

BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 4 | 2 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have managed to squeeze a lot in to this last week of term despite only having the four days. I have just left the main hall where Maple Class were immersed in their Box 2B Fit training circuit and the children were giving it their all. It was a challenging circuit with their coordination and fitness at the forefront.

We have really enjoyed our visit from the School Dog Mentor-Jenny. Both Dexter and Olive are now fully licenced members of the Dog Mentor Programme and have been assessed as suitable to work in public and educational settings as support/assistance dogs. We look forward to both of them working with us and the children from next term.

There is always something that makes me smile each and every day as headteacher of Borough Green Primary School. Today, I was visited by Georgia (Oak), Logan H (Oak), Renat (Oak), and Tomas (Maple) with their suspense story writing. These could have been written by published authors and all three of them should be proud of their achievements-amazing! Isabella (Oak) has written a comic for younger children to explain the power of a positive mindset and the value of resilience. I think it is brilliant and the characters had great appeal-well done Isabella.

Leyla (Poplar) came to show me her non-chronological report about earthquakes. I loved her description of 'Mother Earth feeling so disregulated that she stomps her feet and makes the ground rumble and shake.' This also reminded me that I forgot to mention Year 3 and 4's awesome volcano fact file posters produced last week.

Another mention must go out to Bay Class and their assembly which was presented to parents on Tuesday. They shared some extracts with me afterwards including their Zumba dance fit song, pieces of writing and what they would do if they were in charge of the school. As much as I would like a funfair on the field or the children to enjoy ice cream every day, I think I might just file their ideas for a much later date.

I would like to thank all members of our staff team for their hard work and commitment to our school this term (as always). I would also like to thank you all for your continued support and for sharing your wonderful children with us during each school day.

I wish everyone an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you in term 5.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Jackson
Headteacher



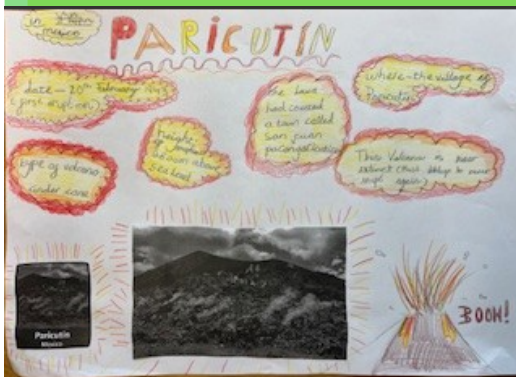
What we have been up to this week...

Wednesday this week was April 1st and the teaching staff in Year 5/6 couldn't resist a little joke with the children. There were a few creased brows in a test that asked them for the alternative name for a librarian - a booklytype - and for the correct spelling of penophobia (a fear of pens). Some children did surprisingly well, however, by applying their known spelling rules and some solid phonetic understanding. The children were initially excited about the teacher's compensatory present of a 'brownie', before realising that this too had been misspelled and was in fact a brown E!

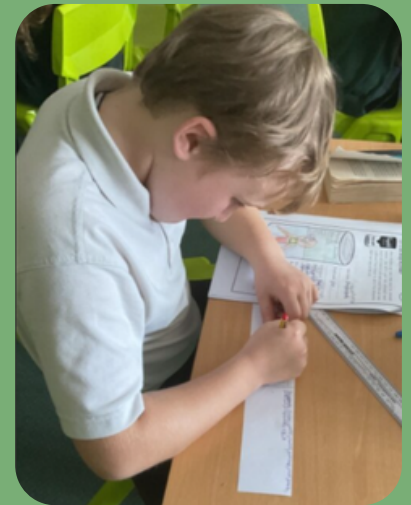
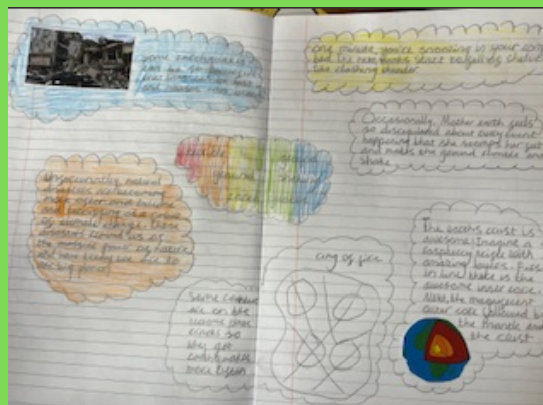


Earth Hour 2026 took place on Saturday 28th March. This is an hour each year where people around the world are encouraged to take an hour to do something positive for the planet. At BGPS, we held our own Earth Hour last Friday afternoon, where classes switched off lights, computers and screens.

In Year 5 and 6, children designed their own soup carton label which they attached to their seasonal soups. Year 3 and 4 conducted a reading cafe and worked on their DT projects.



Year 3 and 4 have been finding out about volcanoes and earthquakes. They have presented the information as non-chronological reports in their books and on posters.



What we have been up to this week...

On Wednesday Florence brought her hamster, a Campbell Dwarf called Snow, into Bay Class and shared some really interesting facts with us about hamsters. Snow was very ready, respectful and safe as she was stroked and adored by all. We found it hard to believe that her species are nocturnal as she certainly loved being very active, rolling around the classroom floor in her ball. Thank you for visiting us today Snow.

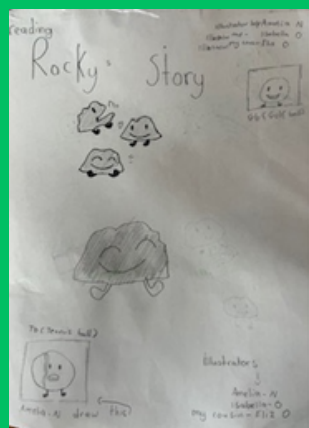


Box to be Fit Workshop



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Here are some of the finished crochet Easter bags the children made in crochet club.



Isabella (Oak) wants to inspire younger readers and has produced an excellent comic strip for them. The story is about Rocky (a little rock who can't write).

With the help of a friend and using our value of resilience, Rocky achieves success. This clever inspiring story really made Mrs. Jackson smile today. Thank you for sharing Isabella, and being a fantastic ambassador for our values.



As a Fabulous Finish to their Land Art project this term, Year 5/6 have created their own natural canvases on the school field. They had a fantastic time designing and making these and are very proud of the results.



Parent Guides for online safety...

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of digital LEGO, certain game modes include elements designed to be scary. These can be set to 'hard' or 'normal' difficulty. It is important to be aware of these elements and to discuss them with your child before they play.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in destroying other players' creations. This behaviour is known as griefing. It is important to be aware of this and to discuss it with your child before they play.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices. However, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players can use the in-game store to purchase additional upgrades or accessories for their Minecraft worlds. It is important to be aware of these purchases and to discuss them with your child before they play.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Parents should choose the game mode that is most appropriate for their child. The 'Creative' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies, and is a great way for your child to get used to playing the game with friends. The 'Survival' mode is more challenging, and is best suited to older children who are confident and experienced players.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to host a private server for children is to play on it to make one yourself. Hosting is a free service that allows you to create a private server for your child. It is important to be aware of the risks associated with hosting a private server and to discuss them with your child before they play.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

All games played in their form, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety is important. It is important to be aware of the risks associated with talking to strangers online and to discuss them with your child before they play.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes a great fun for children to learn about computers and technology. It is important to be aware of the risks associated with playing Minecraft and to discuss them with your child before they play.

Meet Our Expert

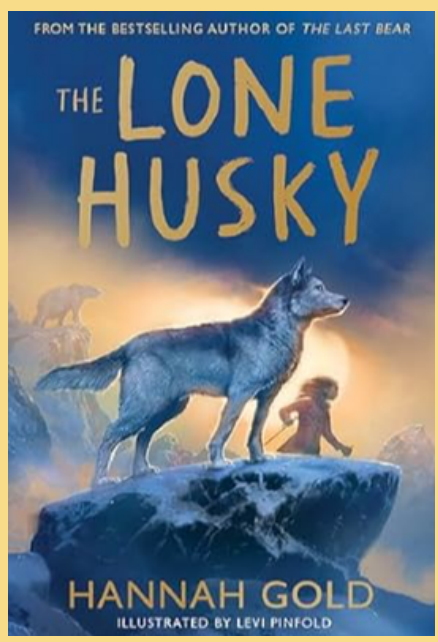
David Coleman is Managing Editor at the Daily Mail, and has worked for games for more than 20 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.

#WakeUpWednesday The National College



WEEKLY BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Dylan (Acacia) recommends Hannah Gold's new book: *The Lone Husky*. He felt it had good description and was written perfectly. It is a true example of following your dreams. Out of 5 stars, Dylan would score this with a 5.



Caterlink: New Spring/Summer Menu

Starting in Term 5, please find below the Spring/Summer Menu. Ordering and payment through Arbor.

KENT & TKAT SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE	<p>Option One</p> <p>Macaroni Cheese</p> <p>Chickpea Curry with Rice</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Green Beans & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Dessert</p> <p>NEW Banana Mousse</p>	<p>Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Quorn Vegan Cumberland Sausage with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Baked Beans & Peas</p> <p>Orange Drizzle Cake</p>	<p>Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Roasted Quorn with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Carrots & Cabbage</p> <p>Fruit Platter</p>	<p>Spaghetti Bolognese</p> <p>Tomato & Vegetable Pasta</p> <p>Sweetcorn & Peppers</p> <p>Apple Flapjack</p>	<p>Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Baked Beans & Peas</p> <p>Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins</p>	<p>Whole grain</p>
WEEK TWO	<p>Option One</p> <p>Cheese & Tomato Pizza With New Potatoes</p> <p>Option Two</p> <p>Lenfil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Peas & Coleslaw</p> <p>Dessert</p> <p>Iced Vanilla Sponge</p>	<p>Beef Chilli with Rice</p> <p>Loaded Jacket With Cheese & Spring Onion or Tomato Pasta</p> <p>Sweetcorn & Green Beans</p> <p>Peaches & Ice Cream (or Cream for Serveries)</p>	<p>Roasted Pork Sausages with Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Veg Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Fresh Vegetable Medley</p> <p>Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad</p>	<p>Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice & Tzatziki</p> <p>Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice & Tzatziki</p> <p>Broccoli & Carrots</p> <p>Jam & Coconut Sponge</p>	<p>Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Quorn Vegan Cumberland Sausage with Chips & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Baked Bean & Peas</p> <p>Oaty Cookie</p>	<p>Plant based</p> <p>Added plant protein</p>
WEEK THREE	<p>Option One</p> <p>Tomato Pasta</p> <p>Option Two</p> <p>NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles</p> <p>Sides</p> <p>Peas & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Dessert</p> <p>Pineapple Upside Down Cake</p>	<p>Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Quorn Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Baked Beans & Rainbow Slaw</p> <p>Cheese & Crackers</p>	<p>Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Vegetable Pasty with Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Carrots & Swede</p> <p>Fruit Medley</p>	<p>Chef Shilpa's Mild Chicken Curry with Rice</p> <p>Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot</p> <p>Sweetcorn & Peppers</p> <p>Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Ice Cream (or Cream for Serveries)</p>	<p>Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips</p> <p>Baked Beans & Peas</p> <p>Vanilla Shortbread</p>	<p>Chef's Special</p>
AVAILABLE DAILY:	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt					

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

This term's attendance...

The total attendance so far this year is 93.8%, while the national average is 94.6%.



Apple	90.24%
Willow	88.66%
Myrtle	94.81%
Bay	95.56%
Cherry	93.92%
Poplar	94.30%
Acacia	96.42%
Maple	92.85%
Oak	93.13%

Congratulations to the
Term 4 winner
Acacia Class

Swimming Lessons...



Swimming Lessons for Apple, Myrtle, Willow and Bay classes start next term. Please check your emails for full details.

Term 4 Achievement Awards

Reception	Isabella	Year 3	Roman
Year 1	Grayson	Year 4	Ayesha
Year 2	Arthur	Year 5	Emily
		Year 6	Nerys

Term 3/ 4 Mathematician

Year 1	Ethan	Year 4	Fearne
Year 2	Caleb	Year 5	Louie B
Year 3	Ivy	Year 6	William

Term 4 House Point Winners

House	Ashdown	<u>Malvon</u>	Morris	Seamark
This Week	349	545	378	425
Total	1486	1815 (Winner)	1678	1796

PTA 100 Club winners...

Congratulations to the winners of the February 2026 100 Club draw:

- 1st prize (£25): J. Froggatt
- 2nd prize (£15): P. Mulambo
- 3rd prize (£5): Mrs. Hammal
- 4th prize (£5): P. Smith

We have a few numbers remaining in the draw. Please contact us at boroughgreenprimarypta@yahoo.com, or ask for an entry form at the office, if you would like to take part. Each number costs £1 per month, and you can pay by standing order or by cash for the year.

THANK YOU

We raised £43.80 from the second hand book sale.
Thank you for your support.





Are you a working parent in need of a wraparound club for your child?...

We currently have spaces available for both clubs. Please contact the school office via email



Term 5 upcoming events...

- Thurs 2 Apr:** Last day of Term 4
- Thurs 16 Apr:** KCC Reception 2026 Offer Day
- Mon 20 Apr:** Start of Term 5
- Mon 20 Apr:** Swimming Pool re-opens.
- Tue 21 Apr:** Yr 3/ 4 Nutshell Theatre Visit
- Wed 22 Apr:** Tag Rugby Festival
- Tue 28 Apr:** Family Trust Assembly
- Fri 1 May:** PTA - Own Clothes Day for Rainbow Donations
- Fri 1 May:** Morris Dancers Visit
- Mon 4 May:** School closed for Bank Holiday
- Tues 5 May:** Willow Class Assembly
- Fri 8 May:** PTA Bingo Night
- Mon 11-Thurs 14 May:** KS2 Sats week
- Sat 16 May:** School Community Event 2-4pm
- Tues 19 May:** Myrtle Class Assembly
- Wed 20 May:** Yr 6 Residential
- Wed 20 May:** Open Classrooms
- Fri 22 May:** Last day of Term 5

Email's sent out this week...

- **Year R, 1 & 2:**Swimming Lessons
- **KS1 & KS2:** Dodgeball Roadshow - Thurs 23 & Fri 24 April
- **Apple Class:** Headlice email.
- **All years:** PTA 100 Club winners
- **All Years:** Gardening Club Term 5
- **All Years:** Primary School National Offer Day - Thurs 16 April
- **Year 3/ 4:** REMINDER: Nutshell Theatre - Tues 21 April
- **All Years:** School Lunches Spring/Summer menu
- **All years:** BGPS Reading Newsletter Term 4
- **All years:** Lost Property
- **All years:** Easter programme - Tonbridge and Malling Family Hub
- **Malyon House:** House pints winner own clothes day on 20 April.

