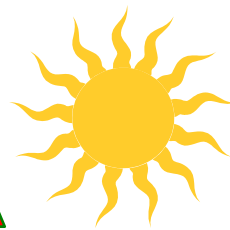


# The Boreham Beacon



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**Boreham Primary School**

**A Friendship School**



*'Daring to aim high, scale new heights, spread our wings and fly far'*



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Reception: Louis

Year 1: Phoebe R

Year 2: Maiya

Year 3: Millie

Year 4B: Michael

Year 4BU: Rory

Year 5: Gracie

Year 6: Harry



## CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD

The classes with the best attendance for the week commencing 21st September was Reception and 4B both with 100%.

## HOUSE POINTS

House points for this week are: Everest 218; Kilimanjaro 279; Nevis 179 and Olympus 218. Well done to Kilimanjaro.

## PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Full details of our forthcoming Parent Consultation evenings have been sent out this week. Booking appointments have also gone live.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-6:00pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 3:30-7:30pm

## TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS IS BACK!

We have relaunched our Times Tables Rockstars battles, with each class now having competed against another class. Well done to those of you who have logged in at home to

practise your times tables and to work as a class to get a high score! Each class teacher has given out the logins to use at home but please speak to them if you have any problems. Remember, Times Tables Rockstars is a great way to practise your times tables in a fun way. Fluent and confident recall and application of times tables is so important in many areas of maths! The class with the highest overall score at the end of the term wins a class party as well, so there are lots of incentives to go on and play!

## PARENT BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

This week, Mr Bowyer has been exploring the theme of being perfect with the Year 2 - 6 classes. The children recognised that nobody is perfect and how we must follow two of our school values - determination and courage to improve, try our best and learn from making mistakes.

The books that were shared via You Tube were;

**The Perfect Percival Priggs** by Julie-Anne Graham (Years 5 and 6)

**The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes** by Gary Robinson & Mark Pett (Years 3-4)

**The Koala Who Could** (Year 2) by Rachael

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## ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Check PEGI ratings of your children's favourite games and apps on

<https://www.common sense media.org/> this website will tell you what content can be seen and what age it is appropriate for.



## HEALTHY HEROES TIP OF THE WEEK

Mindset warrior says...

*'Did you know ... that the brain works like a muscle, it can only grow through hard work, determination, and lots and lots of practice.'*



## FROGGIE VISITORS!

Our new hibernaculum and frog and toad bath in our allotment area have finally attracted their first visitors. A number of frogs and toads have been spotted this week. Can you spot the frog below which was captured in-between some large stones by the frog and toad bath?



## IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



## HAND HYGIENE

In school we have noticed that a number of children have long fingernails. Please ensure that your children's nails are cleaned and trimmed appropriately. Fingernails should be kept short, and the undersides should be cleaned frequently with soap and water. Because of their length, longer fingernails can harbour more dirt and bacteria than short nails, thus potentially contributing to the spread of infection. Thank you.



## IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Class 4B enjoyed a futsal session with Ricky Groves from the Chelmsford Schools Sports Partnership team.



As ever, we continue to be so very proud of all that your children are achieving back in school. In Years 2-6, the children have coped amazingly well learning to sit in row and all of our children have adjusted magnificently to our staggered arrival and departure and class bubble systems.

## IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Seeing the children arrive at school every morning with positivity and smiles on their faces has been an absolute please to see.

Thank you all for your contrnioued support.

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

For the first time at Boreham Primary School, I am delighted to be able to inform you that Premier Education, who currently support many local schools with sport and PE, will be running a Multi-Sports Half Term Holiday Camp at the school. The camp will run from 9am-3:30pm from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

To book, head to [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com), click 'book a course', then select Holiday Camps and type in Boreham to find the course. If successful, the school will also be arranging for Premier Education to run a Performing Arts holiday club during the Easter Holidays.

## COVID-19 REMINDERS

It is essential that you must inform school leaders if your child or anyone in the household develops COVID-19 symptoms. Please follow government advice regarding isolating measures to reduce the risk of transmission.

If you have any concerns about your child/ren or they are displaying symptoms of stress or anxiety, please contact Mrs Powell at the school who is our named member of staff for all COVID-19 related queries and follow Public Health England (PHE) advice.

## Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

## WHERE OH WHERE IS BOREHAM BEAR?

This week Boreham Bear joined our Reception Class for their gymnastics lesson.



## GOVERNING BODY VACANCY

At Boreham Primary School, we count ourselves privileged to have a very supportive, active and high profile set of governors. Our governing body is made up of parents, staff and other members of our local community. The governing body is led by Mr Roger Leeke, who has in excess of 25 years experience, leading two exceptionally successful and popular well known primary schools as Head Teacher. Our Governing Body is now looking to elect a new co-opted governor which will further strengthen its membership.

If you might be interested in becoming a governor, then please contact me directly at the school.

Mr Bowyer  
Head Teacher



## BOREHAM BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Boy At The Back Of The Class  
by Onjali Q Rauf

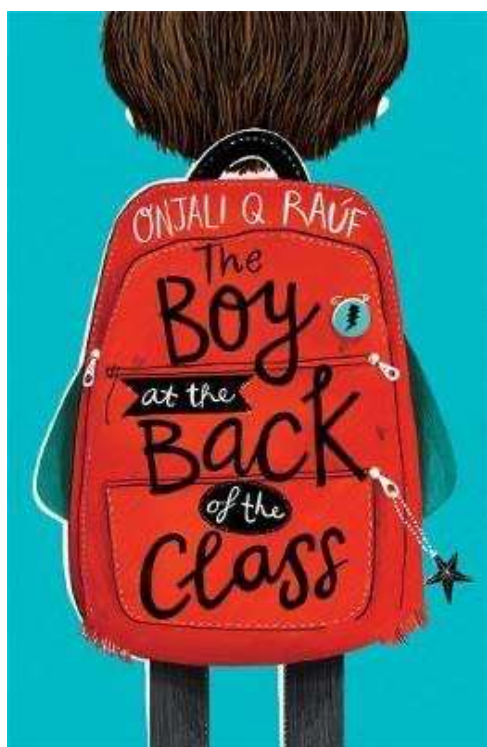
The Boy at the Back of the Class is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

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An inspiring and sweet tale that will help children think about what it is to be a good person whatever your circumstances. This beautiful book should help children be the best they can be and realise the power of kindness.



This year's World Mental Health Awareness Day will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October. As a school, we are already prioritising our children and staff's mental health and general wellbeing through a variety of ways but to promote and celebrate this special day, all of



**World Mental Health Day**  
10th October

Adapted Health Foundation

Inside the red head silhouette, the following text is written:

- Source: Brief Obstacles
- Awareness: Stress
- Advanced: Depression
- Mental Health
- Activity: Disorientation
- Disorder: Depression
- Stigma: Trauma
- Anxiety



- A 'friendship' school which has a supportive and welcoming ethos.
- Our senior staff are out on duty daily both before and after school.
- All of our staff model positive relationships to pupils. (See our Positive Behaviour Management Policy)
- Our special school motto - Hurt bodies, hurt feelings, tell a grown up.'
- Class Dojo reward system.
- Re-establishing classroom routines and changes to the timetable - visual timetable.
- Addressing any anxieties that your children will have about returning to school, creating lots of 'reflection', 'pastoral' and 'self-regulation' opportunities.
- Class Worry Boxes for our children.
- Headteacher classed based assemblies which explore mental health and wellbeing through high quality texts (from The Book Shed) and open discussions.
- Weekly Class Reflection Time.
- A school which supports and prioritises mental health awareness (The Head Teacher, SENCo and x2 Governors have completed a half day Mental Health Awareness Day.
- Daily access to an anxiety thermometer.
- Daily promotion and active use of the 'Self-regulation coping strategies students can use at school' poster.
- Our Governor Well-Being Sub-Committee

- Pupil and staff well-being surveys.
- PSHE Association Emotional Well-Being Year Group Plans.
- The Children's Health Project.
- Completion of the Daily Mile on our all-weather track.
- Our well-established school values.
- Positive and supportive classroom learning environments.
- Carma The Chameleon / Tropical Fish Tank in our main entrance.
- Individual Sensory Boxes.
- Use of music as a form of relaxation in our classrooms, *(especially when pupils are writing)*
- Key List of NHS Apps for Mental Health & Child Health will be shared in our school newsletter.
- Purpose built family room and demountable classroom are on hand for parents to meet staff and/or other professionals as and when required.
- Our School Counsellor works with targeted transition groups and individual children.
- Our Welfare & Attendance Officer, Mrs Pinkney is available daily and also supports specific groups of children and individuals.