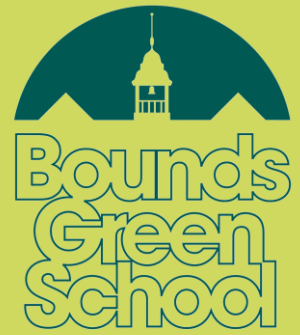


Bounds Green School Newsletter

15th Dec 2023



A Message from Bounds Green

MONDAY 8TH JANUARY – INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY - FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM

A Message from Nadine

Thank you for a wonderful first term!

I have truly enjoyed getting to know all of the community at Bounds Green, from our professional and welcoming staff, to our open and enthusiastic children, and our friendly and supportive families.

It is hard to choose highlights of the first term at Bounds Green, but here are a few things that stand out... Meeting 90 Reception children from Canary Wharf, Elephant and Castle, and Paddington classes, and many of their families. It has been amazing to see the children grow in confidence and independence this term. I am so looking forward to watching their journey through the school until July 2030 - I know we will have many adventures together!

Our PTA Festive Winter Market was a wonderful event that show-cased our community spirit and the support that our families bring to Bounds Green. We have great plans to use the funds raised to enhance children's breaktime and lunchtime experiences by developing our outside space.

Greeting so many families in the mornings on the gate has also been a highlight! Seeing happy children keen to see the new learning that their teachers have planned for them has been a pleasure. It has been wonderful to meet so many parents and carers - please do come to say hello!

I have been wowed by the children's musical and singing performances at the end of this term, especially seeing Year 4 showcase their skills after WCIT learning (Whole Class Instrumental Teaching). It has been so impressive to see the children make so much progress so quickly, and learn to focus so hard during lessons, follow instructions carefully, practice at home and perform as part of a group.

The children's newspaper hats this week impressed all of the staff with your creativity and construction skills. Thank you for all of your efforts! Our staff enjoyed sharing the children's ideas with them as they ate their Christmas Lunches.

Thank you for all of your support for Bounds Green and I hope that you and your family have a relaxing and restful winter break!



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

School News

A Message from Nadine continued...

Here is a little bit about making contact in the school:

We can help!

We hope that you are very happy with how things are going at Bounds Green School, but there may be occasions when you wish to raise concerns with us. Here's what to do...

Firstly, talk to the class teacher about what has happened, which is often the quickest way to put things right.

If you are still unhappy or concerned Email or telephone the school office, to arrange a convenient time to come into school and meet with the Phase Leader for your child's class. Our Phase Leaders are:

For Nursery and Reception classes: Lydia Pavlou

For Years 1 and 2: Layla Mepham

For Years 3 and 4: Brian Mepham

For Years 5 and 6: Tom Smith

If you do not feel that this has resolved the issue then Email or telephone the school office, to arrange a convenient time to come into school and meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Thank you,
Nadine Lewis

The School Council holds an Extraordinary Meeting with our Lunchtime Provider

During a School Council meeting in November the reps from Y2 to Y6 had requested to hold an extraordinary meeting with the organisation that provides our school lunchtime meals.

This was arranged for Friday 1st December where the reps met Mark from Lunchtimes to discuss meals in general.

Mark listened to the reps and promised to report back to them once he has had the opportunity to discuss their ideas with his boss and come back with solutions

The children talked about liking their meals but wondered if they could have:

- a greater choice for vegetarian meals
- hot drinks eg. green tea, herbal teas
- a suggestion box

They also discussed bringing back:

- the golden table
- milkshakes and cookies
- chicken burger

The children were both confident and articulate in voicing their opinions and enjoyed their discussion with Mark. They felt empowered as they were actively involved in promoting changes to improve our lunchtime meals.

Bounds Green Choir Club

On Wednesday, Y5 and 6 choir joined other Haringey schools to perform at Alexandra Palace. The choir sang a beautiful rendition of *Home to You this Christmas* and also provided some brilliant backing vocals for *Kindness is Not Just For Christmas*. A huge well done to our fabulous singers and a big thank you to Liz and Jay for supporting our music making. We are looking forward to learning some new songs next term so please look out for our future performances.

If you have a Y5 or 6 child who would like to sing in the choir, we would love them to join us. Rehearsals take place from **8.15-8.45am** on **Tuesdays** in the **Upper Hall**. Please contact Annie (Y2 teacher) if you have any questions.



Videos and Photos at School

A polite reminder that parents and carers are not allowed to take photos, videos or have video calls of the school/children. Even if it is of your own child as there may be other children in the background, therefore we ask to refrain from photos or videos at school.

If you are attending a performance for your child, then you can take photos/videos but please don't share these on social media, they are only for your personal use.

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>December 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18.12.23 – Nur&Rec Christmas Show, 2pm 18.12.23 – Pendarren Meeting, 3:45 or 5:30pm 18.12.23 – Book Fair, Bottom Hall, 3:30-4pm 19.12.23 – Nur&Rec Christmas Show, 9:30am 20.12.23 – Yr2 Singing assembly, 2:50pm 20.12.23 – Book Fair, Bottom Hall, 3:30-4pm 21.12.23 - Last Day of school 	<p>April 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.04.24 – First day of School
<p>January 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 08.01.24 – INSET Day 09.01.24 – Nursery Closed 09.01.24 – First day of school 09.01.24 – Pendarren Meeting, 5:30pm 15.01.24 – First Pendarren Trip 17.01.24 – Yr1 Singing assembly, 2:50pm 22.01.24 – Second Pendarren Trip 24.01.24 – Yr5 Singing assembly, 2:50pm 31.12.23 – Rec Singing assembly, 2:50pm 	<p>May 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06.05.24 – Bank Holiday 27.05.24 – Half Term Week
<p>February 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.02.24 – Half Term Week 21.02.24 – Yr4 Singing assembly, 2:50pm Yr4 Dance Performance – to be confirmed 	<p>June 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr4 WCIT Concerts – to be confirmed
<p>March 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr3 Dance Performance – to be confirmed Yr1 Fashion Show – to be confirmed Yr4 WCIT Concerts – to be confirmed EYFS Dance Performance – to be confirmed Yr1 Dance Performance – to be confirmed 28.03.24 – Last day of School 	<p>July 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr2 Dance Performance – to be confirmed Yr6 End of Year Performance 24.07.24 – Last Day of School

Class Attendance and Punctuality Winners!

Week Beginning 27 th November 2023		
Attendance Winners <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Green Park	98%
Punctuality Winners <i>Number of late marks</i>	Island Gardens	100%
Week Beginning 4 th December 2023		
Attendance Winners <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Ravens Court	97.7%
Punctuality Winners <i>Number of late marks</i>	Regents Park / Island Gardens	100%





Club d'hiver



FUN FRENCH

For children age 4-10



£50 per day/
£90 for both days

(Sibling & friend
rates apply)

@Cufos community
centre N10



2 days filled with
fun seasonal games,
baking and crafts!

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*Got a birthday
coming up?*



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*Why not book Selda
for a Singalong and
Danceathon?!*