



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

NEWSLETTER – week ending 31 January 2025

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A lovely start to the week was hearing about the fun our Young Voices had on their performance at the O2 last Friday. What an amazing opportunity and well done to them all. They represented the school in great voice and we really appreciate all the hard work and effort from our staff team who worked together to organise and create this amazing opportunity. Thank you to Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Gordon and Miss Barton for taking them and to Mrs Barker for the organisation behind the scenes.

In school we started the week with the story of Emmeline Pankhurst and her campaign for equality with votes for women. This followed our Martin Luther King Jnr. assembly we shared last week and a conversation with Emily in Year 4 who told me all about the votes for women campaign. Please remind your children about the Martin Luther King home learning challenge. Later in the week, Mr Wheatley shared an assembly with the children where they thought about the meaning of respect and how we can show respect to everyone. In school we have three words to remember for our rules and they are: Ready, Respectful and Safe. As a school, the children spoke about the meaning of being respectful.

Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying some PE lessons with Sandy (a secondary school PE teacher) and even managed some outdoor games. Years 1 and 2 have been writing about Grandad's Island and keep telling me how proud they are of their writing (and so they should be). In Years 3 and 4, the children are focused on the book, The Wild Robot in their reading lessons-and yes it is a lovely film too!

Thank you for reminding the children to walk their scooters once they are inside the school gates. We know it is tempting to race across the front of the school but we do need to keep everyone safe.

It has been quite a wet day today so please remember to send in suitable coats for the lovely changeable winter weather.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend and some time to relax. It seems many of us are affected by colds and viruses so the weekend is well needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jackson

What we have been up to this week...

This month, **Acacia** have read the most books out of the three Year 5/6 classes. Every child in Year 5/6 should be reading at least 4 times a week to improve their vocabulary, emotional literacy, comprehension and reading ability skills. Every child should be able to finish at least 1 book per month. They can choose any book that interests them: graphic novel, comics, non-fiction, magazines or novels! Once they have read, complete the online quiz to earn house points and meet your reading targets.

Acacia Reads!

In January 2025, students have read...

22 Books

975,483 Words

for 31 minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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Oak Reads!

In January 2025, students have read...

13 Books

290,422 Words

for 16 minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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Maple Reads!

In January 2025, students have read...

6 Books

151,021 Words

for 11 minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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The **Choir** enjoyed a fantastic night at the O2 singing with at the Young Voices Concert on Friday 24 January.



In years **3 and 4**, we have been practising our colour mixing skills in preparation for creating a landscape painting. We have been focusing this week on creating cold and warm colours to evoke feelings. Children enjoyed seeing the range of colours they could make.



From our FLO & SENCO...

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.

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Please see above for information regarding the SEND Information Advice & Guidance Roadshow on **6th February** in Tonbridge. The event is designed for families whose child has or may have special educational needs and/or disabilities and wants to meet with services that are available in the area.

Confirmed attendees:

SEND Local offer, IASK, Family hubs, Kent PACT, Together with Parents, Inclusion team, Imago, education people (supported employment), iThrive, Kent Choices, Kith N Kin, Dandelion time, Foundations

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	94.50%
Willow	91.45%
Myrtle	93.75%
Bay	99.54%
Cherry	95.24%
Poplar	83.48%
Acacia	95.98%
Maple	86.73%
Oak	87.98%



The total attendance so far this year is 92.7%, while the national average is 94.5%.

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	Coby	Cherry	Freddie
Willow	Emily	Maple	Max
Myrtle	Braiden	Oak	Sadie
Bay	Autumn	Acacia	Katie
Poplar	Dolcie		

Term 3 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	169	232	182	253 winner
Total	1128	1156	1030	1316 winner



Congratulations to this week's Times Tables Rock Stars

24th January - 30 January 2025



Morris

84

Malyon

53

Ashdown

46

Semark

15

Messages & Emails sent out this week...

All years: PTA email sent out. 3rd-14th February. All children will be invited to bring in loose change in a Penny War between Houses! The House pots will be located next to the school office.

Reception: Apple Class P.E is on Friday as usual. Children do not need to come in PE kit on any other days.

Reception: Term 3 & 4 Newsletter emailed.

Years 5 & 6: We have recently learnt how to solve mathematical questions using long division. If you would like for your child to enhance their fluency in this challenging concept, feel free to practise questions at home. Additional worksheets can be made available for students who wish to improve their long division knowledge.

Years 5 & 6: A reminder email sent out about the importance of discussing online safety with your child and ensuring they are accessing appropriate content while using digital devices.

Choir: Choir Club will be taking a short break for the rest of this term and *isn't* on, on Monday. We will be in touch shortly with a date as to when it begins again.

Year 6: Bikeability email sent out regarding 4th & 11th February.

Term 3 dates to remember...

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

Thurs 6 February: SEND Information Advice & Guidance Roadshow in Tonbridge (see above flyer)

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