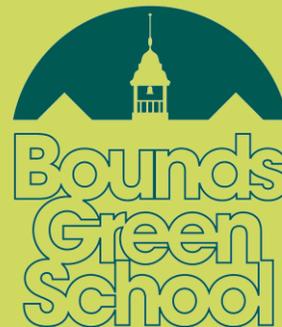


Bounds Green School Newsletter



19th March 2021

A Message from SLT

ICT Update

We have invested heavily in our school technology since the pandemic started to ensure that we were able to help families without internet/laptops at home.

Thanks largely to Faye, our Business Manager, we now have **160** chromebooks for pupil use! These came from a variety of sources:

- 67 chromebooks which the school purchased using own funds
- 43 free chromebooks received from the Department of Education
- 40 free chromebooks received from Haringey Council
- 10 chromebooks paid for by the PTA

We were successful in our application for support from BT and Vodafone. The school received Vodafone data SIM cards and BT wifi hotspot links, which were made available for families with no internet to use at home to support remote learning.

We have also been very fortunate to receive donations. The school is very grateful for this support.

- A member of the local community donated 3 iPads. These are now being used in classes.
- We received six laptops through a project called 'Project 500'
- The PTA provided funding for 10 chromebooks. As always, we are very grateful for their on-going support.

Lateral Flow Tests

Following our email on Monday about Lateral Flow tests being available to adult household members of school children, we have had feedback from parents to say that unfortunately despite the Government saying there will be tests available to take home there is not enough of a supply to be able to collect a test kit from a test site at the moment. You can still order them online, or go in person to be tested at a test site.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Households Self-Isolating

If anyone in the house has any of the three key symptoms for Covid-19, then all household members, including any siblings, will need to self-isolate until the symptomatic person receives a negative test result.



No Football in the Ballcourt in the Mornings

You may have already noticed but the children who wait in the ballcourt in the mornings are no longer allowed to play football. This is to keep the area safe and to discourage any potential mixing of bubbles.

Reporting a **POSITIVE** COVID-19 Test Result on the Weekends or after 5pm on Weekdays

Should you need to get in contact in the event of a positive test result for a child who attends our school and it is either the weekend, or a weekday after 5pm when the office is closed, please contact us by either:

1. Text to **07969-502099**.
(Please do not use the 'dedicated COVID-19 positive test report hotline number').
2. By email to head@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk

Important information to include is name of child, class, when child became symptomatic, when they were tested and when result came through.

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Library News

In keeping with Covid guidelines, we are delighted to say that we are now able to open up our fantastic library again. Years 1, 3 and 4 will have access on a weekly basis through to the end of April. Years 2, 5 and 6 will be able to start using it again at the beginning of May.

In dry weather, we will be setting up a gazebo outside the library door so that children can read outside as well as inside the library.

If you have found any library books at home during lockdown, please remember to return them to the school. We look forward to welcoming the children back into the library.

Class Photo Day

A reminder that we have class photo day on Wednesday 24th March. Hopefully this can be done outside, and it will be keeping to Covid guidelines throughout. Look out for your class proof card which will come home with your child on the day to order your photos.

World Book Day

On Friday 12th March we celebrated World Book Day at Bounds Green School. The children had a great time getting dressed up and showing off their favourite books. Every child would have received a £1 Book token, these can be redeemed in shops and supermarkets until 31st March. Please click on this link to find the nearest shop to you that accepts the tokens: <https://www.booksellers.org.uk/wbd> and put your postcode at the bottom of the page.



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Walking Home Permission and Mobile Phones

If you would like your child to walk home from school we would normally ask you to complete a paper form that can be collected from the office. Given the situation at the moment, we are asking parents and carers to instead email on:

admin@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk to let us know if your child is allowed to walk home, and whether they will be bringing a mobile phone to school with them.

Only children that walk home from school on their own should need a mobile phone, therefore if you collect your child from school, we would discourage letting them bring a mobile phone to school unnecessarily.

Euston Square Art Project

This year Danni has organised an exciting collaborative Art project between Euston Square, Cypher Billboard and local Artists; ArieH Frosh and Ed Compson.

Despite being in lockdown for the first part of the project, the children watched a video made by the artists and responded by designing their own fantasy wind turbines. Several of these designs have been 'digitised', rendered in 3D and used in a picture that is displayed on the billboard that can be found just down the road - where Whittington Road joins Bounds Green Road at the railway bridge.

The 2nd part of this exciting project involved the whole class, recording sounds based on light, medium and strong winds. We were super lucky to have Bounds Green singing teacher Elena Browne on hand to help! ArieH and Ed are going to use Euston Square's recordings to create an audio piece that will be played on - www.threadradio.com on Tuesday 6th April sometime between 2-3pm.



Late Children

Please remind your children to inform the office if they arrive late after their start time. This is so that they can be registered as being in school as they would have missed the register being taken in their class.

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.

Please also see the Calendar on the school website: <https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/new-and-events/school-calendar/>

<u>March</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24.03.21 – Class Photo Day• 30.03.21 – Year 3 Science of the Cell workshop in school• 31.03.2021 – Last day of Spring term	<u>June</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 04.06.21 – Last day of Summer half term holidays
<u>April</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19.04.21 – First day of the Summer term	<u>July</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23.07.21 – Last day of summer term
<u>May</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 03.05.21 – BANK HOLIDAY, school closed• 31.05.21 - 04.06.21 – Half term holiday	<u>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</u>

My NameTags!

At Bounds Green we highly recommend labelling your child's clothes and belongings with their names. If you would like to order some name labels please see MyNameTags.com for some great designs, and when you buy online 24% of every order will be donated to our School! Just use our school ID when you checkout.

You can access the website here: MyNameTags.com

School ID: 65547



PTA & Other News

Welcome back, and thank you so much for all your support so far. This has not been a regular year for fundraising, given how much the PTA relies on live events, but please be assured that all funds raised will be distributed as normal according to staff requests once things become more predictable. We are looking forward to offering our range of rainbow-inspired goodies, including small bags and water bottles, hopefully during the Summer term.

We are most grateful to well-known local community member, **Soulla Sergiou**, who has donated her piano to Bounds Green School. Huge thanks also to PTA committee member **Alix Smith** and family for arranging collection and delivery at no cost.

If you don't already follow PTA accounts on social media, you can find us on Instagram – **@bgschoolpta** (Instagram), **Bounds Green School PTA** (Facebook), and **@BGSchoolPTA** (Twitter) for extra news and fun updates!

And for any last-minute shopping, don't forget the PTA is registered with **Easyfundraising.org.uk** – just search for Bounds Green School PTA when you visit the website, and the online retailers will donate a percentage of your purchase costs!



Bounds Green Food Bank
Let's make sure every local family gets a few treats this Easter break!

**EASTER
COMMUNITY
CALL-OUT!**

Donations gratefully accepted until Sunday 28 March

We welcome wrapped items including Easter eggs |
Chocolates | Sweets | Cakes | Hot Cross Buns

*Drop donated treats to 9 Edith Road, N11 2QW,
26 Durnsford Road, N11 2EH or Pavilion Sports &
Cafe, N22 7XL.*

*You can also donate funds via our fundraising page:
<https://www.www.boundsgreenfoodbank.org>*

Easter Camps 2021

KickaboutFC.com/Book

