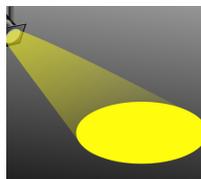




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on Maths.

Reception: We have been looking at length and comparing lengths.

Year 1: We have been finishing our addition and subtraction to 20 and have completed our end of block assessments showing off all we have learnt.

Year 2: We have been continuing with our division learning this week. We have been looking at the difference between grouping and sharing.

Year 3: We have been learning about length, comparing millimetres, centimetres and metres.

Year 4: We have been completing our work on multiplication and division and have just started learning about area and perimeter.

Year 5: We have been using fractions to calculate fractions of an amount and to find the whole.

Year 6: We have started to explore decimals and we have also worked really hard on our mock SATS this week. Well done year 6 - super proud of your efforts and hard work.

Assembly this week...

In our assembly on Monday we launched our School Value for this half term - Kindness. We explored different types of kindness and learnt about how kindness has such a positive effect on our well-being. We thought about creating ripples of kindness and how it makes us and others feel good when we are kind to each other. The children were given a challenge to be super kind to all at school and at home!

In our Key Stage Assembly this week we talked about the following question:



Messages

Road Safety

Yesterday all the children had a special safety lesson with their teachers about the importance of being safe on roads. Please could you follow this conversation up at home?

World Book Day next Thursday

Children can come to school dressed in either their PJ's or a World Book Day costume. If they would prefer to just come in their uniform that is fine. The PTFA have a whole host of activities for the children to join in.

The teachers also have some special book day activities planned also including Reading Buddy time.

Y6 Trip to Parklands

Please see the email sent regarding the trip next Friday to watch their Dance Show and collection from Parklands at 4pm. Yarrow and our Wrap Around Care children will be walked back to school.

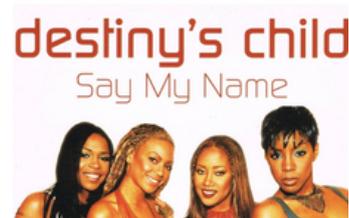
Team Points

This week our team point winners were:
DRAGONS.



Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for this week was Destiny's Child. We enjoyed listening to "Survivor."



Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Aspire Skill for this half term: Resilience and determination

What does resilience mean? Share examples of when you or somebody has shown resilience.

Reflect: How determined are you?
How can we improve levels of resilience and determination?



Wrap Around Care

Our new Wrap Around Care has had a great start and we hope the children have enjoyed their breakfast, afternoon snack and the activities. Places are still available - please complete the application form which is on the school website and return to the school office.

National Year of Reading

It was a real pleasure taking our first group of Starbooks readers to Ebb and Flo bookshop this week. They loved being able to choose a new book to take home.

More children will be selected next half term - remember to read lots at home and tell your teachers about what you have been reading to gain a Starbooks award.



World Book Day Vouchers

We have sent these out today so that the children have more opportunity to gain their free books. Tesco and Ebb and Flo have books in stock at the moment!

Headteacher Awards

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

RA Lucy
RH Leah
1A Matilda
1T Jack
2HP Lily
2M Isaac
3B Zoe
3J Kai
4G Charlotte
4W Scott
5B Paige
5H Jack
6C Grace
6S Artur



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 95.5%. The figures below are for this week.

Well done to RH, 1A, 2HP, 2M and 4G for all being on time this week.

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	97 %	91 %	98 %	95 %	95 %	95 %	98 %	97 %	98 %	97 %	95 %	91 %	94 %	95 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	2	1	5

New Gate System

We have had a slight difficulty with our new gate system not closing properly yesterday but this will soon be fixed.

Daily Mile

As part of both our PE lessons the children will be completing the Daily Mile.

The aim of this is to increase fitness and promote positive well-being for the children.

We hope the children enjoy it!

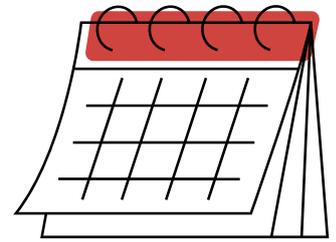


Knowledge Champions

The team who scored the most points in our end of half term Knowledge Quiz was Unicorns.

Congratulations!

Dates for this term



MARCH

Monday 2 nd	4G start swimming lessons
Tuesday 3 rd	Y2 trip to Martin Mere
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day - option to wear pjs or World Book Day costume Reading Buddies
Friday 6 th	Y6 visit Parklands to watch a dance show
Week beg 9 th	Science week
Friday 13 th	Reception stay and play Hinduism visitor
Monday 16 th	Reception vision screening
Tuesday 17 th	Opportunity for parents to view children's work 8:40-9:00am
Wednesday 18 th	Opportunity for parents to view children's work 8:40-9:00am Parents' Afternoon/Evening
Thursday 19 th	KS2 Dodgeball Competition
Thursday 26 th	Y4 assembly 9:15am PTFA bingo
Friday 27 th	Playgroup 9:30-10:30am

APRIL

Thursday 2nd Break up for Easter

Parents of children who are attending our Breakfast Club will be able to come into school between 7:30 and 8:15am to view your child's books. We will ask you to let Mrs Marsden know which morning suits you best so that we can ensure the books are ready for you. The books will be on show in the hall.

PTFA News



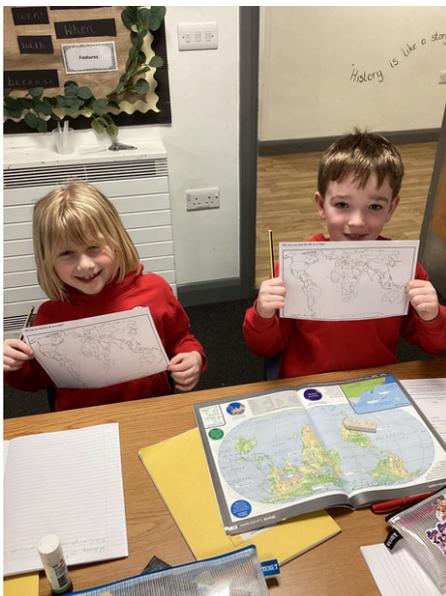


Selection of photos from this week



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Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,
Mrs Hodgson