Bounds Green School Newsletter

1st March 2024

A Message from Bounds Green

A Message from Nadine

This week we had World Book Day Workshops with an Alice in Wonderland Theme to get us all in the mood for World Book Day next week. We can't wait to see everyone's costumes and to show you our favourite character costumes too! Thank you to Alexis for arranging this fun activity for our children.

Our Year 2 classes had a very exciting Boat Trip along the Thames today to support their Geography learning. They gained so much from a river-side view and avoided the rain.





We wish Ashleigh Robertson well as she begins her Maternity Leave. Ashleigh is a member of our office team. We also wish Janice Adam-Saib good luck as she leaves us after 15 years to move to a schoolbased pastoral care role in a school much closer to her home. Thank you for all of your support for our staff and families, Janice! Best wishes, Nadine

Reminder: SCHOOL CLOSED – Polling Day, 2nd May, and INSET Day, $5^{\rm th}$ July

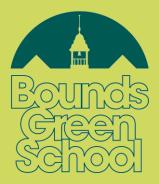
A reminder that the school will be closed on Thursday 2nd May (Polling Day), and Friday 5th July (INSET Day), so the whole school and Nursery will be closed on these days.

Year 1 Fashion Show – Wed 27th March

On Wednesday 27th March the Year 1 children will be having their very own fashion show to display their t-shirt designs that they have been working on in class! If you are a Year 1 parent/carer, you should have received an email this week with more information on

the show and how to pay for the t-shirt. If you have not received this email, please see the office, or log onto School Gateway, under the 'payments' section, so make the payment and say how many people will be coming to watch the show.







Nut-Free School

Please remember that we are a nut-free school, this includes After School Club. Please don't bring an After School Club snack for your child that includes nuts, such as; peanut butter sandwiches, granola bars (as many also contain nuts), etc.

School Payments

As an on-going reminder we'd like to make sure parents and carers keep up to date with their school payments. You can make payment via School Gateway using your mobile and email address. If you are having any troubles with creating an account or logging in, please make sure that the office has the most up-to-date information for you.

Reporting Absences and Late Collections

If you need to report your child absent for any reason (sickness, appointment, etc) then please make sure you do this through the voicemail service on the phone, or through a text on School Gateway. Please <u>don't</u> email the admin email address as this is not continually monitored, especially during busy periods so may not be seen until later in the day.

For any late collections or if someone different is collecting, please also call directly to the office with as much notice as possible so that it can be passed onto the teacher

School News

Class Photos

On Thursday 14th March Bounds Green will be having their class photos taken. This will take place throughout the school day. For Nursery children that aren't

normally in on a Thursday you will have received an email letting you know the arrangements for those that it affects.



World Book Day

A reminder for World Book Day, which will take place on Thursday 7th March. There will be a parade on the day, and prizes for the best costumes. We love seeing all the children dressed as their favourite book character!

Register of talents

Please help us to make learning at Bounds Green's even more exciting and interesting! Do you have skills or experience which will enhance our curriculum? These could come from travel, a hobby, professional experience or other areas of your life.

At Bounds Green, we know that we have many skilled and talented parents and carers with experiences and knowledge that could enhance our curriculum by sharing real life experience and applications for learning. We need to be able to tap into your talents so that teachers can invite parents or carers into school to share their curriculum.

Please use this link to add your name, contact details and talents to our Register so that we can contact you when your skills will enhance the children's learning:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=B7gYeyQdhkyE6s2knshZJb0wSE7JepLnCfkax1SHrNUM1VJVEQ5RjhVQTAyNTRRU1hTWkg2UTAzRi4u Thank you very much for your support. Nadine

Packed Lunch Guide



Children need to eat healthy and balanced meals to allow them to grow, develop and thrive. Healthy eating patterns also improve their concentration at school. We would always encourage children to choose to have school meals rather than packed lunch, as the food served in schools has to meet the National School Food Standards. Research has shown that 99% of school meals meet these standards compared to just 1% of packed lunches. If you are preparing packed lunches for your child, ensuring the lunch is balanced and healthy can really help your child's health, as well as their readiness to learn at school. To read more and get some ideas please see the Change for Life PDF that can be found on the email sent with this newsletter or on the school website.

Bounds Green Window Display

Starting from today, and running until Sunday 3rd March, Bounds Green will be having their annual Window Display where houses decorate their windows following a theme, and turn the lights on at night so people can walk around and enjoy the creativity!

This years' theme is 'Alphabet', and if you would like to register to participate then please see the poster below, or go to the following address: <u>www.bowespark.org.uk/window-show-register</u>

Fixed Penalty Notice for Absences / Holidays

Before the Summer we contacted all parents/carers about fixed penalty notices for absences/holidays. As a reminder, please always take holidays during the school holidays, and avoid taking your child out of school during term time, this includes coming in late after 9:30am as this will be marked as a 'late after registration' which counts towards absences. The exception to this is any medical appointments, or pre-agreed appointment meetings, or emergency circumstances. Kindly note that we will require proof of illness/medical appointment on the day, or before or after a holiday.

There is a very clear and demonstrable link between good attendance at school and good educational outcomes. Also, when a child is absent or late to school, this causes disruption to the rest of the class and causes your child to fall behind. In order to ensure that our pupils attend school every day, we will be working in partnership with Haringey Council, who will be issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to parents whose children are absent from school for unauthorised reasons.

These Fixed Penalty Notices will only be issued to children who are of statutory school age (5 years and above). In every case a pupil will have had a minimum of 6 sessions (3 school days) lost to unauthorised absence in a 6 week period before a fixed penalty is considered.

Important Dates

Dates for your Diary

Below are important dates of which you should be aware. Wherever there is a new addition, it will be printed in **bold** so that it stands out. In the case of Educational Visits, we aim to give as much notice as possible, however, please be mindful that occasionally last minute, educationally enriching opportunities arise which are considered too good an opportunity to pass up. Please look at this section of the newsletter every week as there are sometimes unavoidable changes to dates that you will need to take note of.

| March 2024 • 08.03.24 - PTA Quiz Night • 12.03.24 - Parents' Eve - Rec-Yr6 (until 7:30) • 14.03.24 - Parents' Eve - Rec-Yr6 (until 5:30) • 14.03.24 - Class Photos • 18-21.3.24 - Book Fair, 3:30-4pm • 20.03.24 - Y4 RS Music Performance (2:45pm) • 22.03.24 - Yr4 Dance Performance (2:45pm) • 27.03.24 - Yr1 Fashion Show, 2pm • 28.03.24 - Y4 LS Music Performance (9:15am) | Yr4 WCIT Concerts – to be confirmed |
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| 28.03.24 – Last day of School April 2024 15.04.24 – First day of School | July 2024• 05.07.24 – INSET Day – School Closed• Yr2 Dance Performance – to be confirmed• Yr6 End of Year Performance• 24.07.24 – Last Day of School |
| May 2024 • 02.05.24 – Polling Day – school closed • 06.05.24 – Bank Holiday • 27.05.24 – Half Term Week | |

Class Attendance and Punctuality Winners!

| | Week Beginning 5 th February 2024 | | \frown |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 Percentage of attendance | Manor House | 96.6% | |
| Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 Percentage of attendance | Putney Bridge | 98% | |
| Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 Percentage of attendance | Barons Court | 97.7% | |
| | Week Beginning 19th February 2024 | | and the second |
| Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 Percentage of attendance | Hyde Park | 96.3% | |
| Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 Percentage of attendance | Putney Bridge | 99% | Ö |
| Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 Percentage of attendance | Earls Court | 96.3% | |



BOUNDS GREEN SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

| | First Day | Half Term | Last Day |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| AUTUMN TERM 2024 | Wednesday 4 th September 2024 | 28 th October – 1 st November 2024 | Friday 20th December 2024 |
| SPRING TERM 2025 | Tuesday 7th January 2025 | 17th – 21st February 2025 | Friday 4th April 2025 |
| SUMMER TERM 2025 | Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 | 26th – 30th May 2025 | Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 |

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED

| AUTUMN TERM 2024 | Monday 2 nd September 2024 Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 Friday 25 th October 2024 |
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| SPRING TERM 2025 | Monday 6 th January 2025 |
| SUMMER TERM 2025 | |

Please note, there is one more training day to be arranged - we will inform parents as soon as possible

BANK HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

| SUMMER TERM 2025 | Monday 5 th May 2025 |
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