



The Boreham Beacon



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This week's newsletter is dedicated to a very special person, Mr Norman Smith.

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A Friendship School

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



HEADTEACHER UPDATES

Today we said a fond farewell to Mr Smith our beloved school caretaker who has worked at the school for over 32 years. Mr Smith is known to so many families throughout the village, having spent all of this time living in the School Caretaker's House on the school premises. All three of Mr Smith's children attended the school with his youngest born in the actual house on 8th June 1991 at 6am!

Over many years Mr Smith has seen plenty of changes, serving under four Headteachers in his time. For 32 years, Mr Smith has been on duty before and after school on the main school gates to ensure the safety of our children and their families.

Mr Smith commenced post in April 1990 joining the school under Mrs Christine Martin's leadership. Many of our current children on role have parents who attended the school too and who remember Mr Smith with great affection.

Mr Smith is retiring with his wife, Gina, to Lincolnshire to enjoy his retirement. We shall all miss Mr Smith greatly and wish him and Gina every happiness in their new home. Thank you Mr Smith for everything you have done for us at Boreham Primary School.

We shall miss you very much.

Did you know facts about Mr Smith

- In his younger days Mr Smith was a regular doorman at Zeus Nightclub in Chelmsford. (His nickname was Baby face!)
- Mr Smith was a special constable for 7 years.
- Mr Smith worked as a taxi driver for 15 years. He met his wife on a pick up, dropping her off back home! Mr Smith got married on Christmas Eve in 2011.
- Mr Smith has been an advanced driver for 21 years. He gained a first in towing a caravan in 2014.

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- In his time living in the caretaker's house he has had the following pets; dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, doves, geese, ducks, chickens and lots of fish!
- Mrs Edwards our Higher Level Teaching Assistant was in Year 6 at Boreham when Mr Smith commenced post in 1990!
- Mr Smith has been on 5 school residentials.
- The only time that Mr Smith has ever drawn tears in his eyes, (with the exception of today) was when Mr Bowyer dropped the heaviest cupboard in the school on his fingers!
- In 2015 Mr Smith joined Mr Bowyer and Miss Smith, the Year 6 teacher, for a sleepover in the hall! Mr Smith was found in the morning flat out on the sofa in the Family Room! (It was the only and ever time we did a school sleepover!)
- For 29 years, every Christmas, Mr Smith has conducted our Junior children in singing The Twelve Days of Christmas.

One Boreham Scarecrow Trail

I hope you take the time to visit the 25 sporting scarecrows that are on display around the village during half term week. Maps can be purchased for £2 from several locations within the village. Please do your upmost to support this event as all proceeds from the 2022 Boreham Scarecrow Trail will go to the school. **Please send in your photos to admin@boreham.essex.sch.uk** for our school newsletter.

Parent Consultation Evenings

I hope that you have found this week's parent consultation evenings informative and positive. Please do take the time to talk to your children about any targets they have been set by their class teacher and remind them of these before they return to school after half term.

Matt Mackman - Local Artist in School

At the parent consultation evenings, many of you may have already seen the large wall display that is being painted in the school hall. There is still much to do to complete the display but it is already looking superb. The group of children who were selected to work with Matt have thoroughly enjoyed themselves this week and should be very proud of what they have achieved already under Matt's supervision. Huge thanks to Matt for his work so far.

Headteacher's Termly Public Speaking Competition

During the week beginning Monday 14th November, any child who wishes to enter this term's public speaking competition will have the opportunity to audition in front of their class. This term's question is - **'What does friendship mean to me?'** and will link directly to National Anti-Bullying week. One child from each class will be voted through to the final which will take place on the morning of Friday 2nd December and their parents will be invited along too. Please encourage your child to start writing their speech during half term. The speech should last no longer than 2 minutes.

Thank you for your continued support this half term. I wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 1st November at 8:40am.

Mr Bowyer

HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Reception: Oscar W & Sienna
Year 1: Lailah
Year 2: Matilda
Year 3: Erin
Year 4: Archie
Year 5: Orla P
Year 6F: Tom
Year 6HC: Rory



HOUSE POINTS WINNER FOR HALF TERM

OLYMPUS: 1095 **KILIMANJARO: 872** **EVEREST: 1067** **BEN NEVIS: 1274**

CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning 10th October 2022 was Year 4 with 99.7%. Well done Year 4!



SPONSORED READ

Friday 21st of October until Friday 11th of November

To celebrate and encourage reading for pleasure both at home and at school, we will be running a Sponsored Read! All proceeds raised will go towards purchasing brand new books for our school library. The Sponsored Read will run from Friday 21st of October until Friday 11th of November. Please encourage your child to spend a part of each day reading, to help our school raise funds to enhance our school library provision. This does not have to be just books; comics, magazines, websites, recipes, menus, anything with words counts towards your child's total!

If you are able to support our Sponsored Read, please ask your friends and family to do so by filling in the sponsorship form that has been sent out to you today.

The way your child is sponsored can be recorded however you wish: your child could be sponsored for the amount of pages, chapters, books or time (in minutes) they read. For example, this could be 2p for every page or 50p for every half an hour - it's completely up to you.

We want to encourage your child to read at any point in their day, especially over half term! Please upload any pictures of your child reading, especially if it is in an unusual place, to Seesaw to share your child's progress with their sponsored read!

As a reward, two children from each class, who have put a considerable amount of effort into their Sponsored Read, will be invited to attend a Mad Hatters Tea Party with Mr Bowyer to celebrate their efforts. All sponsorship forms and money raised are to be returned to school by the 14th November.

Many thanks for your support.

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GOODBYE MR SMITH



This morning we officially opened our brand new Hobbit House - which will be called 'Smithy's Snug' after our beloved Mr Smith. Mr Smith has been wearing his Leavers' Hoodie today. He has received some amazing gifts today including; a tea for two voucher, a Smithy's Snug plaque for his own outdoor man shed, a bottle of whisky, special keyring, over £200 in cash and of course a Boreham Bear! Pictured above are 8 children, one from each of our classes. These children were picked by Mr Smith as many of them have parents who attended the school or are part of a family who Mr Smith has known closely for a long time.



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In EYFS we have been learning about Mo Farah. We ran races and did the Mo Bot, just like Mo.



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Black History Month

Jackie Joyner-Kersey



Year 3

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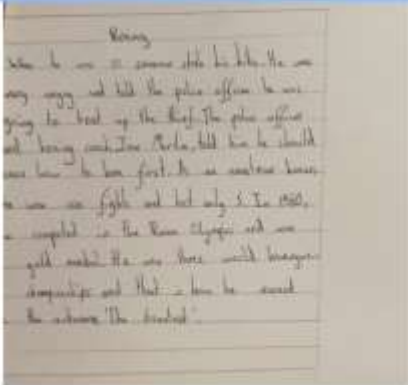




To celebrate Black History Month, year 6F have been learning about their sporting icon, Muhammad Ali.



We took part in a boxing workout, then began to create fact files about his life.



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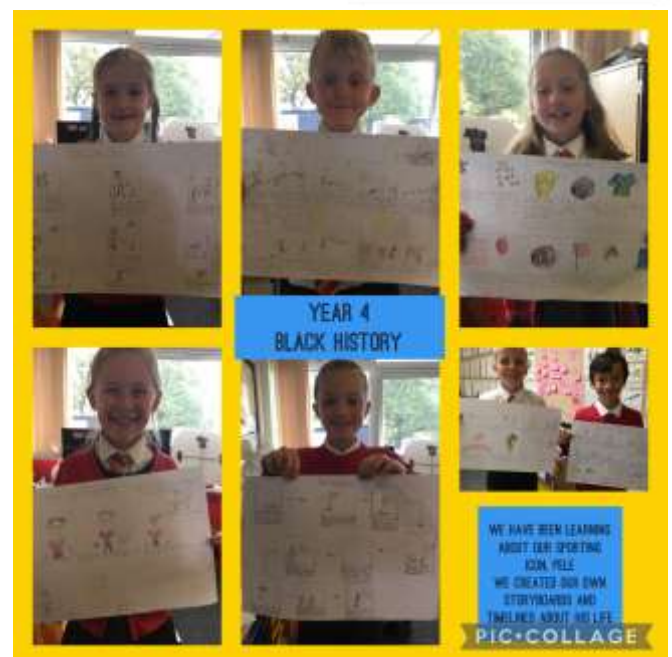
Year 6HC Black History Month



Our sporting icon: Muhammad Ali



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YEAR 4 BLACK HISTORY

WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT OUR SPORTING ICON, WE'VE CREATED OUR OWN STORYBOARDS AND TALKED ABOUT HIS LIFE.

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YEAR 4 COLCHESTER CASTLE TRIP



MATT MACKMAN ARTIST VISIT



 **MAPS ONLY £2
ON SALE NOW!**

Scarecrows Love Sport
Get your Trail Map today

And a chance to win in our raffle draw. All proceeds go towards
Boreham Primary School's Multi-use Games Area

With 25 fabulous sporty scarecrows to see
from 24th October to 30th October

Maps Available from the Co-Op, Spar, A G
Smiths Butchers and Boreham Post Office



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AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

Monday 31st October 2022

Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 1st November 2022

Autumn Term 2nd half commences at 8:40am

Tuesday 8th November 2022

Open Morning for Prospective Parents 10-11:30am

Monday 14th November 2022

National Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day!

Thursday 17th November 2022

Year 4 Class Assembly

Friday 18th November 2022

Children In Need Non-Uniform Day

Monday 21st November 2022

Year 6 Barnardo's Concert, Royal Albert Hall

Tuesday 29th November 2022

Phonics Workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents 9:00-9:45am

Monday 5th December 2022

Last week for extra-curricular clubs

Tuesday 13th December 2022

Christmas Production at 1:30pm

Wednesday 14th December 2022

Christmas Production at 9:30am

Christmas Production at 1:30pm

Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Jumper & Decorations Day

Monday 19th December 2022

Christmas Church Service at St. Andrews Church - 9:30am

Tuesday 20th December 2022

Break for Christmas at 1:30pm.

