

Bounds Green School Newsletter



22nd Oct 2021

A Message from Will

This half term has seemed to have flown by! As the saying goes "Time flies when you're having fun". It has been a joy for school to return to normality after the last 18 months. To be able to see the children once again join together in year groups and hear them singing. Children in Year 2 being able to cross bubbles and take part in mixed group daily supported reading at the start of the day. Children being able to mix and take part in specialist sports coaching and enter inter-school competitions (see later in newsletter). The restart and increase of Art and DT extra-curricular clubs. The whole Yr2 year session in the lower hall yesterday afternoon lead by Annie Ray for the children to hear and learn about Handel's Water Music, and experience Annie playing along with her French horn! There are so many examples I could list.

Over the last few weeks, senior leaders have had the opportunity to undertake 'Learning Walks' across the school and visit classes to see the children learning. It was uplifting for us to see their excellent attitudes and behaviour, and the quality and rapid progress they were making in their learning. A credit to the children themselves, and of course to the staff.

The return of Friday's Star of the Week assembly to celebrate children's achievements has been a particular highlight. Each Friday I have heard from class teachers the difficulty they have faced in only being able to choose one child.

Credit must also go to you, our parents and carers, with the support you have provided to help the successes of this term in relation to the children's behaviour, attitudes and progress. I would also like to thank you for your support in relation to Covid, keeping your children at home and getting them tested if they develop symptoms, and keeping us informed. Your support in this has helped minimise potential transmission.

Whilst the Covid situation in terms of Test & Trace has changed, we would request that you keep us informed on any positive PCR test results during the half term period, particularly any results in the first part of the half term, up to Wednesday 27th October.

During this period the contact email address is:
head@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk.

**Reminder – Monday 1st November is an INSET day
– school closed to all children. Children return on
Tuesday 2nd November.**



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 we've now started a new academic year, we'd like to remind parents and carers to please 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.

If your child is now in Year 3, please remember that you will have to start paying for your school meal, therefore it is very important that we have the correct meal type on the system for your child.

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Items in School

A reminder that children aren't to bring in toys and items into school, such as soft toys, poppers, fidget spinners, etc.

This is to save the risk of items being broken or lost, and to stop any arguments that may be caused by them. With regards to collectable cards, we know that the children enjoy bringing their cards in and swapping them with other children at break times, which can also be a good lesson for the children to learn with regards to cooperation and understanding. To minimize disruption, we will be allowing children to bring cards in to swap only on Fridays, so please make sure your child doesn't bring in their cards on other days.

School Menu

After the half term the school menu will be changing to a new Autumn/Spring menu. The school menu runs on a three-week rotation which includes vegetarian options on each day. On a Friday the children have a 'treat' dessert which varies each week. To see the full menu, please click on this link to take you to the school website:

<https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/parents/parent-information/school-meals/>

School Start Time Reminder

This is a reminder to parents and carers of the start times for the children of different year groups:

- Nursery - **9am start time** - Please go straight to the Nursery entrance
- Reception - **8:45am start time** - Please go straight to the Reception classroom door entrance
- Year 1 - **8:55am start time** - Please line up in the correct class line, near the Infant building entrance
- Year 2 - **8:55am start time** - Please line up by the classroom door entrance
- Year 3 - **8:55am start time** - Please line up at your allotted location in the playground (as per the map sent previously)
- Year 4 - **8:50am soft start (children can go straight to their classrooms) - 8:55am start time**
- Year 5 - **8:50am soft start (children can go straight to their classrooms) - 8:55am start time**
- Year 6 - **8:50am soft start (children can go straight to their classrooms) - 8:55am start time**

Please note that if your child arrives **after 8:55am** they must go to the main office to register their attendance, and then proceed to class.

For children in Reception or Year 1, if you arrive late please buzz on the infant building buzzer to let the office know which child has arrived and then a member of staff will come and collect them from the entrance. No adults are allowed to enter the Infant or Junior school building.

The finish times continue as they have been, with the Nursery finishing as per their hours at Nursery, the Reception finishing at 3:10pm, and Years 1-6 finishing at 3:25pm.

Late Starters

Please remember that class for the Juniors starts at 8:55am, so children need to be in their class and ready for the register at this time. If it is raining in the morning, then the children are allowed to enter the lower hall at 8:45am, and then proceed to class at 8:50pm (soft start) with the class actually starting at 8:55am as it would be normally. Parents and carers don't need to join the children in the lower hall if it is raining as there will be staff there to supervise the children.

If your child is regularly late in the mornings this can be really distressing for the child entering the class late, but it can also be very disruptive for the rest of the class. Please remember to be on time.

School News Continued...

Secondary School Applications

A reminder to all parents in Year 6, that Sunday 31st October is the deadline for submitting your secondary school applications.

Applications need to be completed online via the following website:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Please make sure that once you have completed your application, that you attached any relevant documents and that you click submit at the bottom. If you have successfully submitted your application you should then receive an email with a confirmation code, please keep this safe for any future communication about your application.

Bike Shed

Earlier on in the term we wrote to you to say that the bike/scooter shed is currently out of action. This was due to building works taking place on the boiler which required using this space for the works. While the boiler is now fixed and up and running there are a few more things they need to check which will take place over the half term. Once this is complete the bike/scooter shed will need to be repositioned and secured before we can allow children to keep their bikes and scooters in there. We will confirm once it is ready, so in the meantime please continue to take any bikes or scooters home with you.

Sports Tournaments

This term, Bounds Green has participated in boys and girls football, netball and dodgeball tournaments. The boys won the football plate to bring another trophy back to school! We have been using lunchtime sports clubs for trials and squad training. After half-term we are looking forward to participating in rugby, football, cricket and table-tennis tournaments.

Bounds Green is proud to be part of the 'Daily Mile' initiative with years 3-6 regularly running. In October we participated in the Virgin Mini-Marathon, 2.6 miles run over a week, for which each child will receive a pin badge.

Finally, we have invested in two new all-weather table-tennis tables to broaden the range of sports activities our children can enjoy during play times.

Below is a picture from the Year 5 Girls and Boys Football Festival that took place at the beginning of October. The children all had a great time and



PTA News

Save the date for our PTA Festive Market!

We're excited to announce our first ever outdoor festive market on Saturday 4th December from 1-4pm. The festive market will be our first real life PTA fundraising event since the pandemic, and in order to be Covid-safe it will take place outside in the playground. There will be market stalls with items for sale from local businesses and crafts people, festive food and drinks and entertainment for the children.

We will have a silent auction with exciting lots to bid on, including a hand-painted limited edition print titled 'Tranquillity' with a value of £800, kindly donated by contemporary artist LUAP, who has a major exhibition on New Bond Street until 31st October.

If you would like to book a table for a market stall the cost will be £25 and £40 for a table with Gazebo. Entry to the festive market will be £2 on the door. And we still have backpacks, bumbags, masks and water bottles available with the Bounds Green School logo and our rainbow design. You can buy them via the school gateway.



Tranquillity - Hand Painted Edition

Hand Painted Unique Edition of 40

Acrylic & Screen Print on Bockingford White Paper

76cm x 56cm

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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/>

<p><u>October 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25.10.21-29.10.21 – Autumn half term holidays • 31.10.21 – Deadline for applying for Secondary school 	<p><u>March 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p><u>November 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01.11.21 – INSET Day – whole school closed • 02.11.21 – First day of Autumn 2nd half term • 09.11.21 – Yr3 Trip to Natural History Museum • 09.11.21 – Nursery & Reception Parents' evening • 11.11.21 - Nursery & Reception Parents' evening • 24.11.21 – Individual Photo Day for all children 	<p><u>April 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01.04.22 – Last day of Spring term • 19.04.22 – First day of Summer term
<p><u>December 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03.12.21 – CW Trip to the Lyric Theatre • 04.12.21 – PTA Winter Market • 10.12.21 – Pad & E&C Trip to the Lyric Theatre • 17.12.21 – Last Day of Autumn term 	<p><u>May 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30.05.22-03.06.22 – Summer half term holidays
<p><u>January 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04.01.22 – INSET Day – whole school closed • 05.01.22 – First day of Spring term 	<p><u>June 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06.06.22 - INSET Day – whole school closed • 07.06.22 – First day of Summer 2nd half term
<p><u>February 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14.02.22-18.02.22 – Spring half term holiday • 21.02.22 – First day of Spring 2nd half term 	<p><u>July 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21.07.22 – Last day of Summer term

Talking Wall

During Parents' Evening in September we put up a board with sticky notes, to give parents an opportunity to make a comment on things that the school is doing well, and things that the school could do better. Thank you to everyone that made a comment, we will be reviewing these over half term and will write and update with responses to the notes received when we return.

Happy Half Term!

