



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

NEWSLETTER – week ending 24 January 2025

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with an assembly about Martin Luther King Junior and his work towards equality in America. We talked about equality and respect for others and celebrating difference. The world would be very boring if we were all the same. The simple message to everyone is, 'Be Kind.' Our school motto emphasises the importance of kind hearts and we recognise that everyone in our community should remember and demonstrate this.

I have set the children a home learning challenge to complete, inspired by Martin Luther King, and there are prizes for the best entries. I look forward to seeing their creativity and different responses to the challenge over the next few weeks.

This week in school, we have welcomed the scaffolding being taken down and are pleased to report dry classrooms and a dry hall floor when the wonderful rain tested the quality of the new roof.

Our choir are buzzing with excitement this morning as they are heading off to the O2 to sing as part of the Young Voices group of school choirs. Thank you to Miss Armstrong, Mrs Gordon and Miss Barton for your time with our choir and for organising this fantastic opportunity. We look forward to hearing all about it on Monday.

I have enjoyed awarding Headteacher stickers to several children this week. I have seen some detailed non-fiction writing about Arctic animals from children in Years 5 and 6; some division calculations in Year 4; super story maps in Year 2; story sentences in Year 1 and EYFS.

Further to this during my classroom visits, I was so impressed with the writing skills of Apple Class as they were writing their stories about the Little Polar Bear and the creativity in Year 2 with their story innovations. The joy of learning and these positive experiences reminds me of why I chose a career in teaching (many years ago).

Further to my comments about parking in the morning, please can we remind everyone that the school car park is for staff only. There is limited space within our school gates and staff have been unable to access the car park in the mornings due to several cars coming in and out. I would also like to keep the car park as traffic free and as safe as possible for our children when they are walking in and out of school at the beginning and end of the day. We do have drop-off spaces outside the school gates for both nursery and school parents-please make use of these.

Martin Luther King Junior competition
Monday 20th January 2025

I HAVE A DREAM

TO MARK THIS DAY, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PRESENT A PIECE OF LEARNING INSPIRED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING JNR.

YOUR LEARNING CAN BE PRESENTED IN ANY WAY YOU CHOOSE.

THIS COULD BE:
A POSTER
ARTWORK
A PIECE OF WRITING
POETRY
A SPEECH
ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF!

PLEASE HAND IN YOUR ENTRIES TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER BY MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY.

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE IN EACH CLASS

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What we have been up to this week...

This week, in **Year 5/6** we have been looking at Inuit printing. We had to create and cut out stencils (which is a lot harder than it sounds!). We used colours that you would find in the northern lights to reflect the work we have completed on polar day and polar night. One pupil in Acacia class said "This is the best lesson ever!"



From our FLO...

SAVE THE DATE

I am looking forward to holding another Parent Forum on **Friday 7th March at 2:30pm**. I have invited Claudia Goodman from the West Kent Autism Parent Support Society to come and talk about what support the group provides. It will also be a great opportunity to ask her and other parents for advice regarding any aspect of being a parent of a child with autism, ADHD or any other social communication difficulty. Your child **DOES NOT** need a diagnosis to join this group. Claudia has a vast range of personal and professional experience in this area and can signpost to a wide range of support. Please do come along to hear and share ideas.

Mrs Dechaine
FLO

KS2 Times Table Rockstars...

Attention KS2 - On **Friday 7th February**, we will be taking part in a national competition. We need to secure our times tables knowledge. We will not be focusing on speed, but on accuracy of answers. Encourage your children to play every week to improve their number facts for the times tables. If children are secure in their times tables, they will be able to access the learning for other areas of the mathematics curriculum with greater ease.



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	94.21%
Myrtle	96.67%
Bay	98.15%
Cherry	85.76%
Poplar	92.41%
Acacia	92.50%
Maple	87.14%
Oak	90.72%

Congratulations
to this week's winner
BAY CLASS

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

The total attendance so far this year is 92.7%, while the national average is 94.6%.

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...

PTA...

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 13 Jan	* Year 2 Bake Sale
3 Feb - 14 Feb	* Penny Wars!
Mon 10 Feb	* Year 3 Bake Sale
Fri 14 Mar	* School Disco
Tue 25 Mar	* Mother's Day Sale
TBC	* Year 4 Bake Sale
31 Mar - 4 Apr	* Wonka Bar Golden Ticket

Sun 18 May	* Colour Run
Sat 28 Jun	* SummerFest

BGPS PTA. Charity No. 1014450

PENNY WARS

3 FEB - 14 FEB

The Rules:

Each house will collect as many 1ps and 2ps as they can. Collection pots will be outside the school office.

Any other coins in the pot will count negatively towards the pot total.

**(You can put other coins in the other rival houses!)
Any notes will be excluded from all totals**

E.g. 1p = 1point, 2p = 2points, 5p = -5points, £1 = -100points

The winning house will get an own clothes day!

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Awards this week...

Achievement Awards

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

Apple	Freddie	Cherry	Scarlett
Willow	The Whole class	Maple	Lily
Myrtle	Amelia	Oak	James
Bay	Evelyn	Acacia	Artie
Poplar	India		

Term 3 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	330	271	332	396 winner
Total	959	924	848	1063 winner



Congratulations to this week's Times Tables Rock Stars

17th January - 23 January 2025



Messages & Emails sent out this week...

Choir / O2 Young Voices: Telephone Tree and Final details sent out via email.

Whole School: Martin Luther King Competition.

All years: New School uniform orders sent out.

Year 6: Email sent with a letter attached from the Kent School Health Team regarding the Year 6 Lancaster Model. The team will be visiting the school to deliver the online health questionnaire on the 24th February 2025.

Maple Class: Please may I request that children do not bring Stanley style (open straw) water cups into Maple class. They are not leakproof and we have had two significant spillages today alone (one of which seriously damaged a child's literacy book). All water bottles should be leakproof if they are to come into the classroom.

Whole School: 'Discover your community' flyer sent out. Also available below on this newsletter

Term 3 dates to remember...

Thurs 30 January: Borough Green Community Event at the Church of the Good Shepherd 7-8.30pm

Mon 3 to Fri 7 February: Children's Mental Health Week

Fri 7 February: KS2 TT- Rock Starts national competition

Tues 4 & Tues 11 February: Year 6 Bikeability

Mon 10 February: Martin Luther King Junior competition closes

Mon 10 February: PTA: Year 3 Cake Sale after school

Tue 11 February: Safer Internet Day

Fri 14 February: Last day of Term 3

Mon 24 February: Start of Term 4

Mon 24 February: Year 6 Lancaster Model Questionnaire

FULL LIST OF CALENDAR DATES ARE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

DISCOVER YOUR COMMUNITY

Come join us for a free, fun community get-together!

It will be a chance to meet local people and learn about the wonderful organizations and businesses that make our village special.

We can't wait to see you there!



**THURSDAY
30.01.2025**

Drop in between
19.00 - 20.30
At the Church of the
Good Shepherd
Quarry Hill Road

Over 30 community groups will be there to meet you