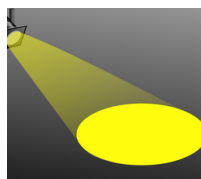




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on World Mental Health Day and Black History Day

Reception: We created artwork to represent happiness for Mental Health Day and discussed what makes us happy. We are creating artwork in the style of Stanley Whitney. We have also read about Marcus Radford and how he supported charities that provide food for families who may need extra support.

Year 1: We have explored the feeling of sadness and looked at ways we can help others if they are feeling sad, whilst understanding it is a temporary feeling. We have made our own finger painting pictures linked to the style of Alma Woodsey Thomas for Black History Awareness Day.

Year 2: We have created artwork using "energetic" patterns for Mental Health Day. We have created poetry about Floella Benjamin and artwork inspired by Bisa Butler for Black History Day.

Year 3: We have created artwork to represent "anger" for Mental Health Day. For Black History Awareness Day we created artwork inspired by Nina Chanel Abney. We also researched Walter Tull and created some fact files about him, focusing on his significant achievements.

Year 4: We have created artwork to represent "tiredness" for Mental Health Day. For Black History, we have researched Nina Simone and are creating artwork inspired by Lois Mailou Jones.

Year 5: We created a piece of artwork expressing what confusion meant to them for Mental Health Day. We have looked at the poet Benjamin Zephaniah and replicated the artwork of Kehinde Wiley.

Year 6: We have created a fact file about Stormzy and artwork inspired by Jean Michel Basquait for Black History and have created artwork to represent anxiety for mental health day.

We have had such a great week in school. Many thanks to Mrs Horne for organising all the Black History Awareness Day work and to our fabulous Mental Health Team for all the work and activities for World Mental Health Day. The children looked great in their flash of yellow on Wednesday – thank you for your support.

Assembly this week...

Focused School Value: **RESPECT**

In assembly this week we explored how rules help us to show respect to all.

Character Value	Aspire Skills
Respect	Independence
Honesty	Self-belief
Gratitude	Self-motivation
Kindness	Resilience and determination
Inclusivity	Communication and <u>team work</u>
Humility	Curiosity

In Mrs Ashworth's KS1 and Mr Woodrow's KS2 Picture News assembly the children explored the question:
"What makes a community feel proud of its history?"



Sports Councillors

Miss Baxendale was so impressed with the application letters for Sports Councillors. It was a really difficult decision but congratulations to those who have been successful. Miss Baxendale is looking forward to working with you.

Year 3: Oliver and George

Year 4: Olivia and Lola-Mae

Year 5: Emily and Una

Year 6: Heba and Lucas

Team Points

This week our team points winners were:
Wizards.



News

I would like to let you know that sadly Mrs Carr is leaving us at the end of this half term. We wish her all the best for her new adventure and would like to thank her for being such a fabulous member of our team.

We will miss you

Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Be Active: join in an active game.

Physical activity is one way we can look after our mental health. When we exercise, our bodies release chemicals which make us feel good. These chemicals are called endorphins.

What active games do you like to play?



Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for October is Jimi Hendrix. This week we have enjoyed listening to "Purple Haze."



Gold stars!



We love rewarding our super behaved children who have followed our 3 golden rules of ready, respectful and safe. I am looking forward to coming round on Monday to celebrate their excellent behaviour.

Congratulations to all the children who receive a golden star!
Please ask your child about their Golden Star!



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the all the children who received a Headteacher Award in assembly last week:

RA Harriet
1A Harper
2HP Alfie
3B Kayla
4G Jack
5B Regan
6C Alyssia

RH Hollie
1T Norah
2M Alice
3J Alice
4W Oscar
5H Maisie
6S Mollie



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 97%. The figures below are for this week.

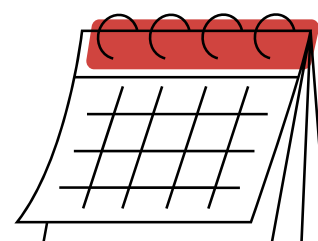
Congratulations to 1T and 4W for all being punctual. Well done!

Please ensure all children are in school on time so that valuable learning time has not been lost. We will be sending reminders to children's parents / carers who are repeatedly late.

	R A	R H	1T	1A	2 H P	2 M	3 B	3J	4 G	4 W	5 B	5 H	6 C	6 S
Attendance for last week	100 %	98 %	98 %	95 %	99 %	97 %	95 %	98 %	97 %	96 %	91 %	98 %	90 %	96 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	4	2	0	1	2	1	1	2	2	0	2	3	1	4

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14th October	Year 6 Trip to Parliament, London
Thursday 16th October	Reception Stay and Play session 9:15-9:45am
Friday 17th October	Year 2 Assembly for Parents and Carers at 9:05am 3:20pm Parents/carers invited into school to see the work created for Mental Health Day and Black History Day
Monday 20th October	Parents invited in to school with their children to view books 8:40am-9:00am
Tuesday 21st October	Parents invited in to school with their children to view books 8:40am-9:00am (further information will be sent out regarding this)
Tuesday 21 st October	Harvest Assembly - donations
Wednesday 22nd October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23rd October	Flu Vaccinations PTFA Halloween Disco
Friday 24th October	Year 6 Assembly for Parents and Carers at 9:05am Children break up for half term holiday



PTFA News

Everyone should be coming home with one of these Xmas4Schools leaflets and an order form this week.

The children have all been designing and creating some fantastic Christmas card designs and you all have the opportunity to purchase Christmas cards and small gifts with your child's design on the front of them. The personalised cards are better than buying from the supermarket and the small gifts available to purchase make great Christmas presents for the family.

⚠ The order forms must be completed and returned to school with your child NO LATER THAN 23rd OCTOBER

We have to send all forms back to Xmas4schools on 24th October before we break up for half term.

Xmas4schools will then send you a link to order and pay and then the items will be delivered to school for distribution mid November.

Every purchase you make through Xmas4schools gets the PTFA £1.00

Sports News

Well done to the girls' football team for making it through to the finals next week. They came 2nd out of 9 teams in their pool. Congratulations and good luck next week!



**Balshaw Lane Primary School**

OPEN DAYS

Come and see our amazing school in action. There will be a presentation by the headteacher and a full tour of our wonderful learning environment with a chance to meet our dedicated staff and fabulous children.

Tuesday 30 th September at 9:15am
Friday 3 rd October at 9:15am
Thursday 9 th October at 1:15pm
Monday 13 th October at 9:15am
Wednesday 22 nd October at 9:15am
Wednesday 12 th November at 1:15pm
Friday 9 th January at 9:15am



Our pupils have automatic admission to Parklands High School.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to view our warm, friendly and caring school which has OUTSTANDING personal development.

Please contact the school office to book on one of our Open Days. Many thanks.

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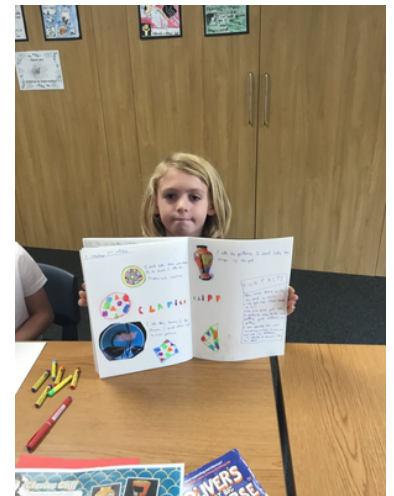
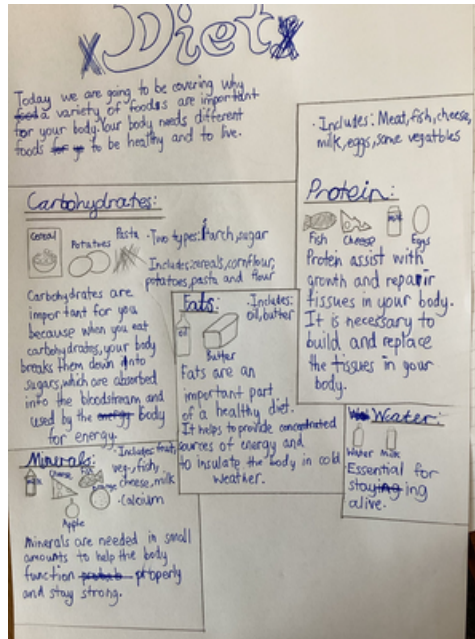


Selection of photos from this week

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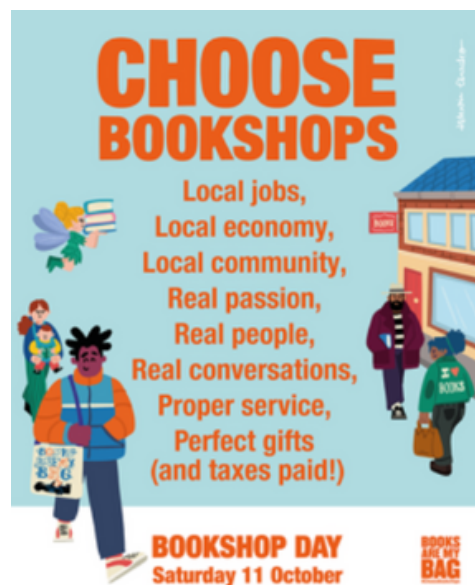
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BOOKSHOP DAY
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Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Hodgson