

NEWSLETTER



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BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

Pupils of the Week 11/01/19

- Class 6 - James S-W and Jack C for being brilliant talk partners in maths.
- Class 5 - Mason S for showing determination to improve his maths and handwriting.
- Class 4 - Nathaniel E-T for a positive start and showing respect to others.
- Class 3 - Casey V for listening carefully and showing great determination in maths.
- Class 2 - Elliot VDB for showing respect to others through kindness and understanding.
- Class 1 - Whole class for showing respect towards the Queen when she came for afternoon tea.
- Class R - Elsie-Mae E for striving for excellence in her handwriting.



Homework Menus and Class Newsletters

Your child will shortly be bringing home their termly class newsletter along with the homework menu (Classes 1 – 6). Thank you for continuing to support your child with their home learning and daily reading; it is noticeable that children who complete homework and read regularly at home make better progress in school than those who don't. If you have any queries about homework, then please speak to your child's teacher or email them

(e.g. class3@boughton-monchelsea.kent.sch.uk).

Uniform

We have noticed that some children are wearing Fitbits/ Smart watches which they have got for Christmas. While we understand that the children are keen to use the latest technology, our uniform policy states that we only allow plain watches in Key Stage 2. Smart watches are too valuable to have in school and the additional features are proving quite distracting for some children in class. So if your child was given a lovely new Smart watch for Christmas, please can you ensure that it stays at home. Thank you.

Thank you for sending your children to school with warm, waterproof coats with hoods during the winter months. Please make sure **all** clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name, so that items can be returned to them if mislaid.

Please can you ensure that children have their PE kit with them on days that they have PE lessons, so that everyone is able to join in the lesson. Thank you.

Menu Changes

Please see the attached menu for our census day on Thursday 17 January . Please also note that the menu for Friday 18 January has been amended to provide potato wedges with fish as the children will be offered chips on Thursday.

Litter Pick

Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council has arranged litter picks on Saturday 19 January. Please see the attached posters for further information.

Lyra

Lyra had her first day in school on Wednesday and enjoyed meeting some of the Year 6 pupils. As she is still very young she will only come into school one day a week for a while, but she will enjoy getting to meet all of the children over the next few weeks.



Rewards and Celebrations

We are very proud of the children at our school and have been looking at how we can reward pupils who go above and beyond to demonstrate our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Determination and Excellence, so we will be introducing some new measures over the course of this term.

Starting today, winners of Pupil of the Week will be invited to a Headteacher's Treat each Friday. This could be squash and biscuits, hot chocolate or ice cream depending on the season and will be held in the Headteacher's office. (Children with food intolerances will be offered an alternative). Please let the School Office know if you would like your child to receive a non-food reward instead. Children who have already been awarded Pupil of the Week this year will have an additional playtime next week (with biscuits) so that they don't feel overlooked.

Each Pupil of the Week will have the opportunity to wear the class Golden Tie for a week. (The Golden Ties have been ordered but are not in school yet). This is optional, but will give everyone in the school the opportunity to recognise and celebrate our Pupils of the Week.

Any child who demonstrates our school values particularly well deserves to be recognised and so you may receive a positive message from your child's teacher in the form of a word on the playground, phone call, email or postcard. This will allow you to follow up with praise and a reward if appropriate, at home.

The weekly Pride Trophy will still be awarded, but will be more closely linked to our school values, on a whole class level, with feedback given to each class.

Junior Parkrun

Sean Callow, one of our parents has sent the following information about Junior Parkrun:

Junior Parkrun is an international free initiative that is focused on 4-14 year olds to get them active through a timed weekly 2km run. The local one is run from Parkwood fields on Sunday at 9am.

At the moment we have anywhere around 10-40 youngsters turning up to "run, walk, hop" the course which is fully marshalled for child safety.

My two kids regularly go to this (Ethan year 3, Annabelle year R) and are sometimes joined from others from various classes, but it would be great to get more coming along. The adult version on Saturdays at the Kent Life Farm has 300+ attending.

Please see the attached flyer for further details.

Tea with the Queen!

Class 1 had a very special visitor this week and had an enjoyable afternoon tea with the Queen.

Cleaner Vacancy

Kier, our contract cleaning company, have a vacancy for 5 hours each week at our school to clean the Community Room. Please see the attached advertisement if you are interested.

London Marathon

Michelle Dallas, (mum to Imogen, Yr 6), has sent us the following:

I am running the London Marathon this year on 28th April.

I have a charity place with YMCA, and need to raise £2000!!

I was wondering if I would be allowed to be mentioned in our news letter, lots of parents and children use the YMCA facilities so thought they may like to support me.

If this is allowed my fundraising link is

<https://www.justgiving.com/MichelleDallasYMCA>

I am also cooking a full roast dinner at the YMCA this Sunday, £8.50 per adult and £4.50 per child, again to raise money for YMCA. (This needs to be pre booked)



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