



# BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

## NEWSLETTER – Term 1 ending 24 October 2024

### A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a very long first term and the children have had a great start to the academic year. During our Achievement Assembly this morning, teachers presented their stars of the term with their certificates and Mrs Quantick awarded punctuality pup and attendance ted for this first term. Congratulations to all our achievers (listed later in this newsletter).

It has been lovely seeing the pride the children are showing in their learning. I have seen some wonderful writing featuring Spaceman Bob in Key Stage One; some super rhyming poetry in Years Three and Four; and some excellent information texts about caring for unusual pets in Years Five and Six.

It has been another term of swimming lessons, and we are lucky to be a school with a pool on site. For us to maintain the swimming pool and look after this facility, it is important that all contributions are made for swimming lessons.

If you have signed your child/children up for Junior or Mini Dukes, the booklets will be coming home today. I look forward to meeting with them and seeing the challenges they are completing. The booklets can include any photos that are taken, and there will be an additional certificate for the best presented challenge book completed at the end of the year.

Thank you to everyone for attending our parents' evenings. I enjoyed hearing some positive feedback and how proud the Children are of their learning and achievements so far this term. Please continue to support them with regular reading practice at home and some mental maths of TT Rockstars. It will make a difference.

Before the end of term, I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff here at Borough Green primary School. Believe me, every single member of our team works hard for the benefit of our children and are committed to providing the very best.

Have a super week with your children.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

*Mrs Jackson*

Don't forget about our Poetry By Heart competition. Try choosing and learning a poem during the half term break.



[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.

## From our Chair of Governors...

### Deputy Headteacher Appointment

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

After what has been a lengthy process, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Joseph Wheatley as our new Deputy Headteacher at Borough Green Primary School.

Over the course of our search, we were overwhelmed with the number of candidates that applied including some very strong contenders. However, Mr. Wheatley was an outstanding candidate whose knowledge, enthusiasm, love and passion for our school shone through during the interview process.

In order to provide continuity to pupils, parents and staff, Mr Wheatley will continue as the school's SENCO lead.

We hope that you will join us in congratulating and supporting Mr Wheatley in his new role.

The last 18 months have been an unsettling time for the school with a lot of change, however the appointment of Mrs Jackson and Mr Wheatley along with having a strong leadership team in place will allow us to focus on making our school the very best it can be moving forwards.

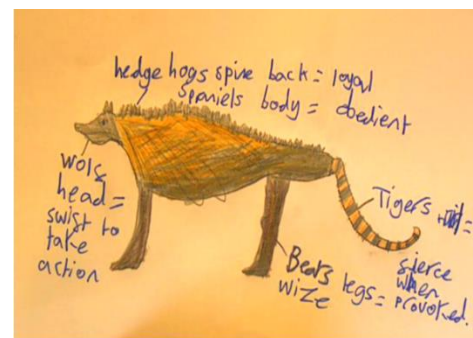
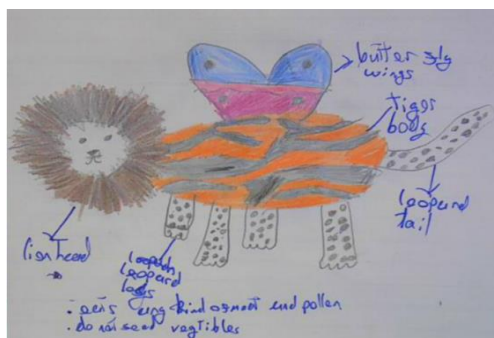
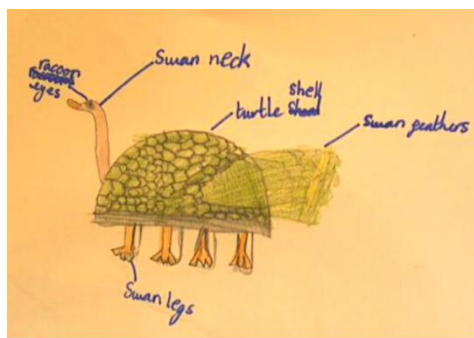
This has been an extremely long and busy term for pupils, parents and staff, one of the longest in recent years, and I would therefore like to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing half term.

Best wishes

Charles Copping -Chair of Governors

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

In **Year 5/6** during our literacy lessons, we have created our own mythical creature based on personality traits we see within ourselves. At the start of the week, we drew an image of what the merged mythical creature might look like. Later on, we wrote a non-fiction fact file our creatures



## From our FLO...

I just wanted to say a big thank you to those of you who attended the parent forum or emailed me with suggestions. It was really helpful to get your thoughts and exchange ideas. If you were not able to attend but have ideas to share, it's not too late to email me directly on [ldechaine@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ldechaine@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk). I would be particularly interested to know how you would prefer to share and receive information if you are not able to attend group meetings. I wish you all a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you after the break.



## Parents Supporting Parents

A family support group for parents and carers of young people in the Sevenoaks District

Meeting once a week for 8 weeks, this support group will offer a safe space for parents/carers to share their experiences. Participants will gain confidence in talking about mental health, supporting young people engaging in behaviours including self-harm, and understand where to go for support in times of crisis.

**When:** Thursdays from 6.30-8pm starting 7 November.  
**Venue:** West Kent Mind, 34 St John's Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3LW  
For more details and to register, email [cyp@westkentmind.org.uk](mailto:cyp@westkentmind.org.uk), call us on 01732 744950 or visit our website:

[westkentmind.org.uk/parents-supporting-parents](http://westkentmind.org.uk/parents-supporting-parents)



## Calling all reading 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...

### Parking

A polite reminder that parents are not to park in the school car park at any time. Please use the car parks in the village.

### Team BG

A reminder that the Friday of week 5 each term is our Team BG Sports Celebration Assembly. This is when we share news received from parents and carers about students' sporting successes. Any such information should be sent to the Team BG email address, which is [teambg@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk](mailto:teambg@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk) Individual awards do not need to be physically sent in, but photographs of the student holding the award are very welcome and will be displayed for all to see. Our next Sports Celebration Assembly will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

It is the intention going forwards to have additional Team BG Celebration Assemblies dedicated to other areas of achievement - such as the arts and STEM. Once we have confirmed dates for these, this information will be shared with students and parents.

As always, we look forward to seeing all the incredible things that the children get up to outside of school.

### All Children

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Own clothes day for the winning house of Term 1 – **SEMARK!**

All other children should be in school uniform. If your **Semark** child has PE on Monday, they can wear their own, appropriate, sportswear. School rules regarding long hair tied back, no make-up and no jewellery still apply for health and safety reasons.

### The Royal British Legion

We will be selling Poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 November. Your child may bring in a donation.

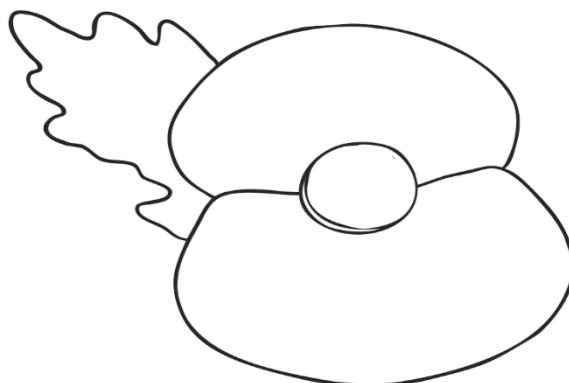
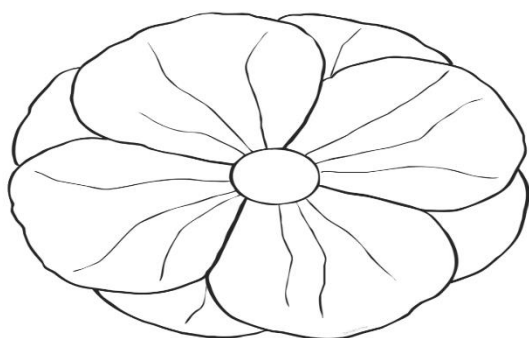


### Design a Poppy

In anticipation of Remembrance Day on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>, we would like to invite all the children to design their own poppy. These will then be used to create a Borough Green Primary remembrance wreath, which will be laid at the village war memorial. There will also be prizes available for the best poppy designs created.

Submissions can be returned on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November for the start of Term 2.

Children can draw their own poppy, or they can use one of the templates below: (you can also download from the school website)



## 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	93.95%
Willow	92.04%
Myrtle	92.92%
Bay	95.30%
Cherry	92.11%
Poplar	90.81%
Acacia	94.52%
Maple	93.30%
Oak	93.49%



Congratulations  
to this term's winner  
BAY CLASS



MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.

The total attendance so far this year is 93.1%, 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 term...

### Star of the Term Awards

Well done to our Children that have received a Star of the Term Award this week.

Reception	Maisie	Year 4	Florence
Year 1	Dolce	Year 5	Flynn
Year 2	Tariro	Year 6	Rosie
Year 3	Ethan		

### Term 1 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	368	403	472 winner	420
Total	2814	2743	3084	3145 winner



Congratulations to this term's Times Tables Rock Stars

House Winners: Ashdown

Y5/6 Winners: Acacia



### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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:** Orders for pupil photos is Monday 4 November for school delivery. After this time, you will need to pay delivery.

**All Years:** Term 2 School Lunches and Try Something New Lunches meal arrangements - November 2024.

**All Years:** In anticipation of Remembrance Day on Monday November 11th, we would like to invite all the children to design their own poppy. Please see above in 'Reminders'.

**KS2:** Reminder for Swimming lesson payments.

**Year 6:** Following on from the Year 6 meeting early this month, a copy of the slides giving information on the Secondary School Application process was sent out. Also available on the school website.

**FSM:** October Free School meals vouchers have been sent out this week.

**Year 3 & 4:** REMINDER: Children visiting Westbank Care Home consents via Arbor.

**Year 3 & 4:** Reminder regarding Recorders. We will have music on Mondays next term so please make sure they have their instruments brought in for the first day of term, if they have not done so already.

## Term 2 dates to remember...

- Fri 25 October** – INSET DAY (No children)  
**Sun 27 October:** Books for Bugs finishes  
**Mon 4 November:** First day of Term 2  
Mon 4 November: Own Clothes Day for Semark  
**Mon 4 November:** Deadline for Pupil photo orders  
**Tues 5 Nov:** NSPCC Assembly  
**Wed 6 November:** New Reception parent school tours at 9.30am and 1.30pm.  
**Tues 12 November:** Yr 6 Biology lesson from Sevenoaks School  
**Fri 15 November:** Children in Need  
**Sat 16 November:** PTA School Christmas Market  
**Mon 19 November:** NCMP for Yr R & Yr 6  
**Fri 22 November:** New Reception parent school tours at 9.30am and 1.30pm.  
**Thurs 28 November:** PTA. Wreath Making Event at 7.00pm in the Hall  
**Sat 30 November:** Choir singing at BG Christmas Lights at 4.30pm  
**Mon 9 December:** Choir singing for U3A in Village hall at 2.00pm  
**Tues 10 December:** IRock Concert for Parents 2.30pm  
**Thurs 12 December:** Choir singing for Westbank Care Home at 1.00pm  
**Mon 16 December:** EY & KS1 Christmas play dress rehearsal  
**Tues 16 December:** Yr1 Cake Bake sale 3.15pm  
**Wed 18 December:** EY & KS1 Christmas play  
**Thurs 19 December:** EY & KS1 Christmas play  
**Fri 20 December:** All children can wear Christmas Jumpers or Red/Green.  
**Fri 20 December:** Christmas Lunch  
**Fri 20 December:** Last today of Term 2  
**Mon 6 January:** Term 3 starts  
**Mon 6 January :** KS2 Prime VR workshops

**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...

