

Boorley Park News and Updates

14th June 2024



Boorley Park School

Our Assembly Theme This Week

In Assembly this week, we celebrated 'Big Green Week' which this year is being held between the 8th and 16th June. The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Every year, people come together to unleash a wave of support for action to protect the planet.

The theme for Great Big Green Week 2024 was **'Let's swap together for good'**. From neighbours swapping skills in repair cafes or allotments, to businesses swapping fossil fuels for solar panels, to friends swapping fast fashion for second-hand finds - every swap will add together to make a big difference.

The children thought of some ideas of swaps they could make as well as some other ideas which families could make together.

Swap toys with family members or friends instead of buying new toys.

Wash clothes at 30 degrees.

Walk or cycle journeys less than 2 miles.

Buy second hand clothes.

Use a reusable bottle instead of buying water bottles.

Eating veggie meals twice a week.

Use recycled toilet paper.



We would love to hear of any swaps you have decided to make as a family.

Fair Play and Friendly Competition

According to statistics, 69% of children in the UK currently engage in competitive sport, either inside or out of school. Thanks to the Euros, it's very possible that the percentage will increase in the coming weeks. Enjoying sport and healthy competition can have a fantastic impact on children's development - but when presented with the idea of the winning side or team, emotions can sometimes run high and feelings can be hurt.

It is important that we teach the children a healthy approach to any kind of game or contest - not just the sporting variety. The guide below explains how we can support children with this and emphasises the value of playing fair and managing victory and defeat in a reasonable, mature manner. As we look forward to our Sports Events next week, it may be useful to share the guide on the next page with your children.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges – like the pressure to win – and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play: demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.

2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME

Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to "win at all costs", which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.

3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.

4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION

Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.

5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT

Help children to understand that they can't win every contest – that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.

6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.

7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.

8 TEACH RESPECT

Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.

9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.

10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Try to avoid solely drawing attention to children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.

Meet Our Expert

Caroline Holder is a PE consultant based in Staffordshire. Having worked across all age ranges delivering PE in schools, she now trains teachers and works with schools to develop their provision and ensure it achieves maximum impact for pupils. She passionately believes in the impact that PE, sport, and activity can have on children.



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Dates for Your Diaries—2023-2024

Whole School

Summer Term 2024

- Monday 24th June—INSET Day - School closed for pupils
- Friday 28th June—Non-school uniform - bring a bottle for the Summer Fayre
- Tuesday 23rd July—Last Day of Term
- Thursday 24th July—Monday 2nd September - Summer Holidays
- Tuesday 3rd September—First Day of Autumn Term 1



Year R

- Monday 17th June - Parent Picnic followed by Sports Event - 12.30-2.00pm
- Friday 21st June—9am-12pm-Mill Cottage Farm Experience in school - more details to follow

Year 1

- Tuesday 18th June - Year 1 & 2 Parent Picnic followed by Sports Event - 12.15-2.30pm
- Tuesday 25th June —Royal Festival and Dress Up Day (inc parent event at 2:45pm) - **change of date**
- **Rabbit Class** Monday 15th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents
- **Otter Class** Tuesday 16th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents

Year 2

- Tuesday 18th June - Year 1 & 2 Parent Picnic followed by Sports Event - 12.15-2.30pm - more details to follow
- **Hedgehog Class** Wednesday 17th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents
- **Fox Class** Thursday 18th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents

Year 3

- Wednesday 19th June - Year 3 & 4 Parents Picnic followed by Sports Event - 12.15-2.30pm

Year 4

- Wednesday 19th June - Year 3 & 4 Parents Picnic followed by Sports Event - 12.15-2.30pm
- Tuesday 9th July- 2:45pm—Parent Event in Owl Class - A 'showcase' of their work from throughout the year

Boorley Park Term Dates 2024/25



September 2024							
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July 2025							
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Bank Holiday
 School Holiday

INSET Day (school closed to children)