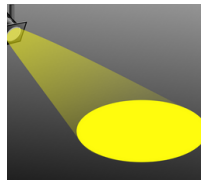




# BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on Design Technology or Art

**Reception:** We have been looking at Kandinsky and using media to create circles.

**Year 1:** We have been exploring healthy foods based on Jamie Oliver and have developed these core food preparation skills: cutting, peeling and grating.

**Year 2:** We have been testing the stability of different 3D shapes to help aid design decisions for our chair for Baby Bear.

**Year 3:** In art we have been learning how to sketch wild animals in a realistic form.

**Year 4:** We have started our unit on electrical systems. The children have researched the French designer Mathieu Lehanneur and created a fact file about his life and inventions.

**Year 5:** We are about to start our research into bridges leading to constructing our own bridges and their effectiveness.

**Year 6:** We have looked at the work of textiles designer Althea McNish and evaluated existing products ahead of designing and making our own drawstring bags.

## Assembly this week...

In assembly on Monday we launched our School Value for this term - HONESTY. We explored what honesty means and that there are several reasons why telling the truth is good.

- It shows kindness to others.
- It enables people to trust us.
- It leads us to build lovely friendships and relationships.

Our Aspire Skill for this half term is SELF-BELIEF. In our Wellbeing Wednesday class assembly, we chatted about why your self-belief is important and how can we believe in ourselves more, especially when it is difficult.



In Mrs Ashworth's KS1 and Mr Woodrow's KS2 Picture News assembly the children explored the question:



## Messages

### PE

As we are using the hall for production practises, some of the PE times/days may need to be changed. Please be patient with us if this happens. Teachers will let you know via Dojo, but if you forget or don't see it please don't worry.

### Coats

All children MUST bring a coat to school every day to protect them and keep them warm at playtimes.

Many thanks for your support.

## Team Points

This week our team point winners were:  
Dragons.



## Boom Reader

Please can we ask all parents to ensure they have an account with Boom Reader and log their child's reading at home this way. The teachers are noticing that some children aren't reading at home but this could be because it hasn't been logged. We are monitoring how often children are reading and we really appreciate your support with this. We don't want a child to miss out on a reward which is given for reading at home. Thank you.

## Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

### Wellbeing Wednesday

Aspire Skill for this half term: Self-belief

Why is it important?  
Which activities do you have good self-belief in?  
How can we change our self-belief when we doubt ourselves?

How does being self-belief help your wellbeing?

believe in yourself

## Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for November is Handel. This week we have enjoyed listening to "Zadok the priest."



## Gold stars!



We love rewarding our super behaved children who have followed our 3 golden rules of ready, respectful and safe. 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 Justin  
1A Reuben  
2HP Arthur  
3B Elliott  
4G Max  
5B Amber  
6C Logan

RH Willow  
1T Jenson  
2M Bayan  
3J Archie  
4W Jessica  
5H Amber  
6S Marshall



## Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 96.3%. The figures below are for this week.

Congratulations to 4G 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.

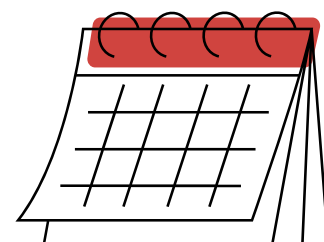
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Attendance for last week	97 %	92 %	93 %	91 %	95 %	97 %	99 %	94 %	96 %	98 %	98 %	97 %	92 %	99 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	5	3	1	1	1	3	4	3	0	1	5	2	2	7

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 26th Nov  
Thursday 27th Nov  
Friday 28th Nov  
Wednesday 3rd Dec

Friday 5th December  
Thursday 11th Dec  
Tuesday 16th Dec  
Wednesday 17th Dec

Y3/4 Christmas Theatre Trip  
PTFA Movie Night  
Y5/6 Christmas Theatre Trip  
Infants Panto in school  
Y1/2 Christmas Performance  
Reception Stay and Play  
Y5 Christmas Performance  
Y3/4 Carol Concert  
Christmas Lunch



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

## School Christmas Event Details

### Y1/2 Christmas Nativity

Dress rehearsal: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Performances: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 1:30pm and 5:30pm

### Reception Stay and Play

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

### Year 6 singing

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Children volunteer to sing at Euxton Library

### Year 5 Christmas Production

Dress Rehearsal: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Performances: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm

### PTFA Christmas Markets

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December in the morning

### Y3/4 Christmas Singing Concert

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30pm

### Christmas Lunch and Jumpers

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

### Christmas Parties

Reception, year 1 and 2: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December morning.

Year 3 and 4: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December afternoon.

Year 5 and 6: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December morning.



### Christmas Jumper Swap



This year the Eco Team is hosting a Christmas Jumper Swap to promote sustainability this festive season! Children are invited to bring in their outgrown Christmas jumpers and choose a pre-loved one in return.

Eco Team will be running this event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3:35pm in the hall. If you have any jumpers that you would just like to donate please send them into Mrs McDonough.  
Thank you.



**BALSHAW LANE PTFA**  
**CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT!**  
**THURS 27TH NOV**  
 INFANTS: 3:20PM - 4:45PM  
 JUNIORS: 5PM - 7PM



INFANTS: "SHAUN THE SHEEP:  
 FLIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"  
 AND "STICKMAN"  
 JUNIORS: "THE GRINCH"

**£3.50 INCLUDES POPCORN AND DRINK**  
**£5.50 FOR POPCORN, DRINK AND HOTDOG**

**Christmas Toy Raffle!**

Hyde's Toys & Gifts Ltd have once again, very kindly donated a fantastic selection of toys and games for this year's toy raffle!

To buy your tickets, just put cash in a named envelope (stating your child's name and class) and hand it in to your child's teacher.

**Tickets are £1 each and you can buy as many as you want!**

Names are drawn DAILY throughout December and the winning child gets to choose their prize from the amazing selection!

There are so many chances to win an absolutely amazing prize and this will be our last year doing this, so don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!

**Buy your tickets by 28th Nov**

**BRAND NEW EVENT: Christmas Mini Market!**  
 Mon 15th & Tue 16th Dec  
 (During school hours)  
 This event is split in two halves:

**Part 1: Pick your Activity!**

Both options include:  
 ★ Reindeer food  
 ★ Christmas Lucky Dip  
 ★ Hot Chocolate Cone  
 ★ And then either:

Make your own Bauble £4.50

Make your own Snowglobe £5.50

Max 1 per child

**Part 2: Get your Gifts!**

The children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for a loved one and then wrap it at the mini market!

- ★ Pre-purchase a "Gift Token" online
- ★ Your child will enter the Mini-Market with their token(s)
- ★ They will spend their token on a gift of their choice
- ★ They will wrap the gift(s), ready to take home!

**Gifts cost £3.50 each**  
 You can buy multiple so your child can buy for more people

**Buy your Activity and Gifts online by 28th Nov!**

**Costcutter<sup>®</sup>**  
**Bargain Booze**





## Selection of photos from this week

Follow us on Facebook.



Please follow the school page as well as the PTFA page.



We loved learning all about 'Stop, Drop and Roll' and creating a fire plan for our homes.



Lancashire Fire and Rescue



Have a lovely weekend,  
Best wishes,  
Mrs Hodgson

