



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

NEWSLETTER – Week ending 6th December 2024

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are racing through the term and the Christmas fun has arrived. Rehearsals are in full swing for the Key Stage 1 and EYFS Christmas performance, the decorations are up (thank you to Mrs Haime) and the Christmas music is welcoming you through the front gate in the mornings.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas 'crafternoon,' play performances and IRock concerts-remember to look at the calendar at the end of the newsletter.

In school this week, it has been assessment week for the children, and they have been working hard. It has been a pleasure to see some of the children bringing their work to me so I can celebrate their determined minds as they learn together. I enjoyed seeing Sienna, Emma, Charlie and Logan with their Stop Frame animations and Logan achieving the next level on his Reading Eggs. Thank you to Nadia, in Year 5, for sharing your lovely words with me about our school.

I take copies of the learning to be proud of and display them in my office...



Charlie, in Year 2, showed me his descriptive writing about a forest and was beaming with pride-and rightly so. Visiting Bay class this morning, I was surrounded by illustrations that started with a shape. They were inspired by Anthony Browne's 'Play the Shape Game' and Mrs Wibroe encouraged their imaginations to flow.

This morning, Mrs Quantick celebrated our 'Team BG' contributors of the term-well done to all. Your photographs will be displayed on the Team BG board in the school hall.

Following an assembly about teamwork (way back in September) Emily and Nerys knocked on my door to let me know that a flock of geese had flown over the school and it reminded them of the assembly. It was all about teamwork and how geese work together to lift each other up and support any of the flock that are tired. Teamwork and collaboration are an important part of our school community, and everyone plays a part.

We thank you for your ongoing support and teamwork.
Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Jackson

at The National College, our children/primary/guides/parents and single parents, users and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and safe digital experiences with children/child/active safety, modernisation and innovation. Fully supported by National Trust, being three quality awards: active safety and modernisation.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

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With more than over 1 billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging app. It's free and easy to use, and it's available on both Android and iOS. But with its popularity comes a host of risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

EVOLVING SCAMS
WhatsApp is popular because it's a free messaging app. But it's also a platform where scammers are active. Scammers use WhatsApp to send phishing messages, impersonate friends and family, and even to sell counterfeit goods. Parents and educators should be aware of these risks and teach children to be cautious when receiving messages from unknown numbers.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
WhatsApp allows users to add contacts from their phone's address book. This means that strangers can find and contact users without their consent. Parents and educators should teach children to be cautious about accepting contact requests from unknown numbers.

CHAT LOCK
WhatsApp introduced a feature called 'Chat Lock' in 2018. This feature allows users to lock their chats with a PIN or a biometric scan. Parents and educators should encourage children to use this feature to protect their privacy.

COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS
WhatsApp has introduced a new feature called 'Communities'. This feature allows users to join groups of up to 1,024 members. Parents and educators should be aware of the risks of joining groups, such as sharing personal information and being exposed to inappropriate content.

VIEW ONCE CONTENT
WhatsApp has introduced a feature called 'View Once'. This feature allows users to send photos and videos that disappear after they are viewed. Parents and educators should be aware of the risks of sending sensitive information through this feature.

FAKE NEWS
WhatsApp has been used to spread fake news and misinformation. Parents and educators should teach children to be cautious about sharing information from WhatsApp and to verify information from other sources.

VISIBLE LOCATION
WhatsApp has introduced a feature called 'Visible Location'. This feature allows users to share their location with their contacts. Parents and educators should be aware of the risks of sharing location information and teach children to be cautious about sharing their location.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EMPHASISE CAUTION
Encourage children to be cautious when using WhatsApp. Teach them to be wary of unknown numbers and to avoid sharing personal information.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS
Adjust the privacy settings on WhatsApp. Set the profile picture and status to 'My Contacts' and the last seen, online, and typing indicators to 'Nobody'.

DISCUSS GROUP CHATS
Discuss group chats with children. Teach them to be cautious about sharing information in group chats and to avoid joining groups of unknown members.

THINK BEFORE SHARING
Teach children to think before sharing information on WhatsApp. Remind them that anything shared online can be seen by others.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY
Chat about privacy with children. Teach them to be cautious about sharing personal information and to use privacy settings.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Sarah Jones, a leading expert in child safety and digital literacy, shares her insights on how to protect children from online risks.

...HEY WakeUp Wednesday The National College

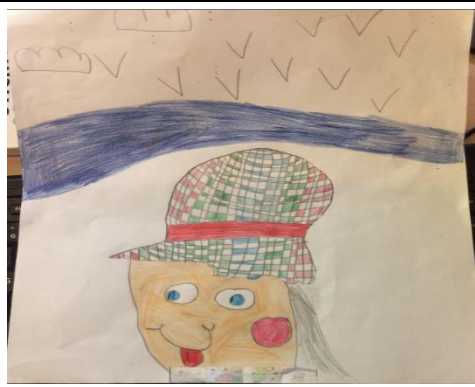
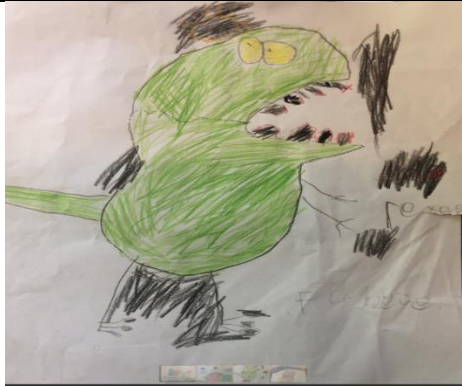
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A few of our children have been talking about their communication on WhatsApp. As the appropriate age for this App is 13 years old, we would like to share some advice for parents. I am sure you will be monitoring their phones and reminding the children to be kind in their communication online as they should be face-to-face.

What we have been up to this week...

Year 2 are reading the wonderful picture book, 'In the Forest' by Anthony Browne. We have also looked at other books by the same author, including 'The Shape Game'. Anthony Browne gave a shape outline to several celebrities and asked them to make a picture from it. He put their pictures into his book. Bay Class were so inspired by the artwork in the book that they used the shape to make their own fantastic creations. What an imaginative class they are!



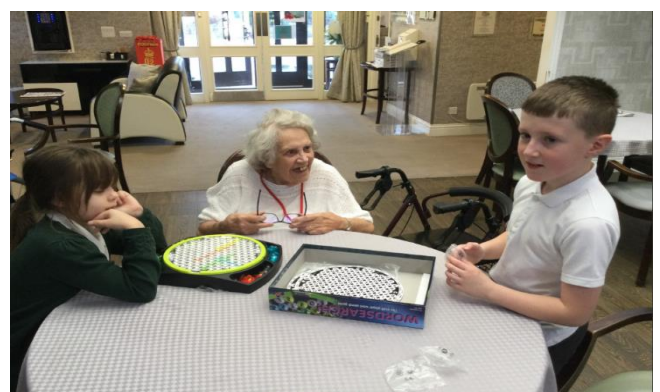


In **Year 5/6** we have been busy in our computing lessons creating content for a video explaining how something works, or how to complete something. We had a range of explanations: how to simplify fractions, how to make paper origami and how to play Pokémon! We used our storyboard scripts to help us stay on topic throughout our video.



We have been looking back at our learning journey in History, remembering and recalling all of the information about Maafa since the start of our topic in September! We will be working on a final piece to share with parents at our exhibition on Monday 16th December starting at 2:30pm. We cannot wait to share our hard work with you!

A group of **Year 3/ 4** children visited Westbank Care home today and had a lovely time playing games with the residents.



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	94.67%
Willow	85.96%
Myrtle	90.12%
Bay	97.10%
Cherry	91.25%
Poplar	91.95%
Acacia	96.15%
Maple	86.90%
Oak	98.35%



The total attendance so far this year is 93.1%, while the national average is 94.9%.

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	Oliver	Cherry	Zach
Myrtle	Danny	Acacia	Tyler
Willow	Albie	Maple	George
Bay	Sophie	Oak	Georgia
Poplar	Ayesha		

Term 2 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	348	330	362	380 winner
Total	1713	1584	1649	1876 winner



Congratulations to this week's Times Tables Rock Stars

29th November - 5 December 2024							
🏆 Acacia 2024-25	180	🏆 Maple 2024-25	26	🏆 Oak 2024-25	24		
29th November - 5 December 2024							
🏆 Morris	101	🏆 Malyon	57	🏆 Seamark	45	🏆 Ashdown	42

PTA News...



BGPS PTA CHARITY NO 1014450

SCHOOL DISCO

Reception, Yr 1, 2 4.30-5.30pm
Year 3 & 4 5.45-7.00pm
Year 5 & 6 7.15-8.30pm

13 DECEMBER 2024

£3 per child. Includes glowstick and drink. Tuck shop to purchase treats!

Queue on LEFT TO DROP
Queue on RIGHT TO COLLECT
Please take home all coats



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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

Last couple of weeks and we have some events that we know the kids love!

On **Tuesday 10th December, Elfridges** is back! 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. 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.

Our **Christmas School Disco** is on **Friday 13th December**.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 - 4.30pm-5.30pm

Year 3 and 4 - 5.45pm-7pm

Year 5 and 6 - 7.15pm-8.45pm

There will be a tuck shop for the children to purchase sweets. Please see the poster for all the details!

The **Year 1 Cake Sale** will be held on **Monday 16th December**, between 3.15pm-3.45pm, in the middle playground (or in the hall when raining). For each cake sale, children (with a little help from a parent or carer) of one year group donates cakes/biscuits and brings them to the school office on the day of their cake sale. The year group who raises the most amount of money gets an own clothes day!

Reminders...

PARKING

We would like to politely remind you about parking in Hill View. Under no circumstances should the school gates be blocked or residents' driveways, as they must be kept clear for access.

If you are running late, please bring your child to the school office, so we can register their attendance.

There are 2 car parks in the village, one in the High Street and one in Western Road, that you can use.

WATER BOTTLES

This is a polite reminder that water bottles/cups with straws ("Starbucks" or "Stanley" type cups) are not permitted in school as they often leak. Please ensure your child comes to school with a reusable water bottle preferably with a screw lid.

If you wish to purchase a new water bottle for your child, you can buy these from the school office for £1.50 each.

Thank you for your support.

Email's sent out this week...

All Years: Many congratulations to our November 100 Club winners, email sent out.

Yr 3/ 4: On Friday 13th December, Years 3 and 4 will be cooking some healthy flapjacks to end their unit on Fresh Food, Good Food. They will bring some flapjacks home to enjoy, however we want to let you know the ingredients that will be used so that you can confirm any intolerances and allergies to us. £1 donation for ingredients can be made on Arbor.

Year 5/6 would like to share their learning so far this year by inviting you to view their Maafa Fabulous Finish Exhibition. This will be open in Maple and Oak classrooms, from 2:30pm on the afternoon of Monday 16th December.

Year 6: Bikeability Year 6 (2025). If you have signed your child up on Arbor, and email has been sent out to give consent on the Bikeability portal. Deadline is 12 December.

Year 3/ 4: PrimeVR Workshop Years 3 & 4 on Mount Everest - 6th January, please complete consent forms if you have not already done so.

Year 5/ 6: PrimeVR Workshop years 5 & 6 The Polar Regions - 6th January, please complete consent forms if you have not already done so.

Choir: Email sent re Parent Volunteers required for Choir Events - to U3A and Westbank Carehome (***Thank you we now have enough parents signed up***)

Term 2 dates to remember...

Mon 9 December: Choir singing for U3A in Village Hall at 2.00pm

Tues 10 December: PTA Elfidges Sale in the Hall, am.

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

Mon 16 December: Year 5/6 Maafa Fabulous Finish Exhibition at 2.30pm

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