



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

NEWSLETTER – Term 3 ending 14 February 2025

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably, we are halfway through the academic year and heading towards those warmer months. This past week has been filled with a range of activities. Firstly, a huge well done to the Year 6 children who took part in their 'bikeability' training sessions and assessments this week. It's important to be safe on the roads and this training has made them more aware of this and will help them on their journeys.

I have been impressed with the efforts of the children this week as they embrace their learning in school. Phoebe, in Year 6, was so inspired that she carried out some extra research at home whilst Ruben and Lola, in year 1, completed some extra writing during challenge time. Albie showed me his Junior Duke journal and we talked about how he learnt how to play the game of Scrabble. He then taught other children how to play during challenge time in class.

In assembly this week, we spoke about the words we use and the things we say to each other. Starting with the saying, 'sticks and stones may break my bones but names we never hurt me,' we discussed the impact of unkind words and how they can really affect the self-esteem of others. In the Key Stage 2 assembly, we talked about their choice of words and language that is appropriate to use in school. Inappropriate language being used in school is unacceptable and will be followed up with consequences and further contact with parents.

The message is clear and part of our school motto-in simple terms, just 'be kind.' Our rules are simple too: Ready, Respectful and Safe. This is in both words and actions.

The children in Key Stage 2 have been issued with the Poetry by Heart Challenge. We look forward to seeing how they are getting on and choosing our national finalists. A separate letter will be coming home with more details.

Next term we are looking forward to World Book Day on 6th March. Our theme is Little People Big Dreams and children are invited to come to school dressed as an inspirational person from the Little People Big Dreams series of books, any book character or in warm onesies/pyjamas (dream theme). After school, there will be an opportunity to come in and see the Martin Luther King competition entries after the winners have been revealed. We are currently still looking at them, as they are such fantastic pieces of work. Well done to everyone who has taken part. The children will also be able to spend their £1 book vouchers and buy a World Book Day £1 book here after school in the library.

We also will be hosting our book week, the week commencing 17th March. The week begins with a visit from author and illustrator James Mayhew who will be showing us his incredible artistic talent. On Wednesday 19th March, the whole school will be challenged to participate in a reading escape room. More details are being sent out and this activity does have a minimal cost.

There is so much to look forward to next term including our Wind in the Willows production.



Some of the props from the Reading Escape Room coming to our school

I do hope everyone has a good break next week. The children and staff have worked hard this term, as always, and deserve the short break.

Have a lovely weekend and week ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jackson

More details:

Poetry By Heart National Competition

Children in Key Stage 2 are challenged to learn a poem to recite off by heart for a national competition. Poems will be coming home today so that the children have their own copy. They can also choose any poem from the 7-14 timeline on the Poetry By Heart website (link below).

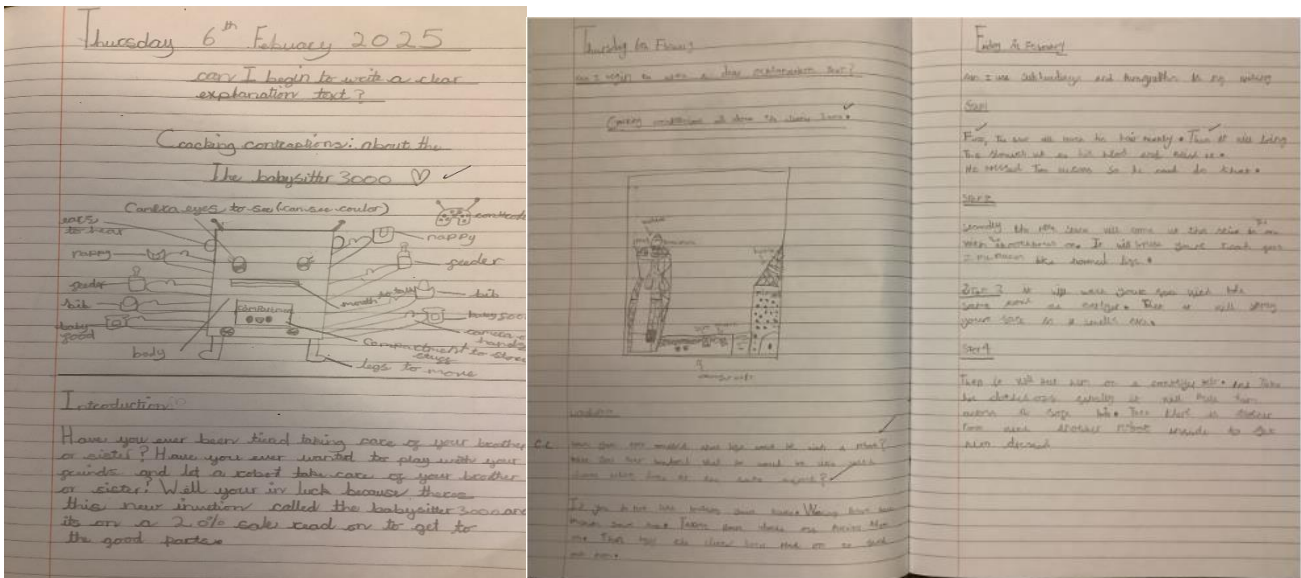
In school, each class will choose 4 children to perform their poems to Miss Armstrong and I in front of a small audience on Friday 28th February. Using the Poetry By Heart score cards, we will choose winners to represent the school in the schools' competition.

All finalists will be invited to our PBH club and take part in a group recital for the competition which we are planning to be a fun performance. There will be medals for all finalists and small trophies for the winners. We look forward to seeing who is up for the challenge.

[Poetry By Heart](#)

What we have been up to last week and this week...

Last week **Years 3 and 4** have been learning how to write clear explanation texts. They begin with the water cycle, based on the book Rhythm of the Rain, and have ended with Wallace and Gromit-style contraptions! Each child invented their own labour-saving machine and used the features of an explanation text to explain how their invention works. The results were spectacular!



Last Friday, **KS2** took part in a national competition on Times Tables Rockstars. There were 3,623 schools that took part in the competition and Borough Green came 1779th out of 3623 schools. In our school, the highest scoring class was...Cherry!



Congratulations to the sixteen **year 6** children who completed their level 1 and 2 Bikeability course this week.



Albie in Willow class teaching his friends how to play scrabble during challenge time, after having learned to play for his Junior Dukes Award.



The Eco-warriors have been thinking about how we can help protect the environment in our school. We carried out a litter pick in the playground and noticed how small pieces of plastic can disintegrate and contaminate the ground so we made sure we picked up all the plastic we could find! We also gave our teachers signs for the bins in the classroom (designed by one of our Y6 eco-warriors) to remind everyone what can be recycled.



In **Year 5/6** we have finished our art topic 'Inuit Art'. For our final piece, we had to design, draw and cut out our stencil. Once we had completed that it was time to print using the stencil and paint – many of us realised that cutting a stencil was tricky if we added too much detail.



From our FLO...

HAVE SPARE FOOD?/NEED SOME EXTRA FOOD?

As you may remember, our school community did a fantastic job collecting food at our harvest festival and donated it to our local food bank, The Church of the Good Shepherd. This charity supports local families throughout the year so it seems appropriate that we offer support throughout the year, as and when we can. I am pleased to announce that we will now have a box in our main office area for any donations for the food bank so that you can add donations whenever you are able.

I have also recently tested out the Olio app. For any of you wanting to help minimise food waste, this is a great app to give away any food and non food items, for free, in your local area. That also means, if you use the app, there are lots of opportunities to get free, often fresh, food and prevent it being binned! If you have any questions about either of these services, please just get in touch.

Mrs Dechaine
FLO

Reminder...

For the next few weeks, we will be collecting recyclable plastic materials (clean) that will be utilised to create an art installation piece for our next topic after half term: 'Environmental Artists'. This includes but is not limited to:

- Gravy lids
- Milk tops (all colours)
- Fizzy drink plastic bottles (e.g. Coca-Cola, Sprite)
- Fizzy drink bottle tops (e.g. Dr Pepper, Fanta)
- Plastic carrier bags (e.g. orange Sainsbury's bag)
- Pringle tops

Please bring them into school, there will be a box for the recycling on the Year 5/6 door.

Bikes & Scooters...

For safety and security reasons, all unsecured bikes and scooters must now be delivered to the middle playground (by the swimming pool entrance) at the start of the day and collected from the same place at pick up. If your child's bike or scooter has a lock, it may be left in the covered shelter on the middle playground, but only if it is fully secured. If you would prefer to take your child's vehicle home with you during the day, that is of course is fine. Thank you for your support in this matter.



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	91.40%
Willow	91.30%
Myrtle	93.06%
Bay	95.12%
Cherry	92.58%
Poplar	87.98%
Acacia	95.54%
Maple	88.46%
Oak	93.95%

Congratulations
to this Term's winner
ACACIA CLASS

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

The total attendance so far this year is 92.4%, 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

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Awards this Term...

Star of the Term Awards

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

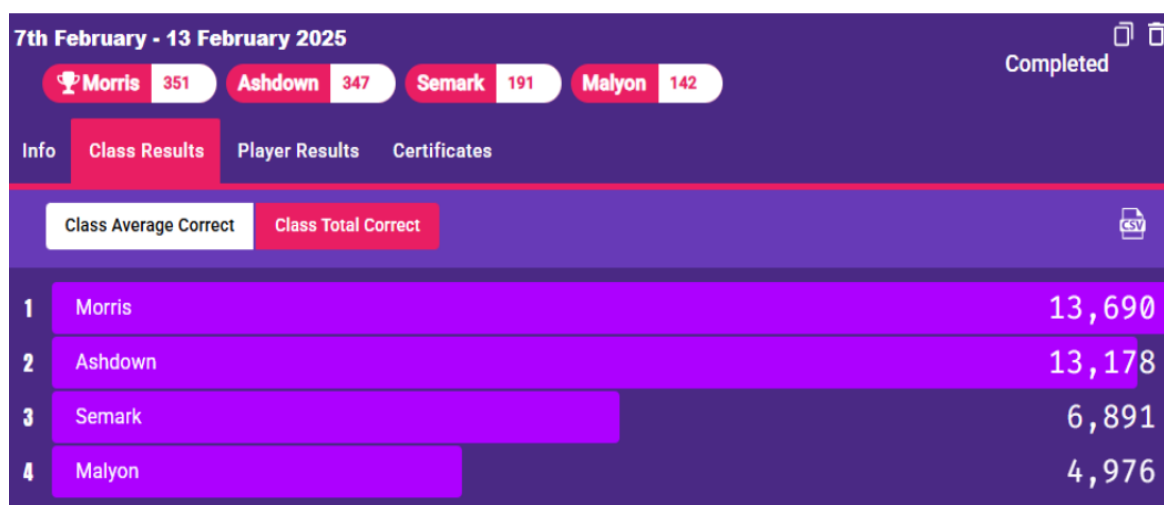
Reception	Bethany	Year 4	Alfie
Year 1	Elsie	Year 5	Luke
Year 2	Alice	Year 6	Tallulah
Year 3	Christina		

Term 3 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	384	383	422 winner	398
Total	1936	1925	1873	2037 winner



Congratulations to this week's Times Tables Rock Stars



Messages & Emails sent out this week...

Year 5 & 6: Learner and Parent Acceptable Use of Technology Agreements sent out. Please sign and return both parent & child forms.

FSM: February Holiday Vouchers sent out this week

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6: ESA football training taster sessions on Wednesday 12th February.

REMINDER: Key Stage 2 Children: Term 4 School Lunches and Try Something New Lunches meal arrangements

Year 6: Reminder email set - Kent Health Team are attending school on Monday 24th February to carry out the Year 6 Lancaster Model questionnaire.

Year 3 & 4: Information emailed regarding the year 3/4 play next term.

All years: SEVENOAKS PCN - February Newsletter sent out.

KS2: Poetry By Heart Competition email sent out today

Year 1 & 2: Homework email sent out today.

All years: Reading Escape Room - Wednesday 19th March

Term 4 dates to remember...

Fri 14 February: Last day of Term 3

Mon 24 February: Start of Term 4

Mon 24 February: Year 6 Lancaster Model Questionnaire

Fri 28 February: Poetry by Heart in School Finals

Thurs 6 March: World Book Day

Fri 7 March: Parent Forum / Talk with Claudia Goodman from West Kent Autism at 2.30pm at the school

Fri 14 March: PTA – School Disco

Mon 17 March: Year 3/4 School trip to the Museum of Kent Life

Mon 17 March: James Mayhew Author & Illustrator visit & after school book signing

Wed 19 March: Reading Escape room

Tues 25 March: PTA – Mother’s Day event

Tues 25 March: Parent Consultations

Thurs 27 March: Parent Consultations

Mon 31 March- 4 April: PTA: Wonka Bar Event Golden Ticket

Mon 31 March: PTA: Year 4 Cake Bake sale

Mon 31 March: Year R Kent Community Health Team visiting to carry out the Vision and Hearing Screening

Wed 2 April: Year 3/ 4 Play Rehearsal

Thurs 3 April: Year 3/ 4 Play in the Hall

Fri 4 April: Year 3/ 4 Play in the Hall

Fri 4 April: Last day of Term 4

Tues 22 April: Start of Term 5

FULL LIST OF CALENDAR DATES ARE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE