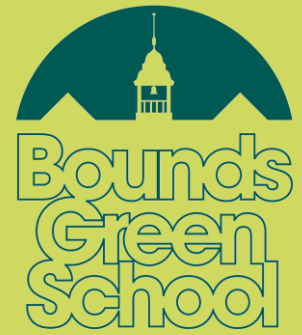


Bounds Green School Newsletter



13th Oct 2023



A Message from Bounds Green

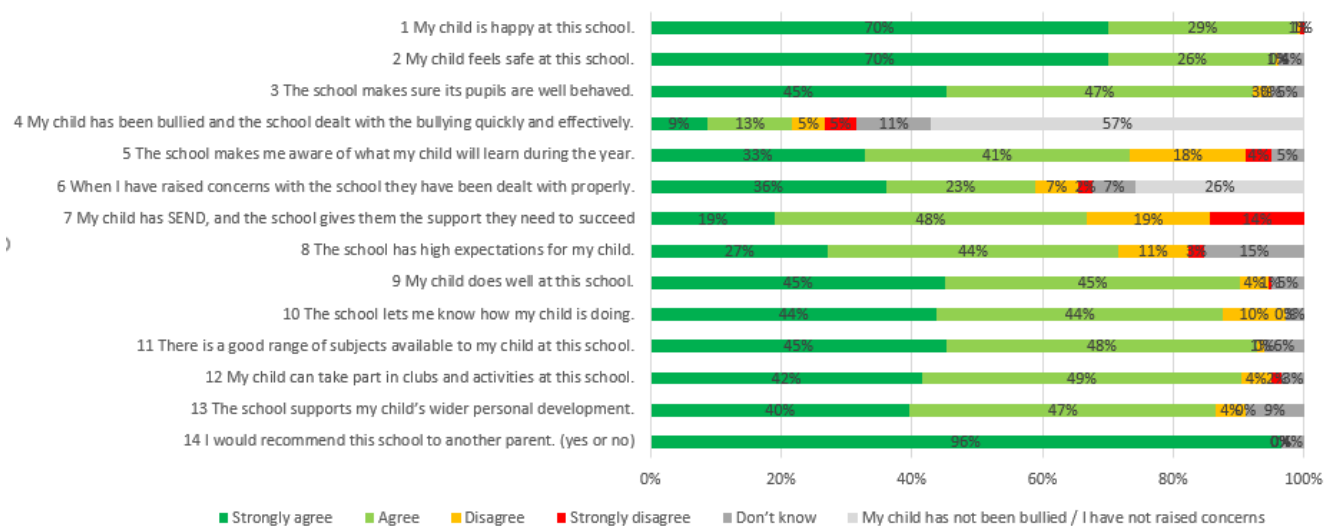
A Message from Nadine

Parent Survey - Thank you for sharing your views!

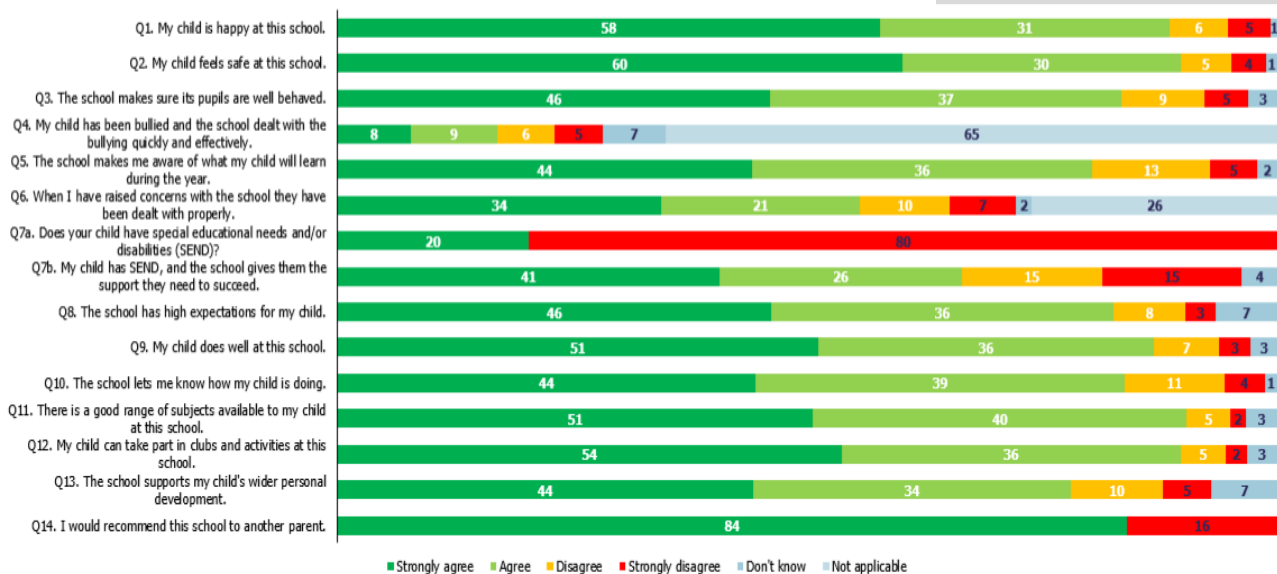
Thank you very much to all parents from Years 1 to 6 who gave their views at our Parents Evenings. You have given us a lot to think about...

Here are the results for Bounds Green. We were delighted to have a huge 190 responses!

BG Parent survey Oct 23



Here are national educational results that Ofsted published in April 2023, based on 475,460 responses across the country:



We are thrilled to see so many positive responses: 96% of our families would recommend Bounds Green to another parent, compared to 84% of parents across the country. 99% of you told us that you agree that your child is happy at Bounds Green (against 84% nationally), which we were so pleased to see. We saw many other positive responses, including you telling us that almost all children feel safe at the school, we offer a good range of subjects and many children can take part in clubs and activities. Thank you for your feedback and we continue to strive to give your children the best possible experience at Bounds Green!

From your feedback, we do have some areas where we would like to improve: We will be working on how we communicate our very high expectations for your child to you and how we share what your child is learning during the year, including raising your awareness of the information on our website. We will explore how we work with families who raise a concern with us so that they feel it is fully dealt with.

Many families added to our Talking Wall on Home Learning at Bounds Green. Thank you for all of your views – we have read them all. Responses were really mixed with some families feeling we have the right approach. Many families gave particularly positive feedback about our approach to spellings. Some families wanted more homework, especially in the older years, and we are going to investigate how we can use technology more to support optional Home Learning without adding to teacher workload.



Nadine Lewis
Headteacher

School Individual and Sibling Photos

On Wednesday 22nd November the children will be having their individual photos taken, which parents can then purchase if they wish. As we are a full 3-form entry school, we aren't able to do all the individual photos and sibling photos on the same day, therefore the photographers will be coming back on Friday 24th November only to do siblings. To register your child for a sibling photo, please click on the link below, the deadline for completing this form is

Wednesday 15th November: <https://forms.office.com/e/Fc7NNUY2pw>



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

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.

School News

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.

Parking on Park Road

Please respect the parking restrictions out on Park Road and the surrounding areas when dropping off and picking up your child from school. Please DO NOT park blocking any driveways as local residents are being unable to leave their premises due to cars blocking them. Any cars parked or stopped illegally will be fined by Haringey, and there will be a parking attendant regularly checking the area.

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.



Bounds Green Attendance and Punctuality Mascots

We are proud to introduce our new attendance and punctuality mascots; Minnie the bear, so called as 'every minute counts' – therefore Minnie for minute, and Sam the frog, so called because he is the 'School Attendance Mascot'! The children are very excited about our new mascots and will hopefully encourage good punctuality and attendance across the school.

Haringey half term booklet

Haringey have sent through their holiday booklet, which is full of activities, sports camps, treasure hunts, and many other things which are taking place over the October half term, many of which are FREE!

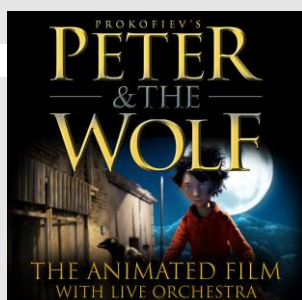
<https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/1492.49-October-half-term-2023-A5-24pp-v5.pdf>

Peter & The Wolf

The event is on **Saturday November 18th**, again at Regent Hall (Oxford Street), with three performances at 1pm, 3pm and 5pm. On the menu is **Peter & The Wolf** – the Oscar-winning stop-motion animation, set beautifully to Prokofiev's famous music. I'll be conducting St Paul's Sinfonia live on-stage in front of the big screen, and the film's director Suzie Templeton together with – very excitingly – some of the actual puppets that star in the film (pic attached) will be there as part of the extended introduction section. And the performance will open with an exclusive preview of **Kensuke's Kingdom** – the new animated feature film adaptation of the Michael Morpurgo book of the name, with my own orchestral music performed live.

All profits from the event will benefit the excellent music education charity Music Masters - <https://musicmasters.org.uk> - empowering children to reach their creative potential through music, no matter their background.

Please use the promo code "**HARINGEYPETER**", giving a 10% discount on ticket purchases here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-the-wolf-live-tickets-706749666277>



PTA – Festive Fair

Please save the date in your diary for the PTA Festive Fair at Bounds Green School!



Save the date!



for our

FESTIVE FAIR

Saturday 2 Dec 1 - 4pm



MMR Update from Haringey

Measles update: getting your child vaccinated can prevent them from being sent home from school to self-isolate. We continue to see an increase in Measles circulating in London. Please make sure your child's Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations are up to date as they start at or return to school. Your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations when they have had two doses of this vaccination. This gives your child 99% life-long protection and helps to reduce further spread of the infection in our community. You can check this by looking at their personal health record (red book) or by asking your GP practice.

How do I get my child vaccinated?

If your child is not up to date, make an appointment for your child to have the vaccination as soon as possible. If your child is in school in Haringey, you can book into a clinic using this online link: <https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics> alternatively you can call 0208 017 4292.

Self-Isolation Explained

If your child is identified as a close contact of someone with measles and your child is not fully vaccinated against MMR (both doses), your child may be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days. This could mean missing school for up to 21 days.

Children who are fully vaccinated do not need to be excluded from school as they are well protected and will not continue to spread the infection. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected people they come into contact with.

Symptoms of Measles

Measles symptoms are: high fever, sore red watery eyes, coughing, aching and feeling generally unwell, a blotch red/brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms. Anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home (from work or school) and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting their GP practice or A&E. This is because measles spreads very quickly and so it is important to try and prevent the illness spreading further.

It's vital that missed vaccinations are caught up.

Please read the letter from Haringey Public Health regarding Measles using this link:

<https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/new-and-events/letters-home/>

It is also available in other languages using the same link (Turkish, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish and Somalian).

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>October 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18.10.23 – ES Trip to Railway Fields • 20.10.23 – INSET Day – school closed • 23.10.23 – Half term week – school closed • 31.10.23 – Yr1 Multi-cultural Picnic 	<p>March 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28.03.24 – Last day of School
<p>November 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03.11.23 - LS Trip to Railway Fields • 14.11.23 – EYFS Parents' Evening • 16.11.23 – EYFS Parents' Evening • 17.11.23 – Yr5 Dance Performance (tbc) • 20.11.23 – Road Safety Week • 22.11.23 – Individual Photo Day • 24.11.23 – Sibling Photo Day 	<p>April 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.04.24 – First day of School
<p>December 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 02.12.23 – PTA Festive Fair • 21.12.23 – Last Day of school 	<p>May 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06.05.24 – Bank Holiday • 27.05.24 – Half Term Week
<p>January 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08.01.24 – INSET Day • 09.01.24 – First day of school • w/c 15.1.24 – 1st group to Pendarren (Yr6) • w/c 22.1.24 – 2nd group to Pendarren (Yr6) 	<p>June 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>February 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.02.24 – Half Term Week 	<p>July 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24.07.24 – Last Day of School



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Haringey & Enfield
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WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOUR CHILD STOPS BREATHING ?

FREE FIRST AID COURSE

Learn about choking, fever, sepsis, allergies, head injuries and discuss your worries



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