consent is required via Arbor.

Year 3 & 4: Email sent re WestBank Care home for social visits and fun. Consent via Arbor required.

Year 1 & 2: Email sent re Homework for Years 1 and 2

Apple Class: Please can you collect your cake tins from last week, if you haven't already done so. They are by the school office hatch.

Year 1 & 2: Reminder for the Outer Space drama workshop. *The closing date for payments is Monday 21st October 2024.*

Term 1 dates to remember...

Fri 18 October – Deadline for Cauliflower cards

Fri 18 October – Parent Forum at 2.30pm.

Mon 21 October – Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm

Tues 22 October - Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm

Wed 23 October – Year 1 & 2 Outer Space Workshop

Thurs 24 October – Last day of Term 1

Fri 25 October – INSET DAY

Sun 27 October – Books for Bugs finishes

Mon 4 November – First day of Term 2

FULL LIST OF CALENDAR DATES ARE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

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...

