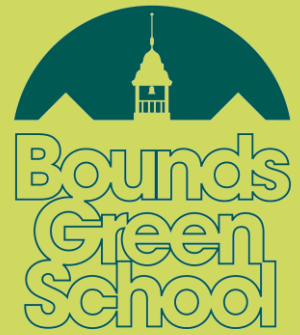


Bounds Green School Newsletter

18th Oct 2024



A Message from Bounds Green

A Message from Nadine

Welcome back to the new half term at Bounds Green!

It has been a pleasure to see Year 6 return from their adventures at Pendarren in South Wales. The children enjoyed canoeing, a river walk, caving, bouldering and walks in the beautiful Welsh countryside. The children strengthened their relationships with each other, and with the adults from school. The children made memories which will last forever! They enjoyed staying over with their friends and the food at the Pendarren Centre, which is owned and run by Haringey Council. Please join me in saying a huge "thank you" to all Bounds Green adults who accompanied the trip, the children could not have enjoyed their time away without you!

We have an exciting half term to come, which is full of learning!

We will be explaining our Bounds Green School values (challenge, value, nurture) to the children in assemblies this half term and in PHSE lessons we will be seeking the children's views about what we are doing well and what we can do even better. We will be gathering views from parents and carers at Parents Evenings in the week beginning 18th November, so please come ready with your views about our values, what we do well, and where we can improve. We are using stakeholder views to inform our School Development Plan, so what you tell us will shape the future of Bounds Green School.



We have many performances planned for the end of term, including Year 4 whole class instrumental performances on guitar, violin, trumpet or clarinet performances by all classes, choir performances at Alexandra Palace, Y3 and Y5 singing as year groups following their assemblies with our specialist singing teacher, and Early Years songs and mime of the Christmas Story. Please see the diary dates at the end of this newsletter so you do not miss your child! Year 5 children will be performing a dance linked to their learning in class next Tuesday morning which they have developed with Louise, our specialist dance teacher.

We have several sporting competitions planned for our children. Today a mixed team of Year 5 and 6 children went to a rugby tournament at Riverside. Later in the term, we will have a mixed Year 3 and 4 football tournament,



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

Later this half term, Year 1 will have a special visitor, as Florence Nightingale will come to Bounds Green School to bring the children's History learning to life! The Year 1 children will meet her and be able to ask her questions. Year 1 will also catch the bus to visit The Arts Depot in North Finchley to watch their performance of 'The Gruffalo's Child'. Reception children will take the tube to Hammersmith to watch the pantomime of 'Father Christmas'. We are seeking parent and carer helpers from Reception and Year 1 classes to make these very safe and well-supervised trips - please speak to your class teacher.

We have seen much enthusiasm from the children and they have been very keen to write. Teachers have been enjoying the new texts as well! Note: please do not read these books ahead of children's learning in class as this will spoil the surprise for them...

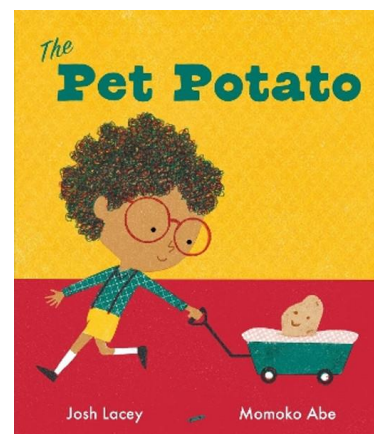
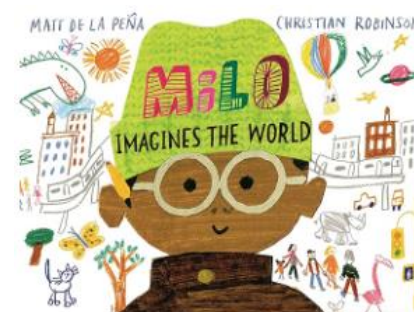
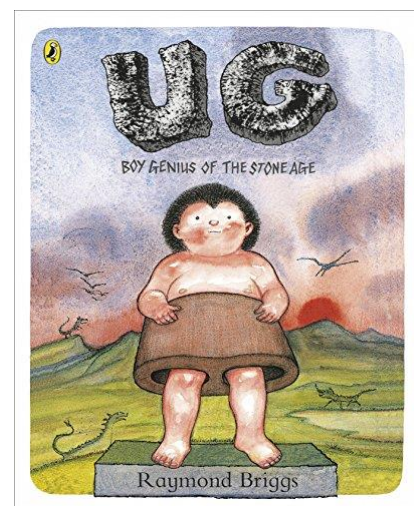
This year we have introduced using a new approach to teaching writing called The Power of Reading. It has been developed by a charity called The [Centre for Literacy in Primary Education](#). Each half term, classes will base their learning around a high quality children's book which is a model of effective language. Children will enjoy the text, analyse the language used and magpie high quality vocabulary. Then children will explore the themes and story in the book through drama, group discussion and shorter pieces of writing. Finally, the children will write, edit and publish a longer piece of writing based on this text. Teachers have had training on this approach and many year groups planned using this approach last half term. To the right are some of the texts that we have been reading... Thank you for your support!

Nadine

Yr6 Pendarren Trip – October 2024

This year, for the first time since becoming a three-form school, Bounds Green went to Pendarren as a whole year group! 74 children and 8 staff spent the week before half term in the Brecon Beacons pushing themselves to their limits. The children undertook a wonderful range of activities including climbing, a pitch-black tunnel adventure, zip wire, caving, walking up mountains and through waterfalls, as well as following the journey of a river through the beautiful Welsh countryside from its source. The activities are designed to broaden their horizons, overcome their fears and build their team spirit and self-esteem. Most importantly the children developed their independence and sense of self, which should stand them in good stead for the rest of year 6 and the challenges of secondary beyond. The experienced staff in Pendarren were wonderful as always and put on evening activities including a spell-binding story teller - Daniel Moden, a night walk and scary stories around a fire in the teepee. Exhausted, we all collapsed into a well-timed half term to recover.... Until next year!

Tom, Yr6 Teacher



School News

Sharing of Personal Information

We request the parents/carers avoid sharing personal data, including via social media, Whatsapp groups, etc. Anything including the children's names, dates of birth, photos, shouldn't be shared without explicit consent from the children's parents.

PTA Christmas Card Orders

By now you should have received your child's sample Christmas cards that the PTA have organised. If you would like to place an order please make sure you do so via the website on the card, and do so before Thursday 14th November.

Football Festival

On Friday 4th October we took part in a Football festival at New River Sports Centre. We played 10 six minute matches, and won five of them. The eight children who took part were super sports people and a credit to our school!

"I was really nervous before the first match but when the whistle blew I felt much better and tried my best." – Shahnaz

"I was shocked but really excited I was chosen to take part and I felt really proud." – Sienna

"There was a great atmosphere at the festival, which made me feel really confident in myself" – Aaliyah

Lost Property

On Thursday and Friday next week, we will be putting all the lost property clothes out onto tables in the playground so that parents and carers can come and look through to see if anything belongs to them. Anything after this time will be passed onto a charity, so please make sure you make time to go through it.

Music and Dance Performances

We are pleased to say that we have a few music and dance performances coming up over the next few weeks. Please see the table below for what has been confirmed. If there are any changes we will email parents to let them know.

You won't need to book a space, but please remember to avoid bringing pushchair or buggies where possible, but if you do please leave them to the right of the main gate as you enter the school, we can't be responsible for these items.

We try to arrange performances to be at the beginning of the day, but there may be occasions where they are in the afternoon, this is because the teacher who runs the session is only able to come in at that time as they are at other schools throughout the day.

Performance	Date	Year group
Dance	12 th November, 9.15am doors open	Year 5 - Lower Hall
WCIT Guitars	2 nd December 2.40pm doors open	Euston Square Class - Lower Hall
WCIT Violins	4 th December 2.45pm doors open	Russell Square Class - Lower Hall
WCIT Clarinet / Trumpet	5 th December - 9.15am doors open	Leicester Square Class - Lower Hall
Year 4, 5 and 6 choirs	5 th December	Alexandra Palace More details to follow
Singing Assembly	11 th December - 2.55pm doors open	Year 5 - Upper Hall
Singing Assembly	18 th December – 2.55pm doors open	Year 3 - Upper Hall

Change to Collection Arrangements

Please tell our office if a new person will collect your child with as much notice as possible. This means that we can pass messages on to teachers in good time.

Start of day arrangements

A polite reminder that parents/carers should not enter the school building at the start of the day. Say goodbye to your children outside the doors to the building. Staff are ready inside school to welcome your child when the bell is rung.

Snacks in school

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a fruit or vegetable snack every morning at breaktime which is provided by the Government. Children in Years 3 to 6 are invited to bring their own snack for morning breaktime as it is a very long time from breakfast until lunchtime. This must be a fruit or vegetable snack.

Spaces at Bounds Green

We have occasional spaces in some of our year groups. If you know anyone who is moving into the Bounds Green area, please ask them to contact Haringey admissions to ask about a space for their child, or see their website: www.haringey.gov.uk/school-admissions

Food Tasting at Parents' Evening

On Thursday 21st November, the kitchen will be doing a food tasting session at the beginning of parents' evening. It will run from 3:20-4pm in the dinner hall, and is a great chance to see (and taste!) what the children have for lunch!

NHS Children's Mental Health Talk

We are pleased to invite parents in your school community to an important NHS event on children's mental health, featuring Professor Argyris Stringaris, a leading expert in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. This free talk, organized by the NHS, aims to equip parents with valuable knowledge about the latest research in children's mental health, address common challenges, and provide an open Q&A session with Professor Stringaris.

Event Highlights for Parents:

- **Expert Insights:** Professor Stringaris will share current research on children's mental health, giving parents practical strategies to support their child's mental well-being.
- **Interactive Q&A:** Parents will have the opportunity to engage directly with Professor Stringaris, discussing how to navigate mental health concerns and best support young people.
- **Join the Mission:** Learn about ways to support NHS mental health initiatives for children and families.

About Professor Argyris Stringaris:

Professor Stringaris is a globally recognized NHS clinician and researcher, holding leadership roles at UCL and the University of Athens. As Co-Director of UCL's AIM Lab, he has contributed extensively to child and adolescent mental health research and brings unique expertise to this NHS event.

We believe this event will be of great value to parents interested in learning more about supporting their children's mental health. We would appreciate your help in sharing this NHS invitation with parents in your school community, via newsletters, emails, or other communication channels.

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1037901209457?aff=oddtcreator>

Sustainable Haringey

9th/10th and 16th/17th November

Green Open Homes House Tours

On these two weekends, MHSG's Green Open Homes season offers unique access to eight North London houses and homeowners who have learned from triumphs and mistakes, have the evidence, experience and recommendations to help you on your decarbonisation journey; and have generously offered to open their doors and answer any questions.

Muswell Hill Sustainability Group www.mhsg.org



Monday 11th November 7.30pm

Haringey Cyclists meeting

www.haringeycyclists.org/news

Saturday 16th November 1030am – 1.30pm

Broadwater Farm Repair Café

www.haringeyfixers.org

Monday 18th November 7.30pm-8.30pm

Dermot Barnes will talk on Retrofit Essentials and Methodologies

At Muswell Hill Methodist Church, Pages Lane

[Muswell Hill Sustainability Group](http://www.mhsg.org)

Sunday 24th November 2pm-4pm

Tottenham Trees - Celebrate Trees at Bruce Castle

Sign up for walk here

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bruce-castle-park-tree-walk-tickets

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.

OCTOBER HALF TERM	March 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25.03.25 – Yr3 Dance Performance (9:15am)
November 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/c 11.11.24 – Road Safety Week 12.11.24 – Yr5 Dance Performance (9:15am) 14.11.24 – Deadline to order Christmas cards via sample card sent home 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 – CG & HP Parents' Evening 20.11.24 – Individual Photos for whole school 21.11.24 – Parents' Evening for all years 22.11.24 – Football Tournament (yr5&6) 22.11.24 – Sibling Photos at school 	April 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 04.04.25 – Last Day of School 22.04.25 – First Day of School (Summer Term)
December 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02.12.24 – Yr4 Euston Square Guitar concert, 2:40pm doors open 04.12.24 – Yr4 Russell Square Violin concert, 2:45pm doors open 05.12.24 – Yr4 Leicester Square Trumpet & Clarinet concert, 9:15am doors open 05.12.24 – Yr4, 5, 6 Choir trip to Alexandra Palace afternoon(details to follow) 07.12.24 – PTA Christmas Market 11.12.24 – Yr5 Singing Assembly, 2:55pm 18.12.24 – Yr3 Singing Assembly, 2:55pm 20.12.24 – Last day of School 	May 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 05.05.25 – Bank Holiday – School Closed w/c 26.05.25 – Half Term Holidays
January 2025 <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) 	June 2025
February 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/c 17.02.25 – Half Term Holidays 	July 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.07.25 – Last Day of School

Class Attendance and Punctuality Winners!

Week Beginning 7 th Oct 2024		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Green Park	97.8%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Russell Square	96.9%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Ravens Court	96.7%
Week Beginning 21 st Oct 2024		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Regents Park	98.2%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	London Bridge	97.9%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Kew Gardens	98.6%





Black History Month: October 2024

Black History Month 2024 was celebrated with style at Bounds Green!



Many thanks to the PTA for funding these events and to you, the Bounds Green families, who attend their fundraising events and helped to add so much to the cultural experiences of all our pupils. A special mention for Mayuri, Makeda and Sharon, the members of the BLM committee who found such wonderful people and fantastic organisations.

Musical Workshops: The Steel Pan Agency



On October 1st the Steel Pan Agency visited Bounds Green to kick off our celebrations with rhythm. They led joyful assemblies where children and staff clapped along and danced. The children learned about the history of the steel pan and were treated to a brilliant performance by the two teachers.



Over two days the fantastic teachers taught a short song, in class workshops, to the children in Years 1 to 6.





Author Visit: Effua Glead

On Friday 11th October we continued to celebrate Black History Month with a visit from up and coming Ghanaian author Effua Glead.



Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 classes enjoyed storytelling workshops with Effua. She delivered an inspiring talk to Key Stage 2 about her journey as a writer: from her struggles with writing as a young girl to achieving her lifelong goal of becoming an author.

At the end of the day many parents and carers queued to buy copies of her book, 'Snotty Dribbler'. The children were excited to see Effua again and to have a signed copy of her book.





Dance Workshops: Irie! Dance Theatre

From October 14th – 18th we welcomed Irie Dance Theatre to our school.



They are Britain's leading dance theatre company working in the field of African & Caribbean dance fusion.



Children from nursery to year 6 moved to the beat of the djembe drum.



They learnt some dance phrases - tokwe and kpanlogo - from Ghana. All the children thoroughly enjoyed it and the teachers joined in too.



Book Fair: New Beacon Books

Our final event for this year's Black History Month was on October 18th.



New Beacon Books, in Finsbury Park, was the first Black publisher and specialist Black bookshop in Britain.



This was a hugely popular event so we will definitely be inviting them back to Bounds Green again.



Black History Month: October 2024

This year's Black History Month was a joyful event for the whole school community.



As usual, your children will continue learning about Black History throughout the school year.

You can continue to celebrate Black History Month by learning more about extraordinary figures in Black History as well as enjoying fiction books written by Black authors. Please see the Black History Month Reading List that are attached with this newsletter.



Come along to Springfield Park's Community Day!



10am - 1pm

Sat 23rd Nov
Springfield Park



- Help plant bulbs around the park with TCV.
- Learn about tree planting & other upcoming activities!
- Find out how you can get involved in the Friends of Springfield Park.



Contact jon.coelho@tcv.org.uk
to sign up



**Friends of Springfield Park AGM
Wednesday 27 November at 6.30pm
Bounds Green School.
All very welcome!**