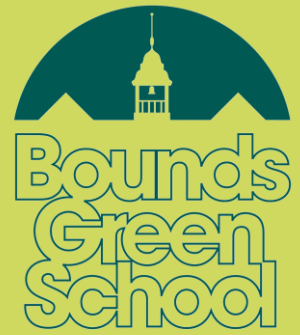


# Bounds Green School Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025



## A Message from Bounds Green

### A Message from Nadine

**Welcome back** to our new term at Bounds Green. On our INSET Day at the start of term, all staff attended Hemisphere Racial Equity anti-bias training, which was developed by multi-award winning race equality experts, Rare. Our training raised awareness of disparities of outcome for Black children in our community, imparted concrete knowledge about the history of Black people in the UK and the current experiences of Black students, and gave adults at Bounds Green School practical tips that they can put into practice straight away, and that will have a positive impact on students. Staff really engaged with the training and had individual time on the day for staff to explore these ideas and plan their next steps.

### Curriculum update

We have an exciting curriculum planned for your children for this term, with engaging enrichment events. We have further expanded the range of clubs that we have on offer from the start of this term, adding a new lunchtime Key Stage 1 Dance Club and continuing our lunchtime Chess and Taekwondo Clubs, Please see the timetable at the end of the newsletter.

Teachers have planned an exciting range of trips for later in the year and we will be having a Performance Assembly before half term for children who learn the piano in school. Soon I will contact you (our parents and carers) again, to ask for more offers from Parent or Carers who are able to share skills and experiences with children in school in order to enrich our curriculum offer at Bounds Green.

### Sports News

On Thursday last week, 19 of our Year 6 young athletes took part in an Athletics competition, competing in events such as Speed Bounce, Standing Jumps, Triple Jump, Hurdles and Relay Races. Children had to reach a certain standard in order to be able to enter the competition. I am very proud to tell you our children won many races and will move on to the next round in the competition! Congratulations to all children who took part and thank you to Tom Smith (Ravenscourt) and our volunteer parents who took the children. We are looking forward to more success in the next round.

### Stay and Play for younger children

Woodside Children's Centre staff will run a Stay and Play session for pre-school children and their parents/carers on Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:30, starting this week. Meet other parents, develop your child's speech and language, and enjoy creative and sensory play activities to promote school readiness. **Please call 0208 888 4398 to book your place.** The session will be in our After School Club Room. Please sign in at our Office first.



### 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



### Stakeholder feedback

Thank you to everyone who added their ideas about our Bounds Green School Values to our "Talking Wall" at Parents Evenings last term. We have taken your ideas for "even better if" linked to our values and are using them to plan for the future. We have also been gathering our children's views in PSHE lessons all of last half term and adding these to our plans. In addition, we have asked our staff for their views at our January INSET Day.

Some key areas for actions that we are adding to our plans are:

Stakeholders said...	We will...
Nurture: More support for children who are quiet and anxious	Further developing our high-quality support for children's mental health. This year, for the first time, our Year 3 and 4 children have benefitted from CAMHS Pathfinder sessions in class to build resilience, led by CAMHS staff - the classes are having this opportunity in turn. Year 5 and 6 continue to benefit from CORAM art and music therapy to which they self-refer during lunchtimes.
Value: Opportunities for creativity. It would be good if there could be one week where all the year groups get to do some inventing - expressing our ideas and being creative	Pupils have opportunities to be creative and to direct their own learning within our curriculum. We are exploring how we can create more space for this within a very full National Curriculum. We plan to work with some outside providers, as well as planning creative opportunities in school.
Value: Cleaner toilets. Improvements needed in the toilets.	Our toilets are cleaned several times throughout the day to a very high standard. We need to work with our children so that they show respect for each other by leaving the toilets as they have found them. Our School Council will be working with us on this.
Value: More opportunities for children to express themselves to an audience and show their talents. Perform more.	We now have a growing diary of performances. Last term, we introduced singing assemblies at the end of the day for families. This term we restart Performance Assemblies beginning with our children who have piano lessons in school.
Challenge: More sports competitions to challenge us to do our best in sports.	We are already sending teams to all of the Haringey competitions, but we are going to investigate in-school competitions and competitions with some local schools.
Challenge: More swimming lessons.	We have booked for Year 6 children who did not reach the Government requirements for swimming to swim a second time in the Summer Term.
Challenge: Cultural capital. More trips	We are re-visiting our offer of trips throughout the year to ensure a memorable termly trip outside the local area for all year groups and a trip to a place of worship.

**You can see from our 'Dates for your Diary' section later in this newsletter that we are already putting plans into place to continue to increase children's opportunities to perform and trips. We will continue to work on these areas.**

**Thank you!  
Nadine**

# School News

## **Mystery storytellers**

If you have booked to come in and read a story for your child's class, please ensure you arrive at our school between 15.00-15.05pm, Please do not arrive any early as the children will be out in the playground and will see you coming into school.



## **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."

## **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](#)



# 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 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>21.01.25</b> – Yr4 Dance Performance (9:15am Downstairs hall)</li> <li>• <b>27.01.25- Yr 1 Reading Café</b></li> <li>• 27.01.25- Yr 6 indoors Athletics</li> <li>• <b>28.01.25- Rec Reading Café</b></li> <li>• <b>29.01.25- Rec &amp; Yr 2 Singing assembly</b></li> </ul>	<b>May 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 05.05.25 – Bank Holiday – School Closed w/c 26.05.25 – Half Term Holidays</li> </ul>
<b>February 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 05.02.25-Manor House to V&amp;A Museum</li> <li>• 10.02.25- Chalk Farm to V&amp;A Museum</li> <li>• 10.02.25- Regents Park trip to Thames River Cruise</li> <li>• 10.02.25- Piano Concert (parents will be emailed)</li> <li>• 12.02.25- Hyde Park trip to Thames River Cruise</li> <li>• 13.02.25- Green Park Trip to Thames River Cruise</li> <li>• 13.02.25-Island Gardens to Science Museum</li> <li>• 14.02.25-Swiss Cottage Trip to V&amp;A Museum</li> <li>• w/c 17.02.25 – Half Term Holidays</li> </ul>	<b>June 2025</b>
<b>March 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 04.03.25 Kew Gardens &amp; Covent Garden Trip to Science Museum</li> <li>• 25.03.25 – Yr3 Dance Performance (9:15am Downstairs hall)</li> <li>• <b>Parents' evening W/C 10.03.24- parents will be emailed</b></li> </ul>	<b>July 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>04.07.25 INSET Day (school closed to all children)</b></li> <li>• 22.07.25 – Last Day of School</li> </ul>
<b>April 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 04.04.25 – Last Day of School</li> </ul> 22.04.25 – First Day of School (Summer Term)	

## Class Attendance and Punctuality Winners!

Week Beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Green Park	95.6%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Putney Bridge	97.0%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Kew Gardens	95.8%
Week Beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Hyde Park	94.6%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	London Bridge	95.4%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Ravens Court	96.2%



**Please see table below of Clubs: Taekwondo days have changed due to parents feedback:**

**List of Available Clubs at Bounds Green School**

<b>Club Lead</b>	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>
<b>Before School</b>					
By <b>Annie</b> – our Year 5 Teacher		Year 5 & 6 Choir 8:15 – 8:45am			
<b>Lunch Time Clubs – 12:00 – 1:15pm</b>					
<b>Randolf Borces</b> - Radiant Chess Services	Chess Club - Years 1 & 2 12:15 – 1:00pm	Taekwondo Club – Years 4 – 6 12.30 – 1:00pm		Taekwondo Club – Years 2 - 3 12:30 – 1:00pm	Chess Club - Years 3 - 6 12:30 – 1:15pm
<b>Claire Murat</b>					French Club (Year 1-6) – 12:10 – 1:15pm
By <b>Andrew Walsh</b>			Year 3 & 4 Choir 12:45pm - 1:15pm		
By <b>Alexis</b> – our Year 6 Teacher				Pokémon Club – Years 4 – 6, 12.30 – 1pm	
By <b>Ismini</b> – our Year 3 Teacher	Newspaper Club (Year 6) - 12:30 – 1pm				
By <b>Louise Blair</b> (SoleStar Arts)	Dance Club – Year 1 & 2 12:30 – 1:00pm	Dance Club – Year 5 12:35pm -1:15pm			
<b>Activity Clubs - 3:30pm – 4:30pm</b>					
<b>We also have our After School Club - Nursery: 3pm – 6pm Reception – Year 6: 3:25pm – 6pm</b>					
By London Football Academy ( <b>LFA</b> )	Boys Football - Years 3-6	Gymnastics - Years 1 & 2  Girls Football Years 1-6	Dodgeball - Years 1-6  Reception - Football (Summer Term 2025)	Boys Football - Year 1 & 2	Multisports - Years 1-6
By <b>ARTeach</b>	Actors Clubs - Year 3-6		Musical Bubbles -- Rec & Year 1	Drama Kids - Years 1 & 2	
By <b>Danni</b> - our Art Teacher	Art Club - Years 1 & 2		DT Club - Years 3-6	Art Club - Years 3-6	