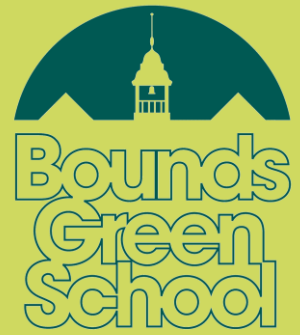


Bounds Green School Newsletter



19th April 2024

SCHOOL CLOSED ON 2ND MAY – POLLING DAY



Headteacher's Message

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to add their views to our Talking Wall about communication at Parents Evening. You shared many positive aspects of Bounds Green School with us that you feel are "working well" for you, including:

- The atmosphere at school is really positive and children are put first. Communication generally is excellent. Thank you!
- Great listening. Very supportive to both working / non-working parents. 20+ years of Bounds Green
- Good newsletters and Evidence Me give us what we need to know.
- Newsletter is good to get a sense of what's happening in the school. Wellbeing important. Kids valued.
- Really helpful specific advice on how to support learning at home with useful links. Lots of useful info on the newsletters,
- Inviting parents into school (mystery story tellers, phonics, performances)
- Class emails very good
- Clear school trip details
- PTA reps great at sharing events etc
- Admin / office staff and teachers are friendly and good communicators in general (face to face)
- My problems are sorted out quickly by the office
- Wonderful and understanding office staff

Some families also shared some more general positive feedback as well:

- I am happy with this school
- We love the school's culture and positive and engaging environment
- You're doing a great job! My son is very happy and cheerful. Thanks
- The staff are fantastic, nurturing and caring. They understand child development well. Thank you!
- Experienced and knowledgeable team.
- Nice teachers, firm but fair
- Academic rigour
- Having a variety of activities
- Lovely support, inclusive environment. Kind teachers who really care and go above and beyond for the kids. Thank you.
- Make children feel valued and cultivate enthusiasm for learning
- Restorative justice is great
- Help kids feel better when they are sad
- The new buddy system

We value your positive feedback so much. It is so helpful to know what we are doing well so that we can keep doing it.

You also shared really helpful feedback about areas where we can improve as "even better if..." suggestions. Your ideas covered communication and some other areas of school life as well. Some suggestions will take a little longer to put in place and need a little more thought, so I will update you again later this term. Some areas we can take action on straight away:

You said...	We will...
<p>Sometimes feels like not enough notice is given for trips/special days etc. Bit more notice about trips and sports tournaments (which would help us to volunteer)</p>	<p>Give more notice about school trips so that families can arrange to have the day free</p>
<p>Add extracurricular clubs to websites Improve website – put more info, e.g. clubs</p>	<p>Keep these updated on our website (under the "Parents" tab) and we will add them to the newsletter at the start of each half term.</p>
<p>Sports achievements Posting sports opportunities – I have found out about running trials for primary through the secondary school School sports teams vs other schools – happy to help! More sports competition</p>	<p>Makeda, who teaches Island Gardens in Year 5, is our recently appointed PE leader. Makeda has exciting and ambitious plans for sport at Bounds Green (including competitions) and will be sharing these with you on our website and through our newsletter</p>
<p>More diversity in classes, celebration of BAME children The children would be taught about understanding a variety of disabilities, especially when some of the children in the class live with these. Let's talk openly about things like Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia. Help children understand that they are just different ways of functioning and there's nothing to hide about these.</p>	<p>We are very proud that Bounds Green School is a diverse school. We believe this makes Bounds Green an exciting school for learning and enriches children's experiences. We are working hard to ensure our curriculum reflects the full diversity of Bounds Green. We have an active Black Lives Matter group of staff and other stakeholders who meet regularly to recommend improvements to our curriculum. We have planned PHSE learning in the second half of this term to discuss diversity in our school, with assemblies and planned PHSE lessons in every class.</p>
<p>Think about working parents where scheduling kids assemblies/shows and performances</p>	<p>Wherever possible from now on, we will schedule assemblies and performances for families at the start of the day. Please note that sadly this is not possible for Year 4 WCIT performances as the music teaching team only work with us in the afternoons and are working in other Haringey schools in the mornings</p>
<p>More selection of after school clubs for free school meals children Maybe dance clubs</p>	<p>We have a limited number of places available in our Extra-curricular clubs for children who have Free School Meals due to family income. Please contact us through the admin@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk email address if you would like your child to be considered for a place. If you think that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals due to family income but we have not registered this with us, please contact our office in confidence We are exploring whether we can offer Dance Club as a lunchtime club and are constantly working to improve our club offer. This year, we have introduced lunchtime chess and we also held a Technology half term camp, which was warmly received and we will run this again</p>
<p>More food options Varied school dinners Year 6 not always last for lunch</p>	<p>Our School Council have been working with our catering company and our new School Cook, Farid to ensure that we have pupil voice to inform our lunchtime menus. Many staff (including myself) have been eating the school dinners and we are impressed with the quality of the food! Bounds Green School have a rota for school lunches so that different year groups go into lunch first each day. We have included this at the bottom of the newsletter as I think you might be interested. This has been in place at Bounds Green for many years to make our lunchtimes fair. <u>On Thursday 9th May there will be an open session for parents/carers to come and try the food. It will be between 3:15-3:45pm in the dinner hall!</u></p>
<p>Not enough homework on Purple Mash</p>	<p>Our Computer leader, Brian who teaches Euston Square in Year 4, has been providing training and inspiration for our staff about using Purple Mash as we feel that this is a highly effective way to provide exciting home learning for children without a big workload for teachers</p>

Thank you for all of your feedback as it helps us all to work together to make Bounds Green the best that we can be. I will be asking for your views again at future Parents Evenings.

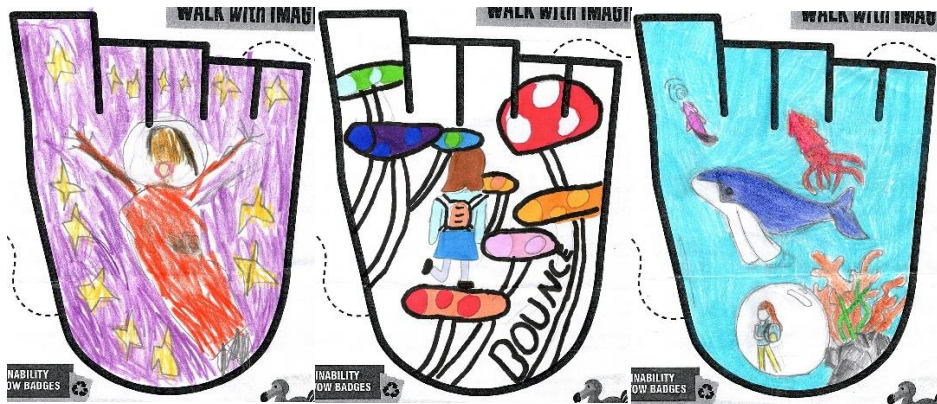
Nadine, Headteacher

Bow Sow Wow Badge Competition 2024

Thank you to all the children who entered the WOW badge design competition – we received over 100 entries! Our well-deserved winners have had their designs sent onto the National Competition, where they will have the chance for their design to be made into actual badges!

The winners are:

Jonas Taylor (Chalk Farm), Emilia Lassman-Watts (Euston Square), Francesca Nicholas (Ravens Court)



Here are the runners-up who did amazingly well and will be recognised for their amazing drawings:



School News

Mobile Phones at School

Children in years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school ONLY if they walk to or from school alone. Children who do need to bring a mobile MUST hand this into the office where it will be locked away during the school day, and given back at the end of the day. Children are not allowed to have a phone on them throughout the school day. The school can't take any responsibility for the mobile phone while in the child's possession.

Golden Table

Just before the Easter holidays a group of specially chosen children from Years 1-6 attended a special meal at the golden tables in the dinner hall. The children were chosen for their excellent behavior in the dinner hall throughout the previous half term, and were able to enjoy table service from the lunch staff, and some little Easter treats!



No Footballs Before or After School

Please make sure that children don't play with any footballs or any other PE equipment in the playground before or after school, as this may lead to injuries of other children or adults in the playground.

Haringey Sustainability News

Please see below the upcoming events around Haringey:

Saturday 20th April 10.30am – 1.30pm

Broadwater Farm Repair Cafe

Call Chris on 07887 493658, email info@haringeyfixers.org or contact us [through our website](#)

Sunday April 28th 1pm-4pm

Our food and our environment

a celebration of local activities and groups making a real difference

Lordship Hub, N17 6NU

Food, Films, speakers, discussions

Free entry. All welcome

Organised by Green Action in Central Tottenham and Haringey Right to Food Campaign

<https://lordshiphub.org.uk/green-action-in-central-tottenham/>

Alexandra Palace wetland gets share in funding to "re-wild London"

[Alexandra Park wetland wins share in funding to 'rewild London' \(haringeycommunitypress.co.uk\)](https://www.haringeycommunitypress.co.uk)

New Banksy mural in Homsey Road, Finsbury Park.

Article from Gio lozzi from Haringey Tree Protectors

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2024/mar/20/crowds-flocking-banksy-tree-mural-missing-the-point-damaged-tree>

Reporting Your Child's Absence

A reminder to please always report any absences or appointments directly to the office, ideally by calling and leaving a voice message, or by sending a text to the School Gateway system. Please don't email with absences or change of collections as these may not be seen in time.



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>April 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25.04.24 – Yr1 Trip to Bluebell Woods • 26.04.24 – Choir Trip to Kings Place Festival • 27.04.24 – PTA Car Boot Sale, 10a,m-1pm • 30.04.24 – Yr5 Anglo-Saxons and Viking Workshop 	<p>June 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr4 WCIT Concerts – to be confirmed
<p>May 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 02.05.24 – Polling Day – school closed • 06.05.24 – Bank Holiday • 09.05.24 – Lunchtime Food Taster Session • 10.05.24 – Reception trip to Highgate Woods • 13.05.24 – Yr6 SATs Week • 27.05.24 – Half Term Week 	<p>July 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 05.07.24 – INSET Day – School Closed • 06.07.24 – Summer Fair • 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 4 th March 2024		
<p>Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i></p>	Swiss Cottage	98.6%
<p>Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i></p>	London Bridge	98.7%
<p>Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i></p>	Covent Garden	96%
Week Beginning 11 th March 2024		
<p>Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i></p>	Manor House	99.7%
<p>Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i></p>	Russell Square	99.2%
<p>Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i></p>	Earls Court	98.7%



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 20 th December 2024
SPRING TERM 2025	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	17 th – 21 st February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025
SUMMER TERM 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	26 th – 30 th 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
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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List of Available Clubs at Bounds Green School

Days	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Lunch Time Clubs – 12:00 – 1:15pm					
Radiant Chess	Chess Club (Year 1/2)				Chess Club (Years 3 - 6)
Claire Murat					French Club (Year 1-6) – 12:00 – 1:15pm
Activity Clubs - 3:30 – 4:30pm					
By London Football Academy (LFA)	Boys Football (Year 3-6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gymnastics (Year 1/ 2) Girls Football (Year 1-6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Football Dodgeball (Year 1-6) 	Boys Football (Year 1 /2)	Multisport (Year 1-6)
By ARTeach	Actors Clubs (Year 3-6)		Musical Bubbles (Rec – Year 1)	Drama Kids (Year 1/2)	
By Danni - our Art Teacher	Art Club (Year 1/2)		DT Club (Year 3-6)	Art Club (Year 3-6)	
After School Club (All Year Group) 3:00 – 6:00pm					

Lunchtime Timetable

	12.00 – 13.00	12.15 – 13.15			
Monday	KS1	KS2			
		Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Tuesday	KS1	KS2			
		Y6	Y3	Y4	Y5
Wednesday	KS1	KS2			
		Y5	Y3	Y4	Y6
Thursday	KS1	KS2			
		Y4	Y6	Y5	Y3
Friday	KS1	KS2			
		Y5	Y3	Y6	Y4