



Boxgrove Primary School

November 2020 Newsletter |

Addition to the Leadership Team



We are very pleased to announce that Ms. Abdi has joined our school leadership team. You may have seen Ms. Abdi on the

school gates and the children will have seen her around the school as she gets to know the staff and pupils better. She has a wealth of experience working as part of a leadership team at other schools in London. Ms. Abdi has joined the school to cover for Ms. Buchanan who has just started her maternity leave.

Collection and Drop Off

Thank you to all of the parents that are following social distancing advice and choosing to wear a face covering when they are dropping off and collecting their children. This is very much appreciated and is helping to keep our staff and pupils safe. Please make sure that you are not congregating in groups outside of school and if you are driving your children to school, please do not stop in the road outside of school. Instead please park and walk your child to their gate.

Take Care

In the alleyway to the Nursery and Year 4 collection point (towards Mulberry Park Children's Centre) there are a number of loose slabs. While walking this way, please take care until Mulberry Park Children's Centre can get these repaired.

Reception

As we do not have a celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon at the moment, we will be celebrating the learning of a different year group in each newsletter. This week is the turn of Reception.

Settling into a New Routine

Firstly, a huge well done to all of the children, in Reception. They have settled swiftly and are enthusiastic, determined and keen to work hard in all areas of their learning. A thank you to parents has to be said for all of their support since September.

Displaying the School Values



Reception have been excellent role models, demonstrating all of our school values. Their collaboration, emotional intelligence and determination are particularly commendable. It is a pleasure to see the children working together and showing such positive and sensitive understandings to the need of their peers.

Maths - Key Skills

Reception have had great fun, learning to count, add and subtract, in a variety of contexts. Children have been adding up to 5 and 10, by finger painting spots onto ladybirds. They have been learning to recognise and understand the related symbols for addition and subtraction calculations. Comments heard from pupils have been, 'this is fun!' and 'I love maths!'

English - Core Texts

The children have enjoyed reading stories such as Monkey Puzzle, Owl Babies, We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Kipper's Birthday. Within these texts, the children have explored feelings, family and journeys. In particular, the children enjoyed reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' where the children retold the story, acted out the journey that the family took and then created 'Bear Hunt' maps of their own. Throughout the school day, the children could be heard retelling the story using the repetitive language.

Outdoor Area



The children have thoroughly enjoyed using the outdoor area for their learning. We recently introduced a mud kitchen

and a chalk board, encouraging children to explore their learning in a natural context and develop writing skills using different media. The role play area has evolved from being a kitchen at home to a post office. Children are writing



letters, sticking stamps and taking on the role of different post professionals. The engagement and conversation these areas have created has been a joy to see and hear.

Homework Projects



Last half term, the children were set a homework project to create the habitat for a monkey, an owl or a

bear - all linked to the core texts from Autumn 1. The number of projects that we have had has been amazing! The work that has gone into them is incredible. A huge thank you to the adults that have supported the children in making them. Conversations with children describing how they made their projects were a joy to listen to. We can't wait to see even more projects, as the year progresses.

Children in Need

Thank you to all parents, staff and children that joined in with Children in Need this year by dressing up in their spots and stripes and bringing in donations for the charity.

Staggered End Times

Thank you to all parents that have been collecting their children promptly at the new collection times (Reception and KS1 between 2:50pm and 3:00pm and KS2 between 3:00pm and 3:10pm). This will continue for at least the next three weeks and we will write to you to inform you of any future changes.

Whenever we process (staff, parents and pupil) data, we need to comply with GDPR. For more information on how we process data check on our website.

Reminders

Parents' Evenings

Just a reminder to all parents that Parents' Evenings are on Wednesday 25th November and Thursday 26th November. These meetings will take place online or over the phone. Please sign in to ParentMail or call the school office to book an appointment.

Attendance

A reminder to parents that school attendance is still compulsory during the current lockdown. As a school, we will still be monitoring pupil attendance and passing on pupil attendance, where there is a concern, to our local authority attendance officer.

School Values Award

Our school value award is presented to some children from across the school that have been nominated by staff for showing our school values. Below are the school value winners for the last two weeks.

Class	Winners	Value Shown
IOC	Zi Xin	Integrity
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Upcoming Dates

November

- Wednesday 25th - Parents Evening
- Thursday 26th - Parents Evening

December

- Wednesday 9th - Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 9th - Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 17th - Class Christmas Parties

Star of the Week

The star of the week winners from the last two weeks are:

Class	Winners	
RJM	Abdu-Rahman Margarita	Khalil Evannadorothy
RET	Hadassah Franz	Zainab David
IOC	Rayyan Asher	Oluwatamilore Mihlali
IMS	Anthony Oskar	Oskar Erik
2FD	Mohamud Jocelyn	Azraq Ansa
2ZB	Bibire Quinn	Anqi Muizz
3SM	Moriah	Fatima
3MT	Daniel	Lily
4RA	Jobey Rosie	Tommy Aishat
4LP	Jessica Thomas	Isabella Zainab
5HF	Taliyah	Nazif
5SP	Connor-James	Ronnie
6ES	Mary-Jo Mary-Jo	Zi Xuan Mary Jo
6AB	Susan	Terri-Anne

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