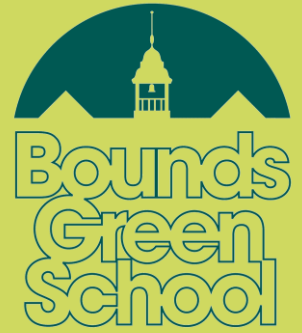


Bounds Green School Newsletter

16th Dec 2024



A Message from Bounds Green

Monday 6th January – INSET DAY

Tuesday 7th January – First Day of School for all Children

A Message from Nadine

It has been a very exciting and busy few weeks since the last newsletter. We marked Road Safety Week with visitors to Bounds Green School running Road Safety Workshops in Reception classes and Junior Travel ambassadors working with Police on an "Junior Road Watch" -see page 3 for more details.

Our Year 4 children thrilled us all with their whole class instrument teaching performances on guitars, violins, clarinets and trumpets. Performing in front of a live audience is a bold step for them on their journey to become musicians - we are so proud of you Leicester Square, Russell Square and Euston Square!

We also watched in awe as our Year 5 and 6 instrument continuers performed and showcased their skills after 4 terms of learning as a group. We now have our largest group of continuers yet!

Last week, our Key Stage 2 choirs sang beautifully at Ally Pally in front of other schools and families. We have very keen and tuneful choirs led by Annie (Kew Gardens) and Andrew (our visiting singing teacher) Thank you Annie and Andrew for all you hard work!

Paddington Class invited their families into school to join their dance lesson and impressed us all by how well they listened to instructions from Louise, our dance teacher, and by their use of space for coordinated movements.

We have had many trips out of school at the end of term. Reception have travelled to the far end of the Piccadilly Line to see Raymond Briggs' "Father Christmas" in Hammersmith. Year 1 travelled to North Finchley Arts Depo to watch a performance of Julia Donaldson's "The Gruffalo's Child" and Year 3 visited The Natural History Museum to complete their topic learning this half term. Year 5 visited Friern Barnet School to see the secondary learners perform "Oliver!" and were greatly impressed by their singing and acting skills, and Island Garden completed their swimming lessons. Thank you to all the teachers for arranging these experiences.

Our Winter Fair was a smash hit thanks to all of the hard work and creativity of our amazing PTA. Thank you everyone who supported us on the day and to the PTA for all of their hard work in advance. We sold a record number of jam jars and our bouncy castles were a great hit, as well as the silent disco (which sold out very quickly) and well-supported bottle stall. The PTA are already hatching their next plan to raise funds for the school and entertain us! If you would like to meet



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

new people while raising funds for a great cause, please email bgspta@outlook.com

We held a very successful Book Fair which put many books into children's hands and raised money which we will spend on more books for our Book Corners in class. Thank you to all families who visited and to Marie (Chalk Farm) for arranging the visit! Christmas Lunch was great fun for all with a delicious turkey lunch and crackers for everyone! Congratulations to all children who made creative newspaper hats for the occasion! We really enjoyed looking at the amazing headgear. Thank you to all families who supported this and certificates will be coming home soon for the most creative hats.

We are very much looking forward to class parties next this week and to our Early Years Christmas performances, which will be beautiful events. I wish all families a relaxing and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone for a fun-packed 2025! Thank you for all of your support so far this year!



Attendance and Punctuality

For more information about Children's attendance and punctuality at school, please see this information on our School's website, please see link below:

[Bounds Green School Attendance and Punctuality 2024](#)

School News

Class Christmas parties:

As Christmas class parties are happening this week, we would like to remind all families that we are a **NUT FREE** school. Please ensure that any food sent in with your child or children is carefully checked for nuts to keep all our pupils safe.

Please see important dates on the last page for further information:



Children absence/signing Children in/out:

Please remember that if your child has had or needs to have any time off, or if there are any planned absences (such as holidays), it is important to communicate this directly with the school office. Kindly **do not** inform the teacher about these absences. The office needs to have accurate records for our attendance system.

Additionally, if your child arrives late due to an appointment or other reasons, please ensure that they are signed in at the office. If you need to collect your child early (e.g., for an appointment or because they have been unwell), please sign them out at the office as well.

These procedures are in place to ensure we have accurate information for safety purposes, especially in the event of an emergency or fire alarm.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation."

London football Academy- Christmas Tree Donation

We are so grateful to the lovely London Football Academy for their generous donation of a beautiful Christmas tree to our school. It has brightened our dinner hall, bringing festive cheer to everyone as they enjoy their lunch. A huge thank you to them for spreading holiday joy during this special time of year!"



Dropping off and picking up

We understand that not all of our families are able to walk to school for drop-offs and pick-ups as some families live further away, and we truly appreciate your cooperation. However, we would like to gently remind everyone that our small staff and delivery car park has limited spaces, and it is important to keep this area clear. We also have frequent delivery vehicles that need access throughout the day.

When parking outside the school, please avoid parking on the zig-zag lines near the school gates, as this can be dangerous for our children. Parking restrictions on Park Road apply between 10am and midday, and we kindly ask that you park only in suitable parking bays to respect our neighbouring community.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding



Activities to mark Road Safety Week 2024

Junior Road Watch

As part of our activities linked to National Road Safety Week, 12 children from Year 5 and our 4 Junior Travel Ambassadors participated in a special event called 'Junior Road Watch' on Durnsford Road, on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November.

Junior Road Watch is a special initiative run by Haringey Council's Smarter Travel Team, Transport for London and the Metropolitan Police. The aim of the project is to give primary school children the opportunity to take part in speed awareness engagement and to educate children on the importance of road safety and to change driver-behaviour by educating drivers on the dangers of speeding.

During the sessions, each child used a speed gun to monitor vehicle speeds on Durnsford Road (20mph limit). The Police then stopped any vehicles who were speeding. Following a discussion with the Police, the children were able to ask the drivers questions to find out their reasons for speeding.

Feedback from the children:

The event was educational and it was fun to stop speeding drivers.

We stopped 11 vehicles over the two sessions. The fastest vehicle we stopped was travelling at 29mph on Durnsford Road, which is a 20mph road.

One moped was being driven so fast that the Police did not have time to stop it!

The drivers gave us many different excuses for speeding, such as:

'I didn't know Durnsford Road was 20mph', 'My car is too old so I have to drive fast', 'I have to get to a hospital appointment', 'I have a headache', 'The sun distracted me'.

We reminded all the drivers that there is no excuse for speeding!



If you drive, please protect children (and adults) by slowing down and going 20mph or below around homes, schools and shops, and ensure you park safely around the school.

Early Years Road Safety Workshops





On Wednesday 27th November, Reception classes participated in Road Safety Workshops, delivered by Laura from RAFT (Road Awareness from Tots to Teens). The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

To mark Road Safety Week, each child in Nursery and Reception will receive a reflective item next week. Nursery's Road Safety workshops will take place on Wednesday 22nd January.

Anti Idling Campaign

Haringey Council have launched a new campaign to tackle idling around school gates. The campaign aims to support our community who suffer from asthma and other respiratory illnesses and aims to reduce carbon emissions which affect our local air quality.

Please ensure you switch off your engine outside school, especially when your car is not moving or parked. The best option for all would be for you to leave cars at home, and walk/cycle/scoot to school – it's great for your health, the environment and it's free!



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SHOW LONDON YOU CARE ENGINES OFF FOR CLEANER AIR

Air Pollution and Idling

Air pollution is a major risk to health and contributes to 4,100 deaths in London each year. More than half of London's pollution comes from road traffic.

Idling -leaving your engine running while your vehicle is stationary-creates pollution which quickly builds up around and inside your vehicle.

Both short and long-term exposure to air pollution **damages our lungs, hearts and brains**. Putting a stop to idling is a simple way we can all help to clean up the air we breathe.

Idling Action London

We are asking you to **please switch off your engine if parked for 30 seconds or longer**.

Idling Action is working with 31 London boroughs and City of London Corporation to tackle idling by engaging drivers and working with schools, businesses, hospitals and public sector fleets.

For info and resources:
Visit: idlingaction.london
Tweet: [@idlingaction](https://twitter.com/idlingaction)
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Did you know?

Idling wastes fuel and money as well as exposing you and the people around you to toxic fumes.

Children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable to the effects of air pollution.

Idling your engine unnecessarily is an offence and you could be fined.

2020 research from Transport Research Laboratory shows that idling for just 30 seconds produces twice as much pollution and wastes more fuel than switching off and restarting your engine.

Myth

I need to keep the engine running to keep the heater on.

If I'm parked on a yellow line, keeping my engine running means I won't get a fine.

Stopping and starting will wear out the engine?

Idling does not contribute very much to air pollution in the grand scheme of things.


Truth

If you switch the engine off when you park and keep the ignition on, the heater should stay warm for up to 30 minutes.

Traffic wardens can fine you if you are parked somewhere you shouldn't be, whether your engine is running or not.

This is no longer a problem with modern engines and by not idling you will use less fuel and reduce your fuel costs.

Research has shown that switching off engines when parked can reduce localised pollution levels.



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.

December 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17.12.24 – EYFS Christmas Play, 9:30am (lunch hall) 17.12.24 - Reception YR 1& 3 & 6 Christmas class parties 18.12.24 – Nursery Christmas Party in class (morning) 18.12.24- YR 2/4/5 Christmas Class parties 18.12.24 - EYFS Christmas Play, 2pm (lunch hall) 18.12.24 – Yr3 Singing Assembly, 2:55pm (upstairs hall) 19.12.24 – Nursery Christmas Party in class (morning) 20.12.24 – Last day of School (3.25pm finish) 	April 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 04.04.25 – Last Day of School 22.04.25 – First Day of School (Summer Term)
January 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06.01.25 – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED 07.01.25 – First Day of School (Spring Term) 17.01.25 - Yr5 (CG and KG) starting swimming lessons 21.01.25 – Yr4 Dance Performance (9:15am Downstairs hall) 	May 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 05.05.25 – Bank Holiday – School Closed w/c 26.05.25 – Half Term Holidays
February 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/c 17.02.25 – Half Term Holidays 	June 2025
March 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25.03.25 – Yr3 Dance Performance (9:15am Downstairs hall) 	July 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.07.25 – Last Day of School

Class Attendance and Punctuality Winners!

Week Beginning 25 th November 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>	Putney Bridge	97.6%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Ravens Court	97.7%
Week Beginning 2 nd December 2024		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Regents Park	95.5%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Leicester Square	95.6%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Kew Gardens & Earls Court	94.3%

