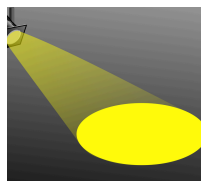




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on PSHE

Reception: We have been discussing feelings and how we might feel in different scenarios.

Year 1: We have been exploring a range of emotions and how to take care of our friends.

Year 2: We have been learning about manners and courtesy.

Year 3: We have been learning about effective communication and how to be a good listener. We have learnt how to address misunderstandings in friendship.

Year 4: We have been learning about friendships. We talked about respecting people's personal boundaries and came up with 10 expectations for being a good friend.

Year 5: We have been learning about positive relationships and the difference between bullying and unkindness and how to ask for help.

Year 6: We have been learning about challenging stereotypes.

School Values and Aspire Skills

Linking with the other primary schools in our Aspirational Futures MAT we have refined our school values. On the INSET day the teachers explored which character qualities we wanted our children to live by, by the time they left Balshaw Lane. There were so many important qualities to choose but we have selected 6 which we felt were most important. We are going to focus on one value each half term - this will be explored in our Monday assembly and promoted by all staff throughout the school. Our Star of the Week certificates given out each Friday will be linked to the value and children will be celebrated who are demonstrating the value through their actions and words. This half term we are focusing on **RESPECT**.

We have also a set of Aspire Skills. These will link with transition to high school. Our school set of Aspire Skills are those skills which we hope to teach our children and promote in their personal growth. They are a set of skills, the children will need to be an effective learner but also for preparation for high school and life beyond. We will focus on an Aspire Skill each half term. This half term we are promoting **INDEPENDENCE**. In classes we will be reinforcing, promoting and teaching this skill as well within our Well-being Wednesday activities. Later in the year we will have team days and will focus on particular Aspire Skills.

Term	Character Value	Aspire Skills
Autumn 1	Respect	Independence
Autumn 2	Honesty	Self-belief
Spring 1	Gratitude	Self-motivation
Spring 2	Kindness	Resilience and determination
Summer 1	Inclusivity	Communication and team work
Summer 2	Humility	Curiosity



Messages

Celebration of children's work

We would like to invite our parents and carers into school on either Monday 20th and/or Tuesday 21st October (8:40-9:00am) to view your children's books alongside your child. It will be a chance for them to share the work they have completed so far this year with you and celebrate their achievements. Classrooms will be open from 8:40am until 9:00am so parents/carers can come straight into school at these times. This is instead of the children's books being out on parents evening. It will be lovely for the children to show you their work in their own classroom.

Parents' Afternoon/Evening

Further details on how to book onto Parents' Evening has been sent out this week.

Tempest Photographs

This week we have had the class photographs taken and reception individual ones to mark our new intake and also to celebrate our classes for this academic year.

In the spring term Tempest will be back to take individual photos for the rest of the school and family photos.

Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Aspire Skill: Independence

How independent are you?
Can you share ways in which you and your class
could be more independent?
At school? At home?

How does being independent help your wellbeing?



Gold stars!

Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for October is Jimi Hendrix. This week we have enjoyed listening to "The Wind Cried Mary."



Team Points

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!

This week our team points winners were:
DRAGONS.



Headteacher Awards

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

RA Adley
1A Cooper
2HP Charlie
3B Arthur
4G Lilah
5B Emily
6C Ryan

RH Elsie
1T Leia
2M Annabelle
3J Niamh
4W Lola-Mae
5H Izzy
6S Luca



Attendance and Punctuality

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

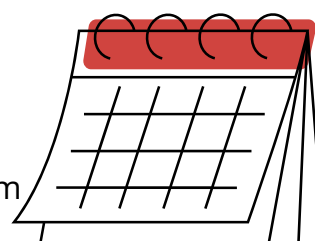
Congratulations to 1A and 4W for all being punctual. Well done!

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 this week	98 %	93 %	99 %	93 %	99 %	96 %	96 %	91 %	94 %	97 %	95 %	98 %	94 %	94 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	4	4	1	0	2	2	3	1	1	0	2	1	2	2

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8th October	World Mental Health Day - children encouraged to wear yellow Girls Football League Competition
Friday 10th October	Black History Awareness Day
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 3:30pm parents/ carers invited in to school to look at the Mental Health and Black History work produced by the children
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
Tuesday 21st October	Harvest Assembly - donations
Wednesday 22nd October	Parents' Evening and Afternoon
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



Curriculum News

Next week we have some exciting extra curriculum activities planned for the children.

On Wednesday we are celebrating **World Mental Health Day**. The children will be creating artwork linked to a range of feelings as well as discussing this in class. We will end the day with special singing and movement assembly to release positive endorphins. The children are invited to wear yellow on Wednesday.

On Friday we are marking **Black History Awareness Day**, with year's theme being 'Standing firm in power and pride. Each year group is going to explore a different artist and create a fact file on an influential black figure.

We are excited about inviting our parents and carers into school on **Friday 17th October** at the end of the school day to show you our work.



Shout out to...

Congratulations to Greyson Wroe-Hampson a football superstar!

Greyson has just competed in Poland, for Blackburn Rovers. The competition was over 2 full days, playing approximately 200 minutes of football & the team came away winning the Silver Cup!

Amazing achievement! Well done Greyson!



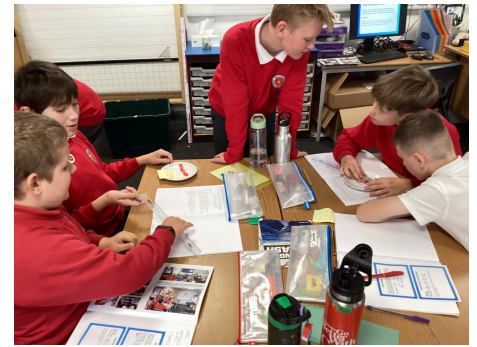
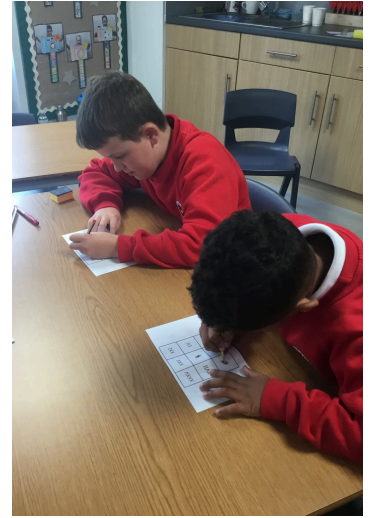


Selection of photos from this week

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Some of Our Activities:

- ✓ Gymnastics
- ✓ Airtrack
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Rugby
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Nerf Battles
- ✓ Inflatable Football Darts
- ✓ Talent Show Performances
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Baking
- ✓ QFIT
- ✓ Rounders
- ✓ Table Tennis

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Activity Day & Breakfast Club (8:30am-4pm)	£26
Activity Day & Chill Out Club (10am-5:30pm)	£26

We offer sibling discount which is automatically applied when booking. We accept child care vouchers & tax free childcare. Receipts can also be provided to claim fees back through universal credit too.

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IT'S BACK!

JINGLE BELL JOG

Sunday 30th November 2025
Arrive from 11am • Jog starts 12 noon

£3 per entry

£10 for a family of 4

Join us for a fancy dress, 1-mile toddle, walk, jog, or run around the UCLan running track at:
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Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Hodgson