

# Bounds Green School Newsletter



9th Feb 2024

## A Message from Bounds Green

### A Message from Nadine

It's been a fun-packed few weeks at Bounds Green School, with classes completing their topic for this half term and getting ready for the half term holiday. Families have joined us in school for a Reception Maths Morning and a Singing Performance. Year 1 Family Phonics sessions have been a great favourite on Thursday mornings with many parents, grandparents and carers joining us. We have had visitors in school for a Nursery Road Safety Workshop, which was enjoyed by staff and children alike. Year 6 had an inspiring Artist, **Stephen Guy** in school for art workshops on "**Fire the inventor**" with Danni, our specialist Art Teacher.

Bounds Green children have been out and about! Year 6 went to Heartlands for their school show "We will rock you", which was a great hit with our children, Year 5 classes have been swimming and also visited the Science Museum. I hope you enjoy your half term break and we are looking forward to seeing you safely back in a week's time. Thank you for your support for Bounds Green.

### SCHOOL CLOSED – Polling Day, 2nd May, and INSET Day, 5th July

The school will be closed on Thursday 2nd May as the school is required to be used as a polling station. The school will also be closed on Friday 5th July for our final INSET day for this academic year. If your child attends Breakfast Club, After School Club, extended hours for Nursery or any after School activity clubs, you will not be charged for these sessions.

### Breakfast Club – 8am-9am Daily

Bounds Green runs a Breakfast Club at the school every day from 8am-9am. The children can have breakfast in the club between 8am-8:25am, and after that they can go outside to play, or take part in various activities within the Breakfast Club room. Breakfast includes toast, cereals, fruit, yogurts, etc.

Breakfast Club costs £3.50 per child, per day and can be booked and paid for on School Gateway. If your child is new to the Breakfast Club and you would like them to attend, please contact Charity so that she can add their name onto the system her email address is:

[clee@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:clee@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk).

Bookings must be made by 10am of the day before you would like them to attend. You can also cancel your session any time before the 10am deadline as well and the money will be credited to your account.



### 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

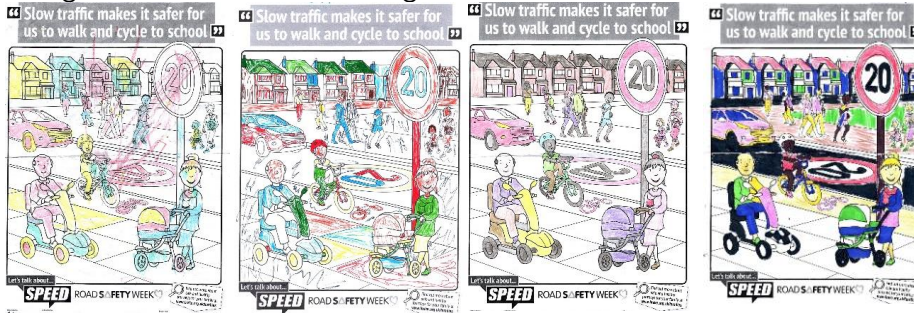
If you need to report your child absent for any reason (sickness, appointment, etc) then please make sure you do this through the voicemail service on the phone, or through a text on School Gateway. Please don't email the admin email address as this is not continually monitored, especially during busy 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

## Road Safety Week

Thank you to all the children who participated in our Road Safety Week competition. The Year 5 Junior Travel Ambassadors met and judged the entries from each year group.

Congratulations to the following winners –



Su-Yung – Nursery

Noah – Rec

Isabela – Yr 1

Max – Yr 2



Iason – Yr 3

Bibi – Yr 4

Saffy – Yr 5

Joseph – Yr 6

Well done to the following children who were chosen as runner-ups - Indigo – Nursery, Leo – Reception, Lucas – Year 1, Jadbeer – Year 2, Isabella – Year 3, Marios – Year 5

## Parking outside School

A polite reminder that vehicles are NOT to park along Park Road unless it is within the designated parking bays. We have had reports that cars are blocking driveways, meaning that the people living there aren't able to get in or out of their driveway. There will be a Safer Traffic Inspector making regular visits to the school to check on the parking, and this may result in parking fines.

Please also avoid using the staff car park to park while dropping off or collecting your children, it's monitored and is restricted to staff use only.



## Nursery Entrance

If you need to go to the Nursery, please bear in mind that the intercom on the Nursery door isn't currently working therefore you won't be able to hear the office talking to you. Therefore we will call the Nursery staff to come and open the door, so please be patient while waiting for the door to open.

# School News

## School Gateway Accounts

We highly recommend downloading the School Gateway app (if you haven't already!) to be able to make payments, give consent for trips/tournaments, and to get up to date text messages.

Once you have downloaded the app, please check the settings to make sure that your notifications are turned on so that you receive through any messages that are sent. This also helps to save the school money as it is free to send text messages through the app.



## Book Fair

Thank you to all families who have supported our book fairs so far this academic year. We have received £579.67 commission from our last two book fairs, which will be used to purchase additional books for class book corners during the Summer term.

Our next Book Fair will be held on 18th – 21st March, in the downstairs hall in the Junior building. We look forward to seeing you there

## School Council 2023-24

As the first school council are coming to the end of their term, here is a look at all the amazing things that they've done for the school since September:

- "New school lunch items" – *the children met with Mark from Lunchtime Company to talk about this*
- "Prayer Room for the children" – *this has now been put in place, there is a room where the children can go to pray if they wish.*
- "Bringing back Lunchtime Buddies" – *There were interviews this week for the yr6 children who would like to be a buddy!*
- "Reading Club" – *with help from the PTA we've now ordered some Reading Pods which will be located in the playground where children can have somewhere to go and read at breaktimes and lunchtimes.*
- "Pancakes for dessert on Tuesdays" – *the children agreed that it would be good to go back to 'vote desserts' which is where the children can vote for their favourite dessert each week, and this will then be served on a Friday afternoon.*
- "School Newspaper" – *this school council will be continuing with this idea and will hopefully have something to send out very soon!*

The school council have thoroughly enjoyed their time as class reps, here is what they had to say:

"After all the things we have discussed, I am proud of myself because I know I have made the school a better place."

"We have made some big changes based on everyone's ideas."

"I have taken part in as many discussions as I can, and as a result the school is a better place."

"Being a school rep has made me feel important."

"We have made Bounds Green School a better learning environment."

"I am glad I have made a difference to Bounds Green School."

"After lots of school council meetings we have made lots of changes that will be part of the school for a long time."

"At the beginning I felt a bit scared (Yr2) but now I feel stronger and more confident."

"I started off being scared but now I am proud of myself and the other school councillors."

## Homeless Carepacks Project

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January a group of Yr5 children took some of the carepacks made up from the generous donation from the families of Bounds Green, and handed them out to homeless people in London. Here is what the children said about the experience:

"When we distributed the carepacks, I felt amazing that we were finally distributing them. I swear all of it felt really good when giving the carepacks to the homeless. Just because they have been cast out of society, doesn't mean that they aren't human, and all of them were nice, and thanked us. It's not about solving the problem, it's about making it better." - Maxwell

"I really enjoyed helping out the homeless because it was nice to see how people cope in the world and I understood how not everyone has a roof over their heads." – Samanna

"I felt very happy when we went on the trip. It was so great to know we were helping the homeless. It was quite the experience." – Liam

"I felt a mixture of emotions, but I was really happy that I could make someone else's day better." – Alex

"I felt really kind when I gave the bag. They were happy when they saw what was in the bag." – Miran

"I felt really satisfied to give the homeless person a bag. They seemed grateful." – Harry  
"The bags were really heavy, but when I gave one away the weight was off my shoulders, not because of the heaviness, but because I had done a good deed." – Mariam  
"I felt happy to help people who do not have a lot." – Yulla  
"I felt sorry for them, but after I gave them the bag I felt happier for them." – Poppy



### **Royal Academy Young Artist's Summer Show Competition (see poster at the end)**

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a wonderful opportunity for UK-based artists and schools to engage creatively in the making and sharing of a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice. There is no theme and artists aged 4-19 can submit a wide range of works which may include drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textile, fashion, animation or video. Bounds Green is registered on the Royal Academy website and you can submit work via the following link and registering as a parent/carer.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/submissions/1>

### **Guidance for submissions** - Deadline for submissions is 27<sup>th</sup> March

Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill. Although many great artists 'copy' in creative ways, artworks that closely or identically reproduce another artist's work or ideas won't be selected. Please avoid making art with known comic, book illustration or animated characters or submitting the same artwork again year on year. We also do not accept AI-generated works.

Each submission can include a short artist statement or description, preferably written by the artist themselves where possible. Rather than solely focussing on the art making process, we encourage artists to describe why an artwork was created and what it means to them.

Descriptions must be no more than 80 words and, if your work is selected, will be subject to editing by the RA for spelling, grammar, comprehensibility and length.

Find out more information here:

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/young-artists-summer-show-2024>

### **Lates and Absences**

Being on time in the mornings is very important so that children are getting their full day of learning, and will also prevent the class being disrupted by children entering in late.

The school timings are as follows: Nursery starts at 9:00am, School for Reception children starts at 8:45am; Years 1-2 children are to line up ready to start promptly at 8:55am, and children in Year 3-6 can enter the building from 8:50am, with class starting at 8:55am promptly.

If your child comes to school after 8:55am (or 8:45am for Reception children) please make sure they come to the main office to receive a 'late card' and get themselves registered. This applies to children in any year group as we need to make sure that they are registered correctly. If a child comes in late and doesn't come to the office, they may result in not being registered correctly and therefore an absence text will be sent home.

We request that any notification of absences are made via telephone or via the School Gateway app only. Please call and press 1 to report your child's absence on our dedicated absence line. We ask that you communicate this information by 9:15am on each day of the absence. If a child is absent from school and we have had no indication of the reason, we will send a text message. Please do not send emails regarding absences as these may not be checked until later in the day and you may receive a text.



### **Families Moving into the Area**

If you know of any families that have recently moved into the area and are looking for a school for their children, please let them know to speak to Haringey admissions. We have some spaces in certain year groups, so they can either call Haringey on 0208 349 1000, or ask them to call the school and we can talk them through the process.



# 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.

<p><b>February 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12.02.24 – Half Term Week</li> <li><b>19.02.24 – Group 1 of selected children to the British Library to meet Malorie Blackman</b></li> <li><b>20.02.24 – Group 2 of selected children to the British Library to meet Malorie Blackman</b></li> <li><b>23.02.24 – Yr1 Trip to Toy Museum</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>May 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>02.05.24 – Polling Day – school closed</b></li> <li>06.05.24 – Bank Holiday</li> <li>27.05.24 – Half Term Week</li> </ul>
<p><b>March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>08.03.24 – PTA Quiz Night</b></li> <li><b>12.03.24 – Parents' Eve – Rec-Yr6 (until 7:30)</b></li> <li><b>15.03.24 – Yr4 Dance Performance</b></li> <li><b>14.03.24 – Parents' Eve – Rec-Yr6 (until 5:30)</b></li> <li><b>18-21.3.24 – Book Fair, 3:30-4pm</b></li> <li>Yr1 Fashion Show – to be confirmed</li> <li>Yr4 WCIT Concerts – to be confirmed</li> <li>EYFS Dance Performance – to be confirmed</li> <li>Yr1 Dance Performance – to be confirmed</li> <li><b>28.03.24 – Last day of School</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>June 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr4 WCIT Concerts – to be confirmed</li> </ul>
<p><b>April 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>15.04.24 – First day of School</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>July 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>05.07.24 – INSET Day – School Closed</b></li> <li>Yr2 Dance Performance – to be confirmed</li> <li>Yr6 End of Year Performance</li> <li><b>24.07.24 – Last Day of School</b></li> </ul>

## Class Attendance and Punctuality Winners!

Week Beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Green Park	99%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	London Bridge and Putney Bridge	97%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Barons Court	97.7%
Week Beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Manor House	97.1%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Redbridge	97.7%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Kew Gardens	98%



# BOUNDS GREEN SCHOOL

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

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

### TEACHER TRAINING DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2024</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024 Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>SPRING TERM 2025</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
<b>SUMMER TERM 2025</b>	

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

### BANK HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

<b>SUMMER TERM 2025</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
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# RA

## Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts

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### Open for submissions

8 January – 27 March 2024

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### Find out more and enter

[roy.ac/youngartists](https://roy.ac/youngartists)

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# Young Artists' Summer Show

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