



BOURNES GREEN SCHOOLS

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Weekly Newsletter – Important Information

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminders for next two weeks (please also check the [school calendar](#))

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| • Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th March | Half price book sale in Junior school hall 3:15 - 4:00pm |
| • Friday 8 th March | World Book Day |
| • Tuesday 12 th March | YR Drama workshop |
| • Wednesday 13 th March | Y3&4 Tag Rugby (letter to be sent to selected team) |
| • Thursday 14 th March | Parent Partnership meeting 2:30pm |
| • Friday 15 th March | Red Nose Day |
| • Friday 15 th March | Infant Music Festival |

CSSE 11+ examinations

At Parents Evening, a number of Y4 and Y5 parents were asking about the 11+ examination and how well the children are being prepared through the 11+ Pod.

As a school, we recognise that the 11+ is an important part of many children's development as they prepare for secondary school, and potentially at a Grammar School. We work with Simone Foley at [11+ Pod](#) who offers an 11 + Club at Bournes Green to help our children prepare for the CSSE 11+ examination. The sessions are led by experienced teachers and closely follow the curriculum requirements required to be successful when taking the exam. In their sessions, they will teach and develop skills in Maths, English (comprehension & writing) & Applied Reasoning.

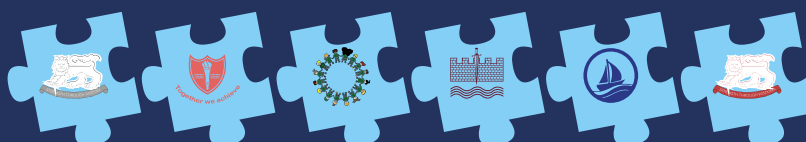
For further information, or if you have any questions, please contact Simone via the [11+ Pod Website](#) or email info@11pluspod.com or telephone 07919 992857.

If you would like your child to attend the 11+ Club but are unable to make the financial commitment to this, please contact me to discuss this further. Where we can help, we will be pleased to do so.

We do not charge the 11+ Club any rent to work at our school in order to keep the costs as low as possible for our parents.

We also have a dedicated 11+ page on the school website which you may find helpful - [11+ Selective Testing](#)

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Y6 Secondary Offer Day – Friday 1st March

Parents and children in Y6 will be eagerly anticipating their secondary school offer which is today. I hope you are happy with your offer, but inevitably, there are often some who are left disappointed. Below is a link to the FAQ's from Southend Council which may be helpful to you.

As a school, we have no say or opportunity to influence any potential appeals but, if you wish to talk through any concerns you have, please do get in contact.

[Secondary offer day 1 March – frequently asked questions – Secondary school admissions – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

Bournes Green Book Week – Summary of events

Sponsored Read - Monday 19th February to Monday 4th March.

We are in the process of purchasing of our very own on-site book vending machine and all the money raised from the sponsored read will go towards stocking it with books!

Can we please ask you to help us enhance our reading resources by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words to raise money!

Book Sales

On **Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March**, there will be a half price book sale in the Junior Hall from 3:15 - 4:00.

Author Visit

On **Thursday 7th March**, we will be hosting a visit from star author, Ellie Irving.

Read anytime, anywhere!

As part of our BG Book Week celebrations, we would like to celebrate and promote the value of reading more widely. We therefore invite you to find an obscure and entertaining (but safe!) place that the children can be caught and photographed reading.

Please Tweet photo entries and tag @Bournesgreensch. We will then retweet these and share some in our World Book Day assembly.

Do make sure you follow our Twitter (X) page to see the entries, there might even be some from staff! We ran this last year and had some fantastic entries, so please look back at our Twitter feed if you need some inspiration!

World Book Day

On **Friday 8th March**, we are celebrating World Book Day which is a lovely opportunity to encourage children to explore and discover the pleasure of reading. To mark World Book Day, all children (and staff!) are invited to dress up as a favourite book character. We understand that for some children this a really fun part of the day, but others' may be less enthused. For this reason, please do bear in mind that dressing up is optional.

Bournes Green Science Fair - Wednesday 20th March 2024 - 3.20 – 4.00pm

As part of our celebration of British Science Week, we will be holding a Science Fair after school on Wednesday 20th March. This will be an opportunity for families to share a scientific project or investigation they have carried out at home. This could be making a musical instrument, growing a plant, creating a magnet maze or building a volcano. The science sparks website has many additional ideas

(<https://www.science-sparks.com/easy-ideas-for-science-at-home/>).

We are inviting families from both infant and junior schools to book a table space in the junior hall to display their projects. Both schools will be open for a book look on this evening and all families are invited to visit the Science Fair too. We hope that the Science Fair will again be an exciting and inspirational event and look forward to you joining us.

Please email the office (infants@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk or juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk) if you would like to take part.

Thank you!

Thank you to the many parents who donated their World Book Day costumes. Many parents took the opportunity to reuse a donated costume and those left were donated The Shoebury Ark who were most grateful for your generous donations. Thank you to Mrs Spall and the wider team for facilitating this which is a lovely community gesture.



Walking home from school unaccompanied

Please ensure you have emailed the [school office](#) where you wish to give permission for your child to walk home unaccompanied.

Social Media – Twitter/X: @Bournesgreensch - Instagram: @bournesgreenschool

If you would like your child to be included in social media posts, please remember to ensure you have updated photo consents on the MCAS app.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in maintaining high attendance for your child/children.

Infant Classes	This week's attendance	Junior Classes	This week's attendance	Attendance Ladder	
This year's attendance target: 96.5%				Equates to:	
Sunshine	98.67%	Oak	98.79%	4 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	100% PERFECTION
Sandcastle	98.05%	Spruce	95.09%	7 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	98% IMPRESSIVE
Pebble	95.42%	Elm	98.79%	9 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	96% GOOD
Shell	97.66%	Pine	97.88%	11 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	95% NEARLY THERE
Starfish	96.00%	Beech	90.24%	20 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	94% NEEDS TO IMPROVE
Jellyfish	96.67%	Hazel	91.52%	30 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	90% CONCERNS (referred to Educational Welfare / Personal advisors)
		Birch	97.58%		85% SERIOUS CONCERNS
		Willow	94.55%		

Assembly Information	
Artist of the Half Term	Queen
Language of the Month	Urdu (March)
Our Fortnightly Focus	To pack away playground equipment at the end of break/lunchtime (Infants) To say 'hello' or 'good morning' when you come into school (Juniors)
Mr Denchfield's Fact of the Week	Swalihi is spoken by over 100 million people

Key School Website Links

My Child At School	School Contact Info	School Calendar
Term dates	School Lunches	School Uniform
Gaming & Social Media	Children using mobile phones	Children's Online Worry Box
Walking home from school	Children's birthdays!	Sport at Bournes Green
11+ Selective Testing	Supporting Learning at Home	Safeguarding
Parents Association	Parents SEND Forum	Parent Partnership
Volunteer reading	Attendance Information	Inclement Weather Update
School Streets		

Weekly Newsletter – Time to celebrate!

Y5/6 Girls Football Team

On Wednesday, Nev, Ms Rich and myself accompanied the Y5/6 Girls Football Team who represented Bournes Green and Southend United at the North London & Essex Regional Finals at Borehamwood FC.

After a hard-fought out league, the girls finished top, winning three games and drawing one. We are pleased to share that they were then victorious, 2-0 in the final and are now through to the South of England Finals on Tuesday 19th March in Slough


The squad of eight girls collectively played to a very high standard and represented themselves with dignity and showed respect to the opposition teams at all times which was fantastic to see.



Y3 Boys Football Team

Very well done to the Year 3 boy's football team who played in a competition and won most of their matches confidently. They are a super team of boys, all working hard and playing some great team football.



Personal Achievements		
		On a family ski holiday in Alpe d'Huez, Zachary graduated from the ESI Ski School. During the week he skied his first Black ski run which is a massive achievement and he should be very proud of himself!
This section is for parents to share any achievements their child/children have achieved outside of school. If you would like us to share your news, please email juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk		
Learning Power Awards		
	Infant Children	Junior Children
Enthusiasm	Billy, Suleman, Roma	Chris
Effort	Tommy	Scarlett, Douglas
Improvement	Chloe, Louis	
Co-operation	James	
Concentration	William, Billie, Elodie	Thomas
Curiosity	Ashleigh	Aymen
Perseverance		Bhu

Local News & Events



EASTER FUN

AT THORPE BAY LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Saturday 30th March 11-1PM

EASTER EGG FOR EVERY CHILD!

TENNIS GAMES

ICE CREAM VAN

BAR OPEN!

BBQ MUSIC

£2 MEMBERS

£7 NON-MEMBERS

ALL WELCOME
PAYABLE TO:
THORPE BAY LAWN TENNIS CLUB LTD
SORT CODE: 30-92-53
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 27496268

CHILDREN
MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

PLEASE USE YOUR FULL NAME AS REFERENCE WHEN PAYING
NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR
EMAIL: CHLOEJACKSONTBLTC@GMAIL.COM
WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE
PLEASE ADVISE IF YOUR CHILD IS DAIRY INTOLERANT

WOW!

GIRLS RUGBY

Taster session

Year 6 and 7 girls come and try GIRLS ONLY rugby

GIRL POWER





hosted by Tigan Renshaw

Wednesday 6th March
6.30pm

40 minutes
Followed by a drink and snack in the clubhouse

Warners Bridge Park
Sumpters Way
Southend-on-Sea
SS2 5RE



Scan to secure a space 🍌

PLAY

School Nursing Service

Community health clinics for children aged 5 – 11 who are being educated in Southend.

Venue	Date	Time
Friars	27th February 24	14:30-16:00
Hamstel	5th March 24	14:30-16:00
Blenheim	14th March 24	14:30-16:00
Prince Avenue	20th March 24	14:30-17:00

Emotional health and wellbeing advice • Growth and development •
 Healthy lifestyles • Bedwetting support • Hearing and vision •
 Sleep support • Puberty

No appointment needed.
 Call or text us for further information.

📞 **01702 534843**

💬 **ChatHealth Parentline: 07507 331884**

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Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,



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