



# BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

## NEWSLETTER – Week ending 29th November 2024

### A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are officially using the 'C' word, as it will be December 1<sup>st</sup> on Sunday! Thank you to Mrs Haime who has been decorating the school in readiness for our month of tinsel and festivities. On Monday, we started the week with a performance of Robin Hood by M and M Theatrical Productions. It was a little festive surprise for the children and was enjoyed by everyone. I would like to thank Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Hemsley for being great sports and joining in with a dance routine-they were brilliant.

In school, we have been very busy. The Year 6 children observed a dissection lesson in science. This was organised by Mrs Woodward, our science lead, and I would like to say a thank you for giving them this interesting scientific experience. I have seen the children practising their phonics, reading and spelling skills in EYFS and Key Stage One and seen some well-written descriptive writing in Years 3 and 4.

Years 5 and 6 have been focusing on fractions in maths and working on their independent descriptive writing.

Our play leaders have been working with Mrs Barrett, a leader from PASS, to support the organisation of zones and activities for the playground. Mrs Dechaine, our FLO, has set up a lovely well-being room for the school to use and organises group activities and sessions for our children. Again, I would like to say thank you for the work that has gone into this.

I am sure many of you will be at the Borough Green Christmas lights switch on where our choir will be performing. Thank you to Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Gordon for your time after school working with and organising our choir.

Finally, I think, 'thank you' have been the words most used in this message, and I recognise the many fantastic opportunities that have been organised within our school. Every member of our community plays their part and are united in wanting to provide the best for our children. As a team, I believe great things can be achieved, and through working together with the children, staff, governors and parents, we will continue to provide a great start for our children on their educational journey.

Have a lovely weekend,

See you on the first Monday of December where we will be enjoying a little Christmas fun!

Best wishes,

*Mrs Jackson*

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

On Monday, we had a surprise pantomime show in the school hall 'Robin Hood'. We had a wonderful experience watching the show which had lots of songs, funny jokes, hilarious dancing and funky lighting – it really felt like we were at the theatre.



In **Year 5/6**, we have been using the glockenspiels in our music curriculum. First we listened to 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' by Bobby McFerrin (1988) this song is Acappella, which means that only voices are used and no instruments. We then found the pulse to our main song 'Happy'. Using the knowledge of pulse finding, we were able to play the glockenspiels with the notes 'A G B'.



On Tuesday, **Year 6** took part in a very exciting Science lesson. Mrs Mylod (Head of Biology at Sevenoaks School) and Mr Gearing visited our school to deliver a fascinating dissection lesson. The children learnt about the anatomy of the heart and even had the chance to handle and examine a sheep's heart and lungs, such an interactive and interesting experience to enhance the children's learning!



**Poplar class** have been learning about stop-frame animation in computing and how the technique of onion skinning can help make small changes between frames. On Monday, the class produced their own short animations using the iMotion app and Viking characters.



## 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	90.22%
Willow	90.06%
Myrtle	96.91%
Bay	95.75%
Cherry	92.91%
Poplar	91.19%
Acacia	96.64%
Maple	98.41%
Oak	95.47%

Congratulations  
to this week's winner  
**MAPLE CLASS**



The total attendance so far this year is 93.2%, while the national average is 95%.

We want our children to experience the full curriculum and range of opportunities on offer at Borough Green Primary School. 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	Lilly	Cherry	Freya
Myrtle	Caleb	Acacia	Amber
Willow	Lola	Maple	Amelia
Bay	Reuben	Oak	Joshua
Poplar	Kit		

### Term 2 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	379	300	308	375 winner
Total	1365	1254	1287	1496 winner



Congratulations to this week's Times Tables Rock Stars

25th November - 28 November 2024							
🏆 Acacia 2024-25	185	🏆 Oak 2024-25	16	🏆 Maple 2024-25	11		
25th November - 28 November 2024							
🏆 Morris	142	🏆 Malyon	72	🏆 Ashdown	43	🏆 Seamark	41

## PTA News...



The image contains two posters. The left poster is for 'ELFRIDGES' on Tuesday 10th December, featuring Christmas trees and gifts. The right poster is for a 'Year 1 Bake Sale' on 16th December, featuring various cakes and biscuits.

BGPS PTA CHARITY NUMBER 1014450

# ELFRIDGES

TUESDAY | 10 | DECEMBER

A RANGE OF GIFTS £2-£5

During school hours, the children have the opportunity to purchase gifts for a parent, sibling, grandparent, friend or whoever they wish, which will be wrapped by the PTA.

There will be a selection of new gifts to choose from suitable for all ages - from younger siblings through to parents/grandparents.

Please send your child in with money in a named envelope.

## Year 1 Bake Sale

### 16th December

Year 1 children, parents and carers are asked to kindly donate cakes or biscuits for sale. Please bring them to the School Office on the Monday morning. The year who raises the most money gets an own clothes day!

Please list the ingredients, if they are homemade, and label any tins you leave. These can be collected from under the office window on Wednesday morning.

BGPS PTA REG CHARITY NUMBER 1014450

As we head closer to Christmas, we have Elfridges coming up on Tuesday 10th December.

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There will be a selection of new gifts to choose from suitable for all ages - from younger siblings through to parents/grandparents.

The cost of the gifts range from £2-£5.

Please send your child in with money in a named envelope. They will keep this with them rather than give it to the teacher.

We also have our school disco on the 13th December, and the Year 1 Bake Sale on 16th December.

## Reminders...

A reminder that next Friday (6 Dec) is the termly Team BG Sports Celebration Assembly. Any pictures of achievements and awards can be sent in to the Team BG email address, to arrive by Weds 4th Dec to allow time for inclusion. No trophies, medals, etc should be sent in, only pictures. Many thanks

**KS2:** Outstanding Swimming payments. We had been informed that there was a problem with parents not being able to pay for swimming lessons via Arbor. This has been corrected now and you should be able to login to your child's account and find the swimming under clubs.



**Headlice:** This is a polite reminder for you to please check their child's head regularly and if you find headlice please treat as soon as possible. [Let's fight headlice together - Once a week take a peek](#)

## Email's sent out this week...

**Year 6:** \*\* 3 spaces left\*\* Bikeability sign up for February 2025. 20 free spaces on a first come first served basis. Sign up via Arbor. [Cycle Training for Everyone - Deliver Safer Training | Bikeability](#)

**Year 5 & 6:** We are asking for a £1 contribution from all Year 5/6 children in order to purchase ingredients for the creation of muffin pizzas as the conclusion to our current Food For Life project in DT. This will then be cooked and consumed by the children at a 'pizza party'. We would greatly appreciate if payments could be made by this Friday (29 Nov) so that the ingredients can be ordered in time.

**Football Club:** This coming Friday 29th November will be the final football session of this term, as the afternoons are getting darker.

Mr Wheatley will be in touch during term 3 with information about when it will return.

**Myrtle Class:** In our school nativity 'Little Angel', Myrtle class are doing an angel dance. Please could you send in an angel costume (named) with your child, the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December. We need all costumes by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please note you do not have to buy an angel costume. Your child can wear white clothes and use tinsel as a headband/hair accessory.

**Willow Class:** In our school nativity 'Little Angel', Willow class are doing a dove dance. Please feel free to send them in with a dove costume. Alternatively, send them in with white clothes. Please send your named costume in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December. We need all costumes by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**KS2 Children:** Email send out about Jam coding club has been taking place on Friday's during this term. It has been a great success. Attached is a flyer for you to sign up your child to attend in term 3 should you wish to do so

### Term 2 dates to remember...

**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 2pm

**Thurs 19 December:** EY & KS1 Christmas play 2pm

**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**