

# Bounds Green School Newsletter



26th Jan 2024

## A Message from Bounds Green

### Year 6 trips to Pendarren

We are delighted to welcome our adventurous Year 6 children back from their time away in Wales this week and last week. The children visited Haringey's centre at Pendarren. During their time away, Year 6 children grew in independence and resilience! They experienced new challenges with familiar friends and adults, and benefitted from the skilled support of the Pendarren Staff to keep them safe and learn new skills. We are proud of the children for going on this amazing adventure and going out of their comfort zone. Activities included river walks, team building, climbing and canoeing. I would like to say a big thank you to all staff who went with the children, giving generously of their time and taking on the huge responsibility of looking after the children so well.

Some children and their families chose not to go to Pendarren. Last week they had the special treat of a trip to the cinema with Marie. This week children who did not go to Pendarren became the "Year 6 Staff". They worked very hard to support and help children and teachers in younger classes. Well done to our "Year 6 Staff" team! You impressed us all with your helpful ways and positive attitudes.



### Come Along with Me

Our Art Teacher, Danni, has a new exhibition of her artwork that has just opened at The Half Moon children and young person's Theatre and Gallery in Limehouse.

The exhibition will run from 13<sup>th</sup> January – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (with a brief break over Easter). Entry is free to the exhibition. Come Along and see what Danni has been creating!

The Theatre is a wonderful child specific relaxed venue that is fully accessible. Please see the flyers at the bottom of the newsletter for more information.

Check opening times and find out more information at

<https://www.halfmoon.org.uk/whats-on/half-moon-gallery/come-along-with-me/>



### 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

## Change of Dates for Year 4 Performances

The Year 4 Singing Assembly that was due to take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, will unfortunately have to be pushed back until the Summer term, a new date for this will be confirmed soon.

## School Attendance Campaign – 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Improving school attendance is everyone's business and, to tackle the challenge we face, we need to work together.

### Top Attendance Facts:

*The link between attendance and attainment is clear:*

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

*And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:*

- More than half(54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.

*But attendance is important for more than just attainment:*

- Regular attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

## Crossing Carefully around Bounds Green

A reminder that children and adults need to be careful when crossing the roads around the schools. We have had reports from drivers to say that people are crossing the road, not via the crossing, and running out unexpectedly. Please always use the crossings available, and if your child walks to or from school by themselves, please also remind them to cross the road in the designated areas.



## Notes for the After School Club Members

There are some updates for the After School Club, these include the Year 3 children joining the Years 4-6 in the dinner hall after the February half term. So, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February parents of Year 3 children will need to collect from the dinner hall.

Snacks for the After School Club should always be something healthy, with no nuts or sesame seeds (due to allergies). Children can't bring in chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks, the only exception would be on a Friday when they can bring a small treat. Please can parents/carers also remind children that they are not to eat their After School Club snack during the school day, they need to save it for when they are in the After School Club.

## A Sad Farewell to Head Cook Rose

Today was the last day for Rose, our head cook in the kitchen. She has served the children of Bounds Green for 21 years, and has made it her mission to look after all the children of the school, including all the school trips, Sport Days, and Special Menu Days over the years. We will miss her dearly, and replacing her as head cook is a man called Farid who we welcome to Bounds Green!

## Family Phonics

Our Year 1 children impressed their parents and carers every Thursday morning with their understanding of phonics. They showed their adults how they sound out and blend to read, and showed their knowledge of spelling sight words. We have been so pleased with their progress and they impressed the adults who have visited. Reception families are also invited to Family Phonics sessions. Thank you to all of the adults at Bounds Green who have made phonics learning so much fun and ensured that the children make rapid progress!

## Places Available in Some Year Groups

Bounds Green is a thriving and popular school. From time to time, families move out of our local area which creates spaces in some of our year groups. If you know anyone who is moving into our area, please urge them to contact our office to see if we have any spaces!

# 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.

<b>January 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30.01.24 – Yr5 Trip to Science Museum</li> <li>31.01.24 – Yr5 Singing assembly, 2:50pm</li> </ul>	<b>May 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>06.05.24 – Bank Holiday</b></li> <li><b>27.05.24 – Half Term Week</b></li> </ul>
<b>February 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>06.02.24 – Year 6 Trip to Heartlands</b></li> <li><b>07.02.24 – Rec Singing assembly, 2:50pm</b></li> <li>12.02.24 – Half Term Week</li> <li>Yr4 Dance Performance – to be confirmed</li> </ul>	<b>June 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr4 WCIT Concerts – to be confirmed</li> </ul>
<b>March 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>08.03.24 – PTA Quiz Night</b></li> <li><b>15.03.24 – Yr4 Dance Performance</b></li> <li>Yr1 Fashion Show – to be confirmed</li> <li>Yr4 WCIT Concerts – to be confirmed</li> <li>EYFS Dance Performance – to be confirmed</li> <li>Yr1 Dance Performance – to be confirmed</li> <li><b>28.03.24 – Last day of School</b></li> </ul>	<b>July 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr2 Dance Performance – to be confirmed</li> <li>Yr6 End of Year Performance</li> <li><b>24.07.24 – Last Day of School</b></li> </ul>
<b>April 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>15.04.24 – First day of School</b></li> </ul>	

## Class Attendance and Punctuality Winners!

Week Beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
<b>Attendance Winners for Yr1-2</b> <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Green Park	<b>97.9%</b>
<b>Attendance Winners for Yr3-4</b> <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	London Bridge	<b>97.1%</b>
<b>Attendance Winners for Yr5-6</b> <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Covent Garden	<b>97.8%</b>
Week Beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
<b>Attendance Winners for Yr1-2</b> <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Hyde Park	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>Attendance Winners for Yr3-4</b> <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Russell Square	<b>98.4%</b>
<b>Attendance Winners for Yr5-6</b> <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Covent Garden	<b>99.7%</b>



Gallery @ Half Moon



# COME ALONG WITH ME

by Danni Leach

A striking collection of colourful and playfully dramatic images that use pencil, ink, paint, collage and photography to springboard you into your own creative adventure.

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