

# Spring 1

## February 2025



We have reached the end of the first half of the spring term, and like all the other half terms it has been a busy one! As Headteacher it is really important to me that we not only improve your children's academic ability, but also develop a range of other skills which is why we work hard on their understanding of our school values: Resilience, Empathy, Self-Control, Perseverance, Equality, Courage and Teamwork-RESPECT. With these qualities embedded in our practice we feel that all children at Bordesley Green can succeed. Each week we celebrate children who have demonstrated one of our values so, if your child comes home with a Star of the Week certificate make sure that you ask them which value they have shown!

We also want children to be enthusiastic about learning and enjoy coming to school, and a highlight for me, is to open the gate each day, saying good morning and seeing children running to get into their classroom too!

Today we are celebrating more success with our Shining Star Award winners, children selected by their teachers for their achievements this half term, well done to the following children who have all done really well this half term:

**Early Years and Key Stage 1-** Ayan-Mario, Ayaat, Hidaaya, Hassan, Maria, Saad, Yusuf, Alia, Ismail, Minehal, Maria, Ubaydullah, Khadija, Shifa, Rahma, Aiyla, Laris, Abeera, Uzma, Aamina, Mumin and Syed.

**Key Stage 2:** Haroon, Zoya, Andrei, Isaac, Usman, Maryam, Eishal, Khalid, Anzal, Mahir, Avram, Suhaima, Esmail, Maimoonah, Umaiza, Sufyan, Hajar, Zahra, Fawad, Haya Noor, Fatima, Muhammed, Yahya and Safa.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a good half term break everyone, see you all on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Mr K Holmes  
Head Teacher

### Parents Evenings

A reminder that when we return after half term, we will be welcoming you all for our Parents Evening on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Nursery and Year 6 appointments will be available during the afternoon and the evening. Year 6 teachers will speak to both you and your child. Parents Evening for Years Reception to Year 5 will begin at 3.45pm. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate your children's successes so far this year, and to discuss how you can help them at home. Your child must be collected as normal at 3.20pm at the end of the school day, and not left in school until your appointment. If you are unable to attend but would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please let us know and we will arrange a time for this to take place.

### **Kingfisher Collaboration**

A group of our Year 4 children visited Somerville Primary School for the afternoon last week to participate in their Science Fair. Children from Redhill and St.Benedict's Primary were also in attendance. Jamaal and Sufyan, two of our children who attended the event, shared their experiences with me and were very excited to talk about the exploding snowman, and other activities investigating different science skills.

Later this term we will be inviting children from the collaboration schools to participate in some sporting events with Mr Bate. As part of our work with the collaboration, Miss Clayton and I completed a Peer Review at St Benedict's, talking to pupils, staff and leaders and observing lessons, sharing good practice. We have also had our Peer Review in the Autumn term where leaders from the other schools completed similar activities, and recognised what we do well here. Feedback given included:

1. English is a strength of the school there is a consistent and effective approach to the teaching of English.
2. Pupil conversations and work discussed showed pupils have a good understanding of the topics covered. The cross curricular approach was highlighted by pupils as an easy way to improve their writing/reading.
3. The knowledge and confidence of the teachers was clearly seen during the class visits. The children's books showed progression – handwriting was highlighted as a positive. Consistency across the year groups was evident in the topics being covered during observations.
4. Phonics is embedded in EYFS and KS1. Staff are confident in the delivery of phonics, and the reading scheme complements the phonics.
5. Pupils and staff interviewed were able to explain how they support prior learning. Pupils spoken to, confidently talked about their learning, shared their work and discussed the topics they have studied.

### **Blue Sky**

We have now moved away from X (formerly Twitter) as a social media platform and use Blue Sky. We will use this to share photos, activities and events with you online. We will only share images of your child on the platform if this is something that you have already agreed to.

### **Athletics success**

Earlier this half term we had sporting success with our Year 5 and 6 athletics team who achieved a Gold medal, competing against 10 other local schools. We will now proceed to the finals competing against schools across the city, well done Mr Bate and the team!

### **School Uniform**

We are always looking for donations of uniform, if you have any school uniform at home that is now too small for your children or unwanted and is still in good condition, we are very happy to receive this uniform which we will then be kept in our Community Hub. This will then be donated to families who need our support. Thank you.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day or contact any member of the Leadership team, Mrs Jenkins (AHT for EYFS and Year 1) , Miss Dovey (SENDCO and AHT for Years 2 and 3), Miss Clayton (AHT for Years 4,5 and 6), Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.

Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Return to school
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	2M class visit to the Back to Back houses
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Reception classes eye tests Parents Evening
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>2.45pm</b>	Whitemoor Lakes Parents Meeting
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	2D Class Assembly
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y4 class visit to Green Lane Mosque
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y4 class visit to Green Lane Mosque
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y4 class visit to Green Lane Mosque West Midlands Police in school working with Y5/6
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	2M Class Assembly
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	4H Class Assembly
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Whitemoor Lakes Residential HSBC Financial Education Day
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Whitemoor Lakes Residential HSBC Financial Education Day
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Whitemoor Lakes Residential 1D Class Assembly
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Kingfisher Collaboration Day at BGPS
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	2A Class Assembly
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Terrible Tudors theatre visit-Y4
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	End of Term-break up for the Easter holidays