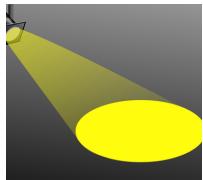


BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on writing

Reception: We have been describing stick man to create lost posters. We have also been on a walk to find him.

Year 1: We have been writing speech linked to our story "The Snow Thief."

Year 2: We have been planning a non-chronological report about owls.

Year 3: We have learnt about alliteration and applied this to poems.

Year 4: We have been analysing persuasive texts and identifying persuasive devices, eg, rhetorical questions and alliteration.

Year 5: We have been finishing our unit on Norse Myths by planning and writing our own myths based around the stories and characters we have explored.

Year 6: We have been focusing on poetry based on The Dreadful Menace.



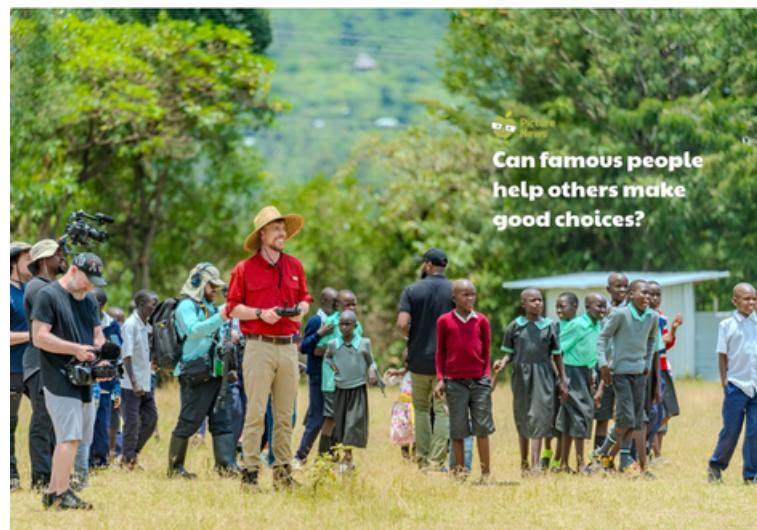
Assembly this week...



In our assembly this week we focused on our value of Gratitude. We explored that we should remember to be grateful for all the things we have in our life. We thought about what makes us happy and then considered that lots of days are "normal" days where nothing extreme happens. After watching a clip from Moana we discovered that by thanking others and showing how grateful we are, then this spreads happiness and good feeling.

Our Aspire Skill for this half term is **self-motivation**.

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



Messages

Use of Dojo

Please remember that during the school day the teachers will be teaching therefore won't see messages if they are posted after the teacher has checked dojo in the morning. We also appreciate parents remembering the quiet hours so we can look after our teachers' wellbeing.

Many thanks.

LEGO

Can you help us? We are going to start a nurture group at lunchtimes. For our KS2 group we are wanting to have a lego box. If you have any spare lego at home we would be so grateful for any donations. Please send in to Mrs Hodgson.

Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Take Notice: tell a friend something you like about them.

Sometimes we can take things for granted. It's important to think about the things that are important to us: like our friends!

Taking notice and showing them that we appreciate them will make them feel good. And making our friends feel good makes us happy, too!

What do you like about your friends?



Team Points

This week our team points winners were:
UNICORNS.



Curriculum Letters

All curriculum letters for this half term have been sent out via email. They are also on the year group page of the school website.

Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for January is Gustav Holst. This week we have enjoyed listening to "In The Bleak Midwinter."



Non-uniform fundraising day

We are holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for the local family affected by the house fire. It is a family close to the hearts of many members of our school community. The money raised will be exchanged into fuel or food vouchers for the family so they can use them when they need to. We really appreciate any support you can give with this. On this occasion we are asking for cash donations so that parents can select the amount they would like to donate. Please send cash in an envelope with your child on Wednesday 21st January if you would like your child to take part. Thank you so much.

PTFA

Our next PTFA meeting will be Wednesday 21st January- 7:30pm-9:00pm. All are welcome to attend. Brand new events for 2026 to be planned and discussed. If you feel you can help please do attend.

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the all the children who received a Headteacher Award in assembly just before Christmas:

RA Percy
1A Darcey
2HP Harper
3B Lily
4G Blakely
5B Lily
6C Emily

RH Ivy
1T James
2M Harper
3J Freddie
4W Grace
5H Tiana
6S Marshall



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 95.4%. The figures below are for this week.

Congratulations to RA and 3J 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	98 %	91 %	97 %	95 %	99 %	100 %	95 %	95 %	95 %	99 %	93 %	91 %	94 %	94 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	0	1	2	0	4	1	1	0	1	1	2	4	2	2

This year is the **National Year of Reading**.

We have planned exciting and new events for our families and children. Letters detailing everything will be sent out the beginning of next week so please keep an eye out in your emails.

Couple of dates have been added to our calendar page. Further information about what these events will be included in the letter.

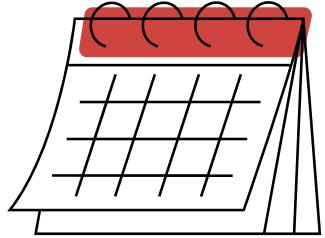


Job Opportunities

Would you like to join our lovely school? Cleaner required with a start as soon as possible. Please see the advert below and we are more than happy for any queries or questions via our school office: sbm@balshawlane.co.uk or 01257 278722.

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=67116&fbclid=IwY2xjawPWGVleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAYMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeyUe-XxGChOUUnBeAYk3dmbm0cAuEfEo2JHEeUe3rODspNDGJhzkXOSeTBck_aem_0-C1D47DZPL2Hhlj598OkQ

Dates for this term



JANUARY

Week beginning 19th Balance Bikes for reception
Tuesday 20th at 5:30pm Y6 SATS meeting for parents and carers
Wednesday 21st **Non-uniform day fundraiser**
Thursday 22nd Reception walk in the local area
Friday 23rd KS1 Boccia Festival
Reading Buddies
Tuesday 27th Eco Council trip
Friday 30th Playgroup for children and families 0-4 years old 9:30:10:30am

FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd Start of National Story Telling Week
Thursday 5th **KS1 Phonics Day**
Friday 6th Y1 assembly at 9:15am
Eco Council running a book swap
Tuesday 10th Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th 4W trip to Helmshore Mill
Thursday 12th 4G trip to Helmshore Mill
Day off curriculum to promote children's mental health week
PTFA Silent Disco
Friday 13th Young Voices
Reception balance bikes competition
Break up for half term
Children return to school
Playgroup for children and families 0-4 years old 9:30:10:30am

TUESDAY 24th

Friday 27th Playgroup for children and families 0-4 years old 9:30:10:30am

MARCH

Tuesday 3rd Y2 trip to Martin Mere
Thursday 5th World Book Day - **option to wear pjs or World Book Day costume**
Reading Buddies
Friday 6th Biggest Ever Girls Football Event
Y6 visit Parklands to watch a dance show
Week beg 9th Science week
Friday 13th Reception stay and play
Tuesday 17th Opportunity for parents to view children's work 8:40-9:00am
Wednesday 18th Opportunity for parents to view children's work 8:40-9:00am
Thursday 26th Parents' Afternoon/Evening
Y4 assembly
PTFA bingo

New events added in bold.

Community News

THE BIG UNIFORM EVENT

Chorley Council



WEAR IT, LOVE IT, THEN SHARE IT AND SAVE IT FROM GOING TO LANDFILL!

Thursday 12th February 9am-12pm

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM FREE TO TAKE AWAY

INSPIRE YOUTH ZONE, CHORLEY

Everyone welcome!

SVP Chorley Buddies We're Helping 01287 542 367

St Vincent de Paul Society England and Wales Turning Concern into Action

DRAMA KIDS*
Formerly Helen O'Grady Drama Academy. New name, new logo, same GREAT programme.



NOW ENROLLING

BOOK YOUR TRIAL TODAY!

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 1979, 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

The Football Development Programme
Football, Numeracy and Healthy Eating in Lancashire



EUXTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY Half Term Football Course 2026

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
9am – 3pm each day
Boys and Girls aged from 5 - 12
£65.00 for the week
* Courses run by UEFA 'A' & 'B' Licence Coaches *

BOOK ONLINE by visiting www.thefootballdevelopmentprogramme.co.uk

Children will take part in a variety of practices that involve:
Dribbling, Running with the Ball, 1 v 1's, 2 v 2's, Turns & Skills
as well lots of Shooting and Small Sided Games

Football Development Gym Bag for all who attend
Nike Prizes and Engraved Trophies to be won on the final day

BOOK ONLINE NOW

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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB

MULTI-SPORTS



CHORLEY - BUCKSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL

MON 16TH - FRI 20TH
8.30AM - 3.30PM
EARLY DROP OFF / LATE PICK UP OPTION (7.30AM-4.30PM)



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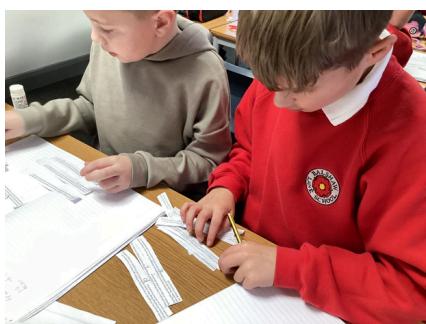
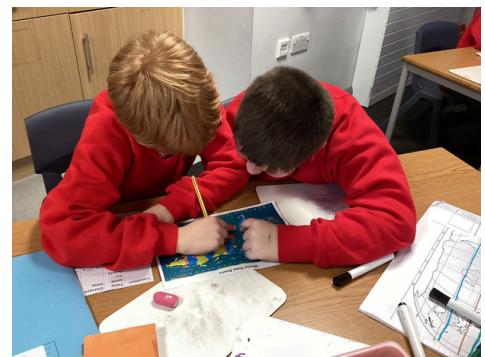
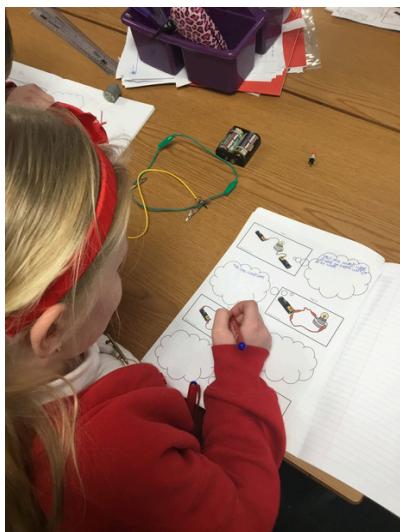


Selection of photos from this week

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



The children represented the school in our Chorley Schools Athletic Competition, coming 2nd. Well done to our Y3/4 team! Great work everyone!

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,
Mrs Hodgson



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