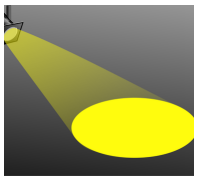
BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER

A massive well done to our year 2 children who performed beautifully in their year group assembly last Friday. It was lovely to see so much confidence on the stage and some fabulous learning and singing. Today it is the turn of our year 6 children.



Spotlight this week on PE.

Reception have been working on a dance routine inspired by the changing seasons.
Year 1 have been working on rolling a ball with speed and accuracy.
Year 2 have been using underarm and overarm throws to see which type of throw is better for speed, distance and accuracy.
Year 3 have been enjoying their health related fitness topic, developing speed, agility and balance.
Year 4 have been learning about agility and spacing in invasion games.
Year 5 have been learning passing, moving into space and receiving the ball in netball.
Year 6 have been completing their unit on dancing through the decades as well as creative games. They are looking forward to starting badminton next week.



Anti-Bullying Week



Next week we are promoting Anti-Bullying Week. We will hold Odd Socks Day on Monday where we encourage the children to wear different socks. This reminds us that we are all unique. We will have a special assembly on anti-bullying on Monday and on Thursday we will have a special wellbeing assembly. Throughout the week the children will be completing some special activities in their class based on ensuring we are always kind to each other and respectful aswell as going through our anti-bullying policy with the children so that they all have the skills to tell. The theme of National Anti-Bullying Week is “Break the Silence” - in class we will discuss why our voices matter and how helping hands support our school community.
We do not tolerate bullying at Balshaw Lane.

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher Award in this week's assembly.

RA Robyne
1A Jedidiah
2M Ava L
3J Louis
4B Arthur K-B
5G Zac
6B Ava

RT Thea C
1HP Topaz
2W Evie-Ann
3H Sumaiya
4D Archie
5W Lola-Mae
6H Penny B



Team Points

The winners this week were:
DRAGONS



Attendance and Punctuality

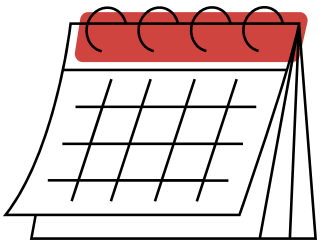
Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 96.6%.
Well done to RT, 1HP and 4D for all being on time this week. AMAZING!

	RA	RT	1HP	1A	2W	2M	3H	3J	4B	4D	5G	5W	6H	6B
Attendance for last week	94 %	97 %	99 %	91 %	100 %	99 %	98 %	97 %	97 %	97 %	97 %	96 %	98 %	99 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	2	0	0	4	4	1	1	3	3	2	0	2	1	3



We would like to welcome Mr Norris to our Balshaw Lane family. He will be starting with us in January as our Key Stage 2 Assistant Headteacher and will teach year 6.
Mrs Ashworth has been appointed as our EYFS/KS1 Assistant Headteacher.
They will both be responsible for leading the curriculum and personal development in their Key Stage and form part of our Senior Leadership Team.

Dates for this term



November

Week beg 16th Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th Odd Socks Day
Wed 18th Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Tues 24th PTFA Film Night
Wed 25th Christmas Jumper Swap Day
Friday 27th Playgroup in the hall for children (0-4 years) and families at 9:30am
Mon 30th Y5/6 Theatre Trip

December

Tuesday 1st Y1/2 Christmas Production at 2pm and 5:30pm
Wed 2nd Chaplins Pantomime for reception and years 1 and 2
Friday 4th Reception Christmas Come and Learn With Us at 9:15am
Mon 7th Y3/4 Theatre Trip
Wed 9th Y5 Christmas Performance @2pm and 6pm
Christmas Lunch and **Christmas Jumper Day**
Thurs 10th Y3/4 Christmas Performance @2pm and 6pm
Mon 14th Y6 Christmas Singing at Euxton Parish Church at 6pm
14th/15th PTFA Christmas Stalls
Wed 16th Y3/4 Christmas Singing – Senior Citizens Party
Learning Quiz Day
Y6 group singing at Euxton Library (AM)
Thurs 17th KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties
Friday 18th Playgroup in the hall for children (0-4 years) and families at 9:30am
Break Up for Christmas at 1:30pm

Messages

Outdoor play for EYFS and KS1

We have been training the children in putting on their wellies and waterproofs in preparation for the wet weather. As the weather turns we would like to get at least one year group out at lunchtimes in the waterproofs so the children still get the chance to play outdoors. It is therefore vitally important that all children have a good winter coat that they can wear in the rain.

Keeping our medically vulnerable families safe

Please can everyone keep to the 48 hour rule for sickness and diarrhea. We do have a number of medically vulnerable families in school and this helps look after them as well as helping to prevent sickness bugs. Many thanks for your support.



Christmas Jumper Swap – Save the Date!
Wednesday 25th November at the end of the school day

- Donations: If you have any unwanted Christmas jumpers in good, clean condition that you'd like to donate, please drop them off at the Office by Friday 20th November.
- Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Wednesday 9th December with the rest of their uniform.

Notice

All schools have new health and safety rules about our youngest children and safe eating.
Unfortunately popcorn is one of the highlighted foods which can cause choking. As it is of paramount importance to keep all our children safe, our key stage 1 children will have crisps and party rings instead of popcorn. We are sorry for any disappointment caused but we have to keep our children safe.
The PTFA will offer a full refund if any parents wish that. Many thanks for your support.

