



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

NEWSLETTER – Week ending 15 November 2024

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our week started on Remembrance Day. As a school, we held a special assembly and the children in Years 5 and 6 visited the local war memorial. Well done to the winners and runners-up in our poppy competition-your poppy designs were used on our school wreath which was taken to the war memorial.

On Wednesday, we looked at the new Anti-Bullying Policy (written by the children). This was discussed and shared in all classes and carries an important message about bullying and the effect it can have. Again, on Wednesday, it was World Kindness Day and we talked about our school motto and the difference a small act of kindness can make in our community. We have a tree of kindness in our Well-Being Room (Sycamore Room) and every child has been asked to design a heart for the tree with a chosen act of kindness that anyone can achieve.

Some of the fantastic learning I have seen this week include the beautiful poppy artwork in EYFS (Reception Class), 3D shape Knowledge in Year One, descriptions on Viking Gods in Years Three and Four, and descriptive and emotive writing in Years Five and Six.

Thank you for supporting Children in Need today and an extended thanks to Mr Wheatley, Mrs Quantick and the sports captains for organising the fun sports challenges.

As Christmas is rapidly approaching, please remember to support our Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday (3-6pm) in the school hall. I look forward to seeing you there.

On a final note, I would like to mention attendance. It is important for us to see all 233 of our children as often as possible to be able to work with them each school day. We have been really pleased to see our improved attendance this week after finding out last week that our attendance lies in the bottom 10% of all schools in the country. Keep working with us-we are committed to supporting you and working together in partnership.

I would like to wish you all a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Jackson

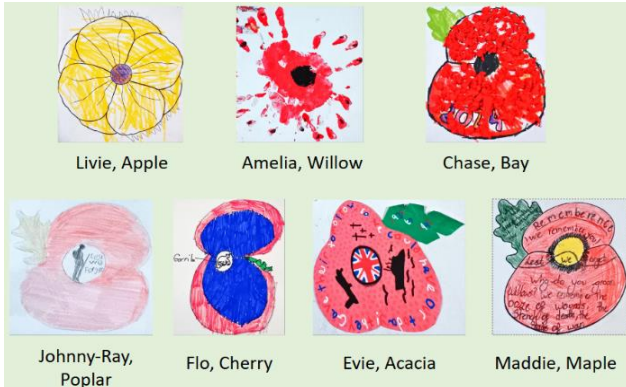
What we have been up to this week...

Apple Class children have enjoyed designing poppy pictures and writing about the BBCiPlayer Poppies story.



Design a Poppy – winners

Congratulations to our Design a Poppy, Remembrance competition winners which were announced by Mrs Jackson at Monday morning’s Remembrance assembly. Mrs Quantick was incredibly impressed by the standard of entries and had a very difficult (but enjoyable) time



deciding on the winners. There is one overall winner in each Year and two runners up – these 21 poppies were then used to create a school memorial wreath that has been placed at the village war memorial for all to see.

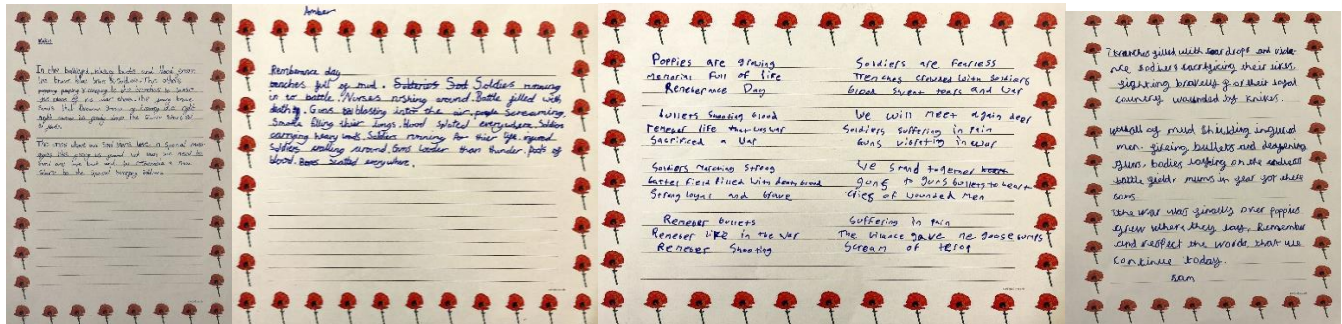
Year group winners are Livia (EYFS), Amelia (Y1), Chase (Y2), Johnny-Ray (Y3), Flo (Y4), Evie (Y5) and Maddie (Y6), with runners up Joshua (EYFS), Bethany (EYFS), Amelia (Y1), Elsie (Y1), Charlie (Y2), Evelyn (Y2), Gabriel (Y3), Alice (Y3), Freya (Y4), Dylan (Y4), Amelia (Y5), Teddy (Y5), Kayleigh (Y6), George (Y6)

Remembrance Walk

Year 5/6 walked down to the village War Memorial on Monday morning to spend a moment of reflection and to lay the wreath created from the winning poppy designs.



We have also been busy creating Remembrance poetry – some of these were shared in assembly too! We are proud to have used emotive language, description and powerful verbs to engage the reader/listeners.



World Kindness Day

It was wonderful to see the many and varied 'odd' socks parading around the school for World Kindness Day; reminding us that we are all different in our own way and that is what makes us special and unique. Each class took part in kindness activities too, the results of which are being displayed around the school (and below).



England Rocks



4,493 schools, containing 30,188 classes and 384,508 children joined together this week to battle it out in the TTRockstars England Rocks tournament. We are incredibly proud to announce that Borough Green Primary came 868th, putting us in the top 20% of the nation! A huge well done to all the children who competed.

Children in Need

On Friday, all children were invited to challenge themselves today in a series of sporting activities. Our Year 6 House Captains, Sports Captains and playleaders were incredible: helping their friends and younger children to sharpen their skills and push themselves to do the very best they could. A huge amount of fun was had by all as well as raising funds that will go towards helping a great number of children.





A HUGE thank you...

We have received our 'BooksforBugs' donations from our lovely community. Thank you for donating amazing additions to our school library. We have had over 40 brand-new books added to our school library.

Thank you to all of our book heroes:

- The Beamish Family
- The Bradbury Family
- The Cleverly Family
- The Evans Family
- The Felton Family
- The Francis Family
- The Hook Family
- The Harvey Family
- The Kalbarczyk Family
- The McCloy Family
- The O'Doherty-Sadler Family
- The Ord Family
- The Pledge Family
- The Swindells-Bancroft Family
- The Tronson Family



Christmas Tree offer from Stonepitts Farm...

As in previous years, Martin & Jackie would once again like to offer a £2.00 donation to your PTA for every Christmas tree bought by families and staff. If you would like to participate, it is important that you bring a copy of this News Letter with you. This will count towards the final donation to the school PTA. You may also be interested to know that Stonepitts will again be supporting Demelza Hospice Care for Children as their chosen Charity.

For details and directions to Stonepitts Farm please visit www.stonepitts.com



Reminders...

To all parents/carers: Please be reminded that we do not allow dogs to be on the school site at any time, with the exception of assistance dogs. We do have children who are fearful of dogs and children with allergies. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

We also politely ask that you do not smoke or vape on the school premises.

Admission to Primary school in Kent 2025

Apply online at
kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Opens Tuesday 5 November 2024 and closes at
midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025

For children born between
1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021,
Transferring to Primary school
in September 2025

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Tuesday 5 November 2024 and closes at midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (Wednesday 16 April 2025) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Wednesday 30 April 2025.

A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Tuesday 5 November 2024	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Wednesday 15 January 2025	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Wednesday 16 April 2025	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Wednesday 30 April 2025	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 20 May 2025	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does not reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



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	94.40%
Willow	97.78%
Myrtle	92.22%
Bay	95.00%
Cherry	94.85%
Poplar	95.17%
Acacia	97.69%
Maple	95.00%
Oak	94.81%



The total attendance so far this year is 93.1%, while the national average is 95.2%.

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	Albie	Cherry	Roma-Joe
Myrtle	Aiden	Acacia	Scarlett
Willow	Tiferme	Maple	Vinnie
Bay	Roman	Oak	Lily-Rose
Poplar	Isabella		

Term 2 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	295	271	333 winner	330
Total	654	635	665	687 winner



Congratulations to this week's Times Tables Rock Stars

House Winners: Morris

Y5/6 Winners: Maple



From our FLO...

I hope you are all well. I just wanted to let you know about this free talk being provided by FACE about the changes in the teenage brain and challenges that our young people face. It could be useful for any of you with teens at home or anyone who wants to understand what is to come! FACE offer frequent sessions with family advice on a wide range of topics, so it's worth a look on their website to see what's on offer.

Winter Gift from FACE

join via facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Understanding the Teenage Brain

Watch the recording of Jane Keyworth delivering this online session (one hour 45 minutes) to parents in the UK

"We need every parent and teacher to attend this outstanding presentation. It provides a brilliant exposé of the challenges young people face as they develop from child to young adult. The presentation is very informative but also very accessible and entertaining. I cannot recommend this talk highly enough"

Mr Andrew Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster, UK High school

Month's newsletter by Sevenoaks PCN to be distributed to your parents where they can find information on workshops, training and helpful contact numbers/apps in relation to Anti-Bullying week 11th – 15th November.

SEVENOAKS PCN NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

THEME: ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week is Anti-bullying week 11-15th November and the theme is Choose Respect. Sevenoaks PCN have created this newsletter to help support you & your young person if they are being bullied. We hope you find it useful!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ZAP Online Workshop for children, young people, parents & carers Impacted by Bullying:

90min online workshop: Tuesday 26th November 4:30pm - 6pm
Parent & Carer session - 6:30pm - 9:30pm
<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/training-and-workshops/zap-workshops-for-young-people-impacted-by-bullying>

ODD SOCKS DAY

PARENT TRAINING AVAILABLE

ZAP Advice Line
<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/parent-advice-line>

ZAP Bullying Awareness
<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/training-and-workshops/training-for-parents-and-carers/bullying-awareness-training-for-parents-and-carers>

ZAP Online Safety and Cyberbullying Awareness
<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/training-and-workshops/training-for-parents-and-carers/online-safety-and-cyberbullying-awareness-for-parents>

SEVENOAKS PCN NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

ANTI-BULLYING: WEEK: CHOOSE RESPECT

Signs of bullying

If a child or young person is being bullied, they might:

1. have belongings that get 'lost' or damaged
2. seem less confident in themselves or show signs of low self-esteem
3. show changes in their behavior, such as suddenly dressing very differently to 'fit in'
4. act in a bullying way towards others
5. Struggle with their homework

How can I talk to my child or young person about bullying?

1. Talk while you are doing an activity with them
2. Use an 'I' sentence to start the conversation
3. Listen to what it's like for them

How can I support my child or young person?

1. Keep listening & reassuring
2. Use the time you have with them to build their self-esteem
3. Encourage them to spend time with peers who treat them well
4. Support them to look after their wellbeing

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/bullying/#Howcantalktoyourchildoryoungpersonaboutbullying>

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS/APPS

ChildLine
0800 1111

Finch ★★★★★
Self care of every mood

THE MIX
Essential support for under 25s

Homophobia Biphobia Transphobia
Are you aged up to 18 and affected by Homophobia Biphobia Transphobia at your school, college or youth group?
Questioning your gender identity or sexuality? Are you being bullied? Need help, support or signposting?
Freephone: 0808 1000 143
Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm
or visit www.education.gov.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/70akspcn/>

<https://www.sevenoakspcn.gpweb.org.uk/>

Sevenoaks Primary Care Network

Email's sent out this week...

Year 1/ 2: Homework sent out

All years: If you placed an order to purchase your Child's school photograph, please collect them from your Child's class teacher.

Year 2: Email from Mrs Wibroe - Little Red Reading Hood

KS2: Reminder for Swimming lesson payments.

Year 6: ** Date change** Head of Biology visit from Sevenoaks School - Dissection - Tuesday 26th November 2024

Choir: Borough Green Christmas Lights - Saturday 30th November 2024, email sent out, action via Arbor

Year 6: REMINDER & Additional Information - Bushcraft Residential Trip

Year 3/ 4: PriveVR Workshop Years 3 & 4 on Mount Everest - Monday 6th January 2025

Year 5/6: PrimeVR Workshop years 5 & 6 The Polar Regions - Monday 6th January 2025

Piano: Piano lessons on 12 November were postponed. New date is Tuesday 3rd December.

Year R & 6: This is a reminder that the Kent Community Health Team will be attending the school next **Tuesday, the 19th November** to carry out the National Child Measurement Programme for pupils in Year R and Year 6.

Term 2 dates to remember...

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-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/borough-green-primary-school-92250866193)

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to book your tickets...



Sat 16 November: PTA School Christmas Market

Mon 18 November: NCMP for Yr R & Yr 6

Fri 22 November: New Reception parent school tours at 9.30am and 1.30pm.

Fri 29 November: PTA. Wreath Making Event at 7.00pm in the Hall ****Note Date Change****

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: PTA Elfidges Sale

Tues 10 December: IRock Concert for Parents 2.30pm

Thurs 12 December: Choir singing for Westbank Care Home at 1.00pm

Fri 13 December: PTA: School Disco

Mon 16 December: EY & KS1 Christmas play dress rehearsal

Tues 17 December: Yr1 Cake Bake sale 3.15pm & Christmas Crafternoon (more information to follow)

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