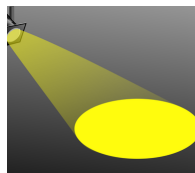




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER

We have had a lovely week and two days back with the children. They have worked extremely hard and have really concentrated on being ready, respectful and safe. A fabulous start to the new school year. Well done everyone!



**Spotlight this week on settling into their new classes.
Messages from all the class teachers:**

Mrs Ashworth: I am so proud of how RA have settled into school life. The children have impressed us with how they have taken on the new routines and it has been wonderful to see the start of new friendships between the children.

Mr Telford: What a fantastic first week we have had in RT. The staff have had so much fun and we hope the children have too. We've been settling into our routines, discussing our class rules, making friends and have been creative in our learning. What has impressed us the most though is the beaming smiles we have had coming into school every day!

Miss Arundale and Mrs Hamilton: What an amazing week 1A have had. They have embraced taking on challenges, working in their new books and adapting to their new learning environment. They have shown curiosity and independence throughout the week, all with big smiles on their faces.

Miss Halliwell-Parker: Class 1HP have settled beautifully into Key Stage 1 and I've been blown away by their curiosity, enthusiasm and love of learning through play. They have also shown how grown up they can be when working in their books. I couldn't be prouder of my little lovelies!

Mrs Wildig: 2W have had a fantastic first week showing great enthusiasm particularly in our Great Fire of London themed PE lesson doing lots of dancing! They have shown a great zest for learning and really blown my socks off!

Mrs McDonough: 2M have settled in brilliantly into their new school routines demonstrating "Balshaw Brilliance" behaviour every day and showing so much excitement for all the fantastic learning ahead!

Miss Jones: Class 3J have made an excellent start to Year 3. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, confidence and positive attitude towards new challenges in key stage 2.

Miss Hutchinson: We have had a fantastic start to the year in 3H. The children have settled into Key Stage 2 brilliantly and are already showing confidence and independence! Our Stone Age topic has sparked lots of curiosity and it's been lovely to see their enthusiasm in class discussions.

Mr Browne: 4B have got off to a brilliant start and are enjoying their first English topic "The Loch Ness Monster!" They have also been showing Balshaw Lane Brilliance!

Miss Dearden: 4D have made an excellent start to year 4 and have settled well into their new classroom and routines brilliantly. The children have enjoyed exploring our exciting new topics including learning all about the Loch Ness Monster.

Mrs Gibirdi: We have had an amazing start to the year in 5G. The children have been working hard, impressing us with their independence, being polite and respectful. They have enjoyed maths this week, (numbers to a million), reading The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe and starting our gymnastics unit in PE.

Mrs Ward: 5W have been amazing this week and have settled in brilliantly! They have enjoyed reading our new class novel "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe," have enjoyed starting our new science unit and have learned all about the Sutton Hoo discovery in History. The children have worked hard on being independent.

Mrs Horne: It has been a fantastic start to the year with 6H! They have already thrown themselves into their learning surrounding the Transatlantic Slave Trade including an artefact session in History and starting the novel "Freedom 1783" in English. I am looking forward to another amazing year with them.

Miss Baxendale: 6B have made a brilliant start to their final year. They have all received their Year 6 Standard Badge and have set an exemplary example to the other children in school. It has been lovely to see them all settled into their new year group.



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher Award in assembly.

1A Sofia
1HP Ava B
2W George
2M Isla
3J Arlo
3H Vinnie
4B Leni
4D Ariadne
5G Noah H
5W Finley
6B Olivia
6H Mabel



Team Points

The winners this week were:

DRAGONS



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 98.9%.

Well done to RA, RT, 1HP, 2M and 5G for all being on time this week. AMAZING!

	R A	R T	1H P	1A	2 W	2 M	3 H	3J	4 B	4 D	5 G	5 W	6 H	6 B
Attendance for last week	99 %	100 %	100 %	94 %	98 %	98 %	99 %	98 %	100 %	99 %	99 %	99 %	94 %	100 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	0	0	0	4	2	0	2	1	2	1	0	3	5	1

Curriculum Meetings for Parents and Carers

Just a reminder that these are next week and the week after. The dates for each year group are detailed in the date section at the end of the newsletter. Children are welcome to come to the Muga to be looked after by Mr Woodrow and Mrs Hodgson so that you can access the meeting. Please bring your child to the muga and then collect again at the end of the meeting.

PSHE: There is new RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) guidance out from the DfE and our Kapow scheme of work has been reflected to take this on board. More information will be given at the meetings and our website is currently been updated with the revised information. If you need more information, please contact Miss Jones, PSHE subject leader or Mrs Hodgson.

Summer Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that Euxton Library ran the Summer Reading Challenge over the summer. We hope the children enjoyed taking part and we would love them to bring their certificates into school to share in our Friday assembly. They are also running a competition between the 5 Euxton schools to see which school has the most returns! We are currently in joint 3rd place!

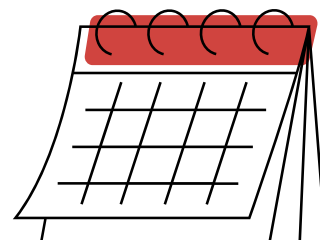
Balshaw Brilliance Badges

The children from year 1 to year 6 are working hard following our 3 school rules of being ready for learning, safe and respectful and will be rewarded with a bronze badge after they have collected 10 stars, a silver one after 20 stars and a gold badge after 30 stars. We have been so impressed so far!

Dates for this term

September

- Monday 14th Curriculum Meeting for EYFS parents and carers at 3:30pm
Tuesday 15th Curriculum Meeting for Y2 parents and carers at 3:30pm
International Day of Democracy – voting for elections
Wed 16th Curriculum Meeting for Y4 parents and carers at 3:30pm
National Fitness Day - children wear PE kits
Thursday 17th Curriculum Meeting for Y3 parents and carers at 3:30pm
Friday 18th School Council and Eco-Club Results announced
Monday 21st Curriculum Meeting for Y1 parents and carers at 3:30pm
Tuesday 22nd Curriculum Meeting for Y6 parents and carers at 3:30pm
Wed 23rd Curriculum Meeting for Y5 parents and carers at 3:30pm
Friday 25th Playgroup in the hall for children (0-4 years) and families at 9:30am
Wed 30th Class photographs and reception individual – Tempest
Phonics Meeting for Parents and Carers at 6pm (Reception, year 1 and relevant for some year 2)



October

- Thursday 1st National Poetry Day
Monday 5th Parents Evening for children with SEND 3:30-5:00pm
Tuesday 6th Book Viewing for Parents and Carers 8:45-9:05am (WAC parents @ 7:45am-8:15am)
Wed 7th Book Viewing for Parents and Carers 3:20-3:35am (WAC parents @ 4:30-6:00pm)
Thurs 15th Parents' Evening 2pm-6pm
Learning Quiz
Friday 16th Playgroup in the hall for children (0-4 years) and families at 9:30am
Break Up for half term holiday



National Fitness Day

On Wednesday it is National Fitness Day so please could all the children come in their PE kits. They will be taking part in a fun, fitness session and having a go at the Daily Mile around our school grounds.

Girls' Football Team

First competitive sporting event of the year.
Well done to our girls' football team! 🙌🙌



Community News

ASTLEY & BUCKSHAW AFC 2004

Age 6-7 (year 2)

GIRLS FOOTBALL

WEST WAY / GRASS PITCH

MONDAYS
Training
6-7pm
TEAM BUILDING

SATURDAYS
Matches
3V3
FUN & SKILLS

INTERESTED?
For more info or to sign up
Get in touch with us on:
07939563467
No experience needed!

A brand new football team has been set up for year 2 girls. Three of our girls in 2M have joined and had a fantastic time in their first match. They are looking for more players - please share the word!

Balshaw Lane Holiday Wrap Around Care

Bookings open from Monday on ScoPay. Times are 8:30am until 4:00pm.

BALSHAW LANE

OCTOBER

HOLIDAY CLUB

Creative days, outdoor games, and joyful October memories.

Arts & Crafts

Outdoor Play

Music & Dance

Creative Learning

Club dates Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd

JOIN TODAY!

Bookings open on ScoPay or contact the school office



From childhood upwards, we all need to have self-confidence and emotional intelligence to convey our thoughts and feelings, express our opinions politely and confidently, to have a voice in the classroom or workplace, and know how to establish positive relationships with other people. These life skills give us the freedom to develop to our full potential and have self-confidence in our own abilities.

In 1978, Helen O'Grady, a trained teacher and actress, recognised the benefits of drama and role-play in building self-confidence, developing communication skills and encouraging social interaction. 44 years later, the international Drama Kids academy is still delivering this vision around the globe through an expertly structured and professionally written drama curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to be a variety of characters in our whole class improvisations and other diverse roles will be played out in our mini-scripts and devised improvisations.

Bring your child along to a FREE trial class to see how the programme works!

Our specially written curriculum ensures our students have a fun-filled drama lesson every week whilst we aim to:

- * Develop skills in verbal communication and social interaction
- * Build ongoing confidence and self-esteem
- * Encourage enthusiasm, energy and a positive approach to life

Classes are aimed at children age 4 to 10 Years (Primary) and 11 to 17 Years (Youth Theatre)

CONTACT US

Wigan and Chorley Classes
preston@dramakids.co.uk
 Tel: 07813 865 482
 Fees: £31.00 per month

NEW STARTS THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

PRESTON JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY 6 TILL 7

OUR LADY & ST EDWARD PARISH CENTRE
 4 MARLBOROUGH DR,
 FULWOOD, PRESTON PR2 9UE

EMAIL
juniors@lancashirechess.uk
 FOR MORE DETAILS

LEARN. PLAY. THINK. GROW.
ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS WELCOME!

Have a lovely weekend.
 Best wishes,
 Mrs Hodgson.