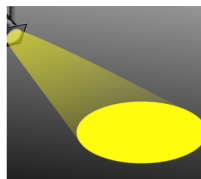




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on History and Geography

Reception: We have been locating places on maps. We've looked at lots of maps from stories including the farm map from "What the ladybird heard."

Year 1: We have asked the question "What is childhood?" We have been taking the children's responses before we build upon this and look into family trees.

Year 2: We have been looking at aerial photographs in geography and pinpointing human and physical features that we can see.

Year 3: We have started our new topic Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We learnt all about the different parts of a volcano.

Year 4: We have been looking at the Ancient Greek city state of Sparta. The children looked at different sources to see what they could infer about Spartan values.

Year 5: We have explored who the main contenders were for the British thrown in 1066 and used the Bayeux Tapestry.

Year 6: We have reflected on WWI and used this to inspire artwork and poetry based on the themes.

Assembly this week...



This week we launched our week with an assembly on Anti-Bullying. We explored with the children what bullying meant, how it was never okay and is not tolerated at Balshaw Lane. The children were reminded about our anti-bullying policy and how it is important to tell a trusted adult so that we can ensure any form of bullying is stopped.

Social Media Bullying - Childline

Social media means children can face harassment anytime, often without adults knowing.

Childline has useful advice for children about online bullying, giving them practical steps on reporting abuse, blocking bullies, and coping strategies.

You can find their advice here: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-social-media>



In Mr Woodrow's KS2 assembly the children learnt about Remembrance Day - on Tuesday all children took part in a minutes silence to remember those who gave their life for our freedom.



Messages

Please remember that we aim to be a nut free school so please don't send any nut products into school for snack and packed lunches. We have a number of children with severe nut allergies.

We are a healthy school so we ask parents to send healthy snacks in for playtime (children shouldn't be having chocolate or biscuits/crisps) - they should be mainly fruit based. We also ask parents to provide healthy based lunches.

Please remember that children should be wearing the correct school uniform PE kit on their PE days and jewellery shouldn't be worn for school except watches and stud earrings. On PE days earrings should be left at home.

Many thanks for your support.

Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Anti-Bullying Week: Power for Good

**Discuss: What can you do to make someone feel included?
What could you say if you saw someone being unkind?**

Task: Make a kindness agreement as a class



Team Points

This week our team points winners were:
Dragons.



School Council News

We met this week and have decided on the charity we would like to support this year - Cure Leukaemia. In December we will launch our spring and summer fundraising action plan. We are also going to seek pupil views on school and are busy putting together a pupil questionnaire.

Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for November is Handel. This week we have enjoyed listening to "Water Music"



New home required

Would any families like a Yamaha Grand Piano? We have been contacted to ask if anyone would like this donation with the aim being that the piano continues to bring so much joy to you as it did to the family. Please contact directly on:
mrs.marieadamms@gmail.com

Gold stars!



We love rewarding our super behaved children who have followed our 3 golden rules of ready, respectful and safe. We have tweaked how we are giving out the Golden Stars. Each Friday I will go around the classes to award the stars and congratulate the children. The number of stars is being reduced to match the half term. This half term the children need to collect 5 stars for their additional reward.

Please ask your child every Friday about their gold star. At the end of the half term we will send home their star charts so you can celebrate also with them.

Thank you for your support.



Headteacher Awards

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

RA Percy

RH Alice

1A Nika

1T Evie

2HP Ollie

2M Theo

3B Jaxon

3J Ethan

4G Ivy

4W Finley

5B Emily

5H Jacob

6C Amelia

6S Rupert



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 96.4%. The figures below are for this week.

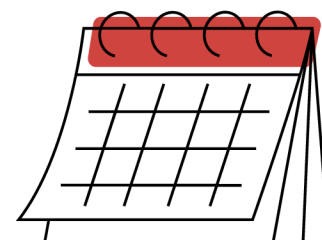
Congratulations to RH, 2HP and 4W for all being punctual. Well done!

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	97 %	90 %	99 %	94 %	97 %	95 %	96 %	94 %	95 %	97 %	97 %	97 %	95 %	95 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	4	0	1	3	0	3	5	6	2	0	4	2	1	8

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 19th Nov 6S Parents' Meetings
 Thursday 20th Nov Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition
 Wednesday 26th Nov Y3/4 Christmas Theatre Trip
 Thursday 27th Nov PTFA Movie Night
 Friday 28th Nov Y5/6 Christmas Theatre Trip
 Wednesday 3rd December Infants Panto in school
 Y1/2 Christmas Performance
 Friday 5th December Reception Stay and Play
 Thursday 11th December Y5 Christmas Performance
 Tuesday 16th December Y3/4 Carol Concert
 Wednesday 17th December Christmas Lunch



Dates for the year are on our school website calendar page.



School Christmas Event Details



Y1/2 Christmas Nativity

Dress rehearsal: Monday 1st December

Performances: Wednesday 3rd December at 1:30pm and 5:30pm

Reception Stay and Play

Friday 5th December at 9:15am in the hall. The children will sing for you then some fun Christmas activities to complete together.

Year 6 singing

Children volunteer to sing at Euxton Library

Year 5 Christmas Production

Dress Rehearsal: Monday 8th December

Performances: Thursday 11th December at 2pm and 6pm

PTFA Christmas Markets

Monday 15th and 16th December in the morning

Y3/4 Christmas Singing Concert

Monday 15th December at 2pm and Tuesday 16th December at 5:30pm

Christmas Lunch and Jumpers

Wednesday 17th December - children may wear their Christmas jumpers if they wish with their school uniform.

Christmas Parties

Reception, year 1 and 2: Wednesday 17th December morning.

Year 3 and 4: Thursday 18th December afternoon.

Year 5 and 6: Thursday 18th December morning.

Eco Council News

We would like to offer our Parents a chance to do a Christmas Jumper swap. We thought this would help out families financially wise and would also be good for sustainability. Further information on this with a date will be sent out next week.





Thank you so very much to
Hyde's Toys and Gifts for their
once again most generous and
kind donations for our toy raffle.



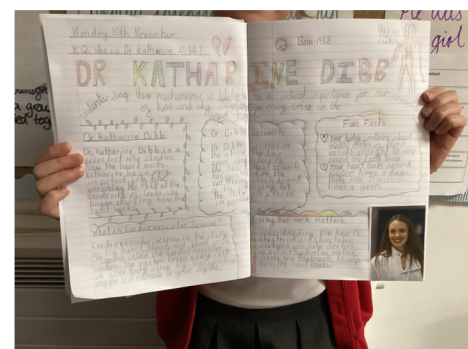
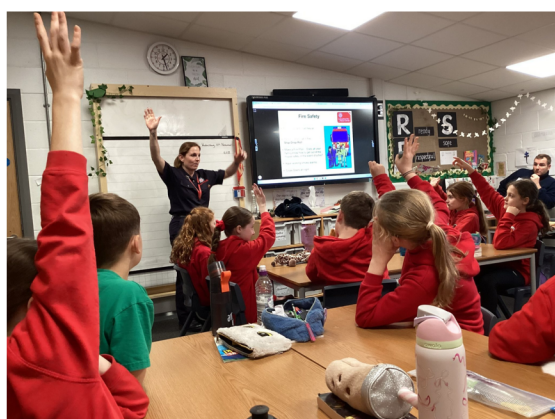
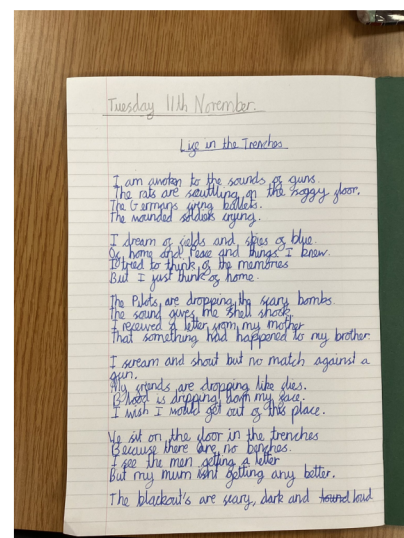


Selection of photos from this week

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Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

In aid of Fire Fighters Charity

Charity Fun Run

at Chorley Fire Station

Sunday 14 December

Race Schedule

10:00am: 1 km children's race
(up to 14 years)

11:00am: 5 km adult race

 **Prizes for first place and best dressed!**

Book your tickets:
www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/christmas-gallop

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Hodgson