

Bounds Green School Newsletter



22nd Mar 2024

A Message from Bounds Green

REMINDER: SCHOOL WILL BREAK UP AT THE USUAL TIME ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS. SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR THE SUMMER TERM ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL AT THE USUAL TIME.

Headteacher's Message

Thank you for all of your support this term. I have been enjoying getting to know our school community even better and seeing more of our busy Bounds Green life. It has been amazing to see such skilled dance and instrumental performances, to see so many trips taking place as we make the most of being so connected to London and to watch the children enjoy our beautiful library. Thank you also to everyone who came to the Book Fair this week - money raised is used to buy new books and make reading at Bounds Green even more of a pleasure.

It was great to meet so many parents and carers at Parents Evening. Thank you for sharing your views about Communication on our Talking Wall - I will be feeding these back to Governors and I will update you later on actions as a result. It was also a great pleasure to take part in my first PTA Quiz Night - thank to all the PTA members who arranged a great event. Congratulations especially to Alexis (Putney Bridge) for his outstanding knowledge of Pokemon characters as he triumphed in this round!

World Book Day 2024

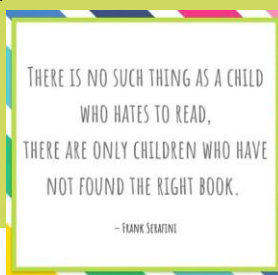
Thank you so much to all the children (and adults) who took part in celebrating World Book Day this year! We were amazed, as always, with the incredible effort our children went to. So many children dressed up and all of our children were excited and confident talking about their favourite books and characters. It really reminded us what a special community we have here at Bounds Green.

We would also like to offer a big thank you to all the adults at home who encouraged and helped their children with their fantastic outfits! Of course, the real reason we celebrate World Book Day is to

encourage our children to talk about books, enjoy books and hopefully find a book that may spark a bit of magic! If you would like any ideas on what books you could be reading to your children, or for them to read, please check out our reading lists for each year group on the 'English' section of our school website.

Thank you again,

Marie Glackin (Year 6 teacher and English Lead)



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

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Reporting Your Child's Absence

We request that any notification of absences are made via telephone or on the School Gateway app only. Please call 0208 888 8824 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 not send an email to report any absences.

Intercom on the Front Gate

As you may have noticed, the intercom on the front gate isn't currently working due to water damage. If you need to come into school, please ring the bell as usual and wait for a member of office staff to let you in, if it is for the After School Club then please press number 2 as their intercom is working as normal.

To help the office, please can families remember all their items in the morning, so there aren't any late drop-off of items after the gates are closed.

Year 4 Trip to The Centre of the Cell

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Queen Mary University Hospital's research centre - The Centre of the Cell. They took part in an interactive workshop, bringing to life the different parts of the digestive system to consolidate their learning in science this term. The second part of the trip was to visit an interactive "cell" where the nucleus came to life revealing lots of different interactive games that helped them understand the role of cells in each part of our body. It was such a great trip and the children were very inspired to become the next generation of scientists and bio-engineers! Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to get us to Whitechapel and back safely.



Reporting Last Minute Changes to Arrangements

Please telephone us to communicate any last minute changes e.g. to let us know you will be late collecting your child, or a change in arrangements at pick up. This information should **not** be sent to the admin email as the email is checked periodically, and may be missed during the busy periods at the end of the school day.

If you will be late to collect your child, or if there is a change in arrangements at pick up, please call and give the office as much notice as possible so that the Admin team have time to relay messages to teachers.

Science Week

Our children have had an amazing Science Week investigating the concept of Time. Children had the opportunity to learn with an older or younger "twinned" class and to carry out practical experiments, such as finding out what happens over time when raisins are placed in a glass of fizzy water, or when skittles are laid on a plate and covered with water. Today, the children had a Science Road Show in school with exciting and informative demonstrations. I know you will join me in thanking Layla Mephram for organising such an exciting week!



Register of talents

Please help us to make learning at Bounds Green's even more exciting and interesting! Do you have skills or experience which will enhance our curriculum? These could come from travel, a hobby, professional experience or other areas of your life.

At Bounds Green, we know that we have many skilled and talented parents and carers with experiences and knowledge that could enhance our curriculum by sharing real life experience and applications for learning. We need to be able to tap into your talents so that teachers can invite parents or carers into school to share their curriculum.

Please use this link to add your name, contact details and talents to our Register so that we can contact you when your skills will enhance the children's learning:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=B7gYeyQdhkyE6s2kn-shZJb0wSE7JepLnCfkax1SHrNUM1VJVEQ5RjhVQTAYNTRRU1hTWkg2UTAzRi4u>

Thank you very much for your support.

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Illegal Parking Outside School

We are still having reports from residents in the surrounding houses saying that parents/carers belonging to Bounds Green School are parking illegally and blocking their driveways. We please ask for the families to be respectful of the road markings and of the residents who live around the school, and park in the designated areas, even if it is only for a short space of time.



Haringey Easter Activity Booklet

Please click on the link to see the activities that Haringey have on offer over the Easter school holidays:

<https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/haringey-easter-activities/>

Haringey Sustainability News

Please see below the upcoming events around Haringey:

Saturday 23rd March 12noon to 5pm

Tottenham Spring Fair on Tottenham Green

Friends of the Earth will have a stall about the Warm Homes and Planet Above Profit campaigns.

Saturday 23rd March 8.30pm-9.30pm

Earth Hour

<https://www.earthday.org>

Tuesday 26th March, 7.30pm

Speaker meeting: Creating A Wilder Britain^[SEP]

Muswell Hill Methodist Church^[SEP], 28 Page's Lane, N10 1PP Buses 102, 299

Wednesday 27th March 7pm

Friends of the Earth meeting

All Good Bookshop, Turnpike Lane, N22

<https://groups.friendsoftheearth.uk/groups/tottenham-and-wood-green-friends-of-the-earth>

Hear from four MHSG members about how rewilding offers solutions to both the climate and biodiversity crisis. Find out why rewilding is economic, transformative and fair, and what we can practically do to contribute.

<https://mhsgroup.org/>

Edible Landscapes London ~ ELL

We are open as usual for volunteers and visitors and plant giveaways to community projects every Tuesday and Sunday 10-2.

Interested in Bees???

We share the site with Finsbury Park Bee House.

Contact them for more info - <http://www.finsburyparkbeehouse.wordpress.com>

Come and say HI!

Friends of Harmony Gardens

Volunteering sessions at Harmony Gardens, next to Broadway Farm Estate. Tuesday and Fridays 12 noon to 3pm. Contact Christine Tomlinson at foharmonygardens@gmail.com

Thames 21

Thames 21 are running a number of activities along the River Lea including installing floating reed beds and planting new wetlands. www.thames21.org.uk/events



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>March 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25.03.24 – Y4 ES Music Performance (2:45pm) 27.03.24 – Yr1 Fashion Show, 2pm 27.03.24 – Yr5 to Royal Festival Hall trip 28.03.24 – Y4 LS Music Performance (9:15am) 28.03.24 – Last day of School – normal finish time 	<p>June 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr4 WCIT Concerts – to be confirmed
<p>April 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.04.24 – First day of School – normal start time 17.03.24 – Oral Health Talk with Reception 	<p>July 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 05.07.24 – INSET Day – School Closed Yr2 Dance Performance – to be confirmed Yr6 End of Year Performance 24.07.24 – Last Day of School
<p>May 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02.05.24 – Polling Day – school closed 06.05.24 – Bank Holiday 10.05.24 – Reception trip to Highgate Woods 27.05.24 – Half Term Week 	

Class Attendance and Punctuality Winners!

Week Beginning 4 th March 2024		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Swiss Cottage	98.6%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	London Bridge	98.7%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Covent Garden	96%
Week Beginning 11 th February 2024		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Manor House	99.7%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Russell Square	99.2%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	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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