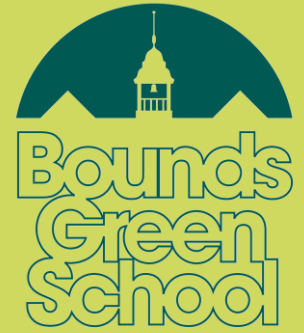


Bounds Green School Newsletter



4th Oct 2024

A Message from Bounds Green

A Message from Nadine

It has been a very busy and enjoyable two weeks at Bounds Green School where our rich and varied curriculum has been coming to life across the school!

Highlights since the last newsletter have included our amazing International Day which showcased our diverse and vibrant community. Please read on for more details from Sylvia Laguna. Thank you to all parents and staff who joined in and dressed to show off our fantastic variety of different heritages which make Bounds Green such a special place, and to Sylvia who organised the day for us. We plan to repeat this amazing event next year.

Family phonics started in Year 1 on Friday mornings and had great attendance! Thank you to families who supported this very useful family learning opportunity and to Year 1 staff for giving our families this helpful insight. Year 4 children started their whole class instrument learning and have been enjoying playing their first notes. I am very much looking forward to performances later this term.

Island Gardens class in Year 5 have started swimming lessons and other Year 5 children will swim later in the year. Year 5 have been enjoying dance lessons taught by Louise, our specialist dance teacher. Year 2 children enjoyed informative trips into the centre of London to visit key landmarks linked their history and geography learning about London. Our new starters in Reception and Nursery have settled in beautifully and are enjoying getting to know the adults at school and the other children at school. It has been a great pleasure to welcome Mystery Readers into Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 this week. Children have enjoyed the surprise of discovering who will read their story to them.

Black History Month started this week and we have exciting events planned up until half term. We had steel pan workshops for children across the school. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful sounds and rhythms as the children learned to roll the sound.

Finally, our PTA Coffee Morning was very well attended and the PTA have exciting events planned for later in the year. Thank you to all PTA members! We rely on you for fundraising but also to help our school have a true community feel. If you would like to get involved in our PTA to meet new people and give back to our school community, please email bgspta@outlook.com



Nut-Free School

Please remember that we are a nut-free school, this includes After School Club. Please don't pack 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

Mental Health Day – 10th Oct

On Thursday 10th October it is World Mental Health Day, and to support this we'd like to encourage children to wear yellow to school on this day. It can be anything from a dress, jumper, shoes, or even just a ribbon!

International Day of Languages and Cultures

To celebrate International Day of Languages and Cultures last Thursday, the children and adults enjoyed a special International Day of Languages menu including lovely food such as Paella, Patatas Bravas, Moussaka, Spanish meatballs and ice cream!

The hall was decorated with World flag bunting, and the children enjoyed dancing to many traditional and modern music from different countries, such as flamenco, reggae, welsh music, African, Indian and Caribbean music, along with many others. We loved watching the longest conga line go around the playground! The children talked about their heritage with pride and learnt many facts and customs from their friends' countries.



Steel Pan Agency Visit Bounds Green!

Black History Month kicked off with rhythm at Bounds Green School with an assembly and class workshops led by the Steel Pan Agency. The steel pan (also known as steel drums, or 'pan') is a Caribbean musical instrument which was created in Trinidad and Tobago in the 1930s. Thanks to the P.T.A., Bounds Green pupils learnt about the history of the steel pan and were then treated to a performance by a dynamic duo. Children clapped along and rose to their feet as they danced along to The Merryman's, Feeling Hot Hot Hot. Every class from Years 1 to 6 then took part in a workshop by the dynamic duo who taught pupils a short song.



Football Tournaments

Last week nine of our very talented Yr5 and 6 boys took part in a football tournament at New River Sports Centre. Many Haringey primary schools took part and despite the cold and wet weather our boys did really well.

We played nine matches in the first round, winning four, and drawing two, which took us comfortably into the quarter finals. Unfortunately we were knocked out by the eventual winners of the tournament. This, however, did not dampen our spirits or the sportsmanship the boys showed throughout the competition.

Boys, your school is immensely proud of you all. Continue to shine – you are all winners.

"We tried our best, that's what matters." – Samuel, RC

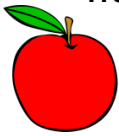
"We had a great day. We persevered, worked hard and played exceptionally well to get to the quarter finals." – Sam, BC

The girls did brilliantly in their tournament last week where they won 2, drew 4 and lost 1. They played some brilliant football and only conceded two goals in the entire tournament. The team was given special praise by other teams' managers for how well they worked as a team. Bounds Green is very proud of them!

Recording Absences

With the new rules that have been introduced from the Government about fines for absences, it is more important than ever that the reasons for all absences are recorded with us so that they aren't left 'unauthorised'. If there is a build-up of unauthorised absences this can trigger a fine. Fines are now not only issued just for holidays, but for 10 or more unauthorised absences (10 half days, or 5 full days) in a 10 week period.

Fruit for Morning Break time Snacks



A reminder that children in yrs3-6 should only be bringing in **fruit** as a snack for morning breaktime. We are a healthy school and therefore children shouldn't be bringing crisps, chocolate, biscuits, etc, as a snack. It is also really important to only bring fruit as we are also a nut-free school therefore it is very important that there aren't any breakfast bars, hazelnut chocolate spread, or anything that could contain nuts.

Children in Nursery to Yr2 will have fruit provided for them by the government, which they have access to everyday and therefore don't need to bring in anything at all as a snack for during the day.

After School Club Healthy Snacks

We'd also like to remind families that the snacks for After School Club also need to be healthy snacks. The children aren't allowed to bring in crisps/chocolate/sweets, etc. Things such as sandwiches, crackers, yogurts, fruit, are the ideal snacks to bring. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this.

No Stationary from Home

Please make sure children don't bring in stationary from home into school. The school will supply children with everything they need, as we don't want any personal items being brought in and lost or get broken.

Regular Headlice Checks

It is always recommended to regularly check your child's hair for headlice. This is important for all year groups, as it's not only the younger years that can be affected.

There are many treatments in the pharmacies, of varying strengths, which are recommended if you have found live lice in your child's hair, and it is important to read the instructions carefully, as many require two rounds of treatment.

It is also good to use conditioner and a 'nit comb' to run through your child's care, which will help clear off any larger lice, and doesn't contain any harsh chemicals.

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>October 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 04.10.24 – GP Trip to Trafalgar Square 18.10.24 – PTA Coat Sale (more details to follow) w/c 21.10.24 – Yr6 Pendarren Trip 22.10.24 – Y1 Multicultural Picnic 25.10.24 – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED w/c 28.10.24 – Half Term Holidays 	<p>March 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25.03.25 – Yr3 Dance Performance (9:15am)
<p>November 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/c 11.11.24 – Road Safety Week 08.11.24 – TAG Rugby (yr5&6) info to follow 12.11.24 – Yr5 Dance Performance (9:15am) 15.11.24 – PTA Musical Bingo evening (adults) 18.11.24 – HP Parents' Evening 19.11.24 – Parents' Evening for all apart from HP class 20.11.24 – HP Parents' Evening 20.11.24 – Table Tennis (yr5&6) 21.11.24 – Parents' Evening for all years 22.11.24 – Football (yr5&6) info to follow 	<p>April 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 04.04.25 – Last Day of School 22.04.25 – First Day of School (Summer Term)
<p>December 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 07.12.24 – PTA Christmas Market 20.12.24 – Last day of School 	<p>May 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 05.05.25 – Bank Holiday – School Closed w/c 26.05.25 – Half Term Holidays
<p>January 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06.01.25 – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED 07.01.25 – First Day of School (Spring Term) Yr5 (CG and KG) starting swimming lessons 21.01.25 – Yr4 Dance Performance (9:15am) 	<p>June 2025</p>
<p>February 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/c 17.02.25 – Half Term Holidays 	<p>July 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.07.25 – Last Day of School

Class Attendance and Punctuality Winners!

Week Beginning 23 rd Sep 2024		
<p>Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 Percentage of attendance</p>	Green Park	96.6%
<p>Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 Percentage of attendance</p>	Leicester Square	97.3%
<p>Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 Percentage of attendance</p>	Ravenscourt	98.7%





BOUNDS GREEN SCHOOL

PRELOVED

WINTERWEAR SALE

FRI 18 OCT



COATS/ JACKETS £5
WELLIES £3
WINTER BOOTS £3
HALLOWEEN COSTUMES £3

The PTA are requesting donations of the above items that can be sold to raise funds for the school. Please leave all donations in the buckets by the school office, then come along to the sale to find some great bargains!!



DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS

Friday MORNING 18th Oct

CLOTHES SALE

Friday AFTER SCHOOL 18th Oct

Sale will take place in the main (lower) hall

