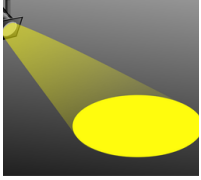




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on Art and Design Technology.

Reception: We have been working on observational drawing and using watercolours to paint.

Year 1: We have been looking at the work of Michelle Reader and her work has inspired us to create a sculpture.

Year 2: We have been tasting different combinations of ingredients in preparation of creating our own wraps.

Year 3: We have been learning about Mark Erwin and wire sculptures.

Year 4: We have finished and evaluated our Easter decorations in DT. We have used running stitch, cross stitch and applique.

Year 5: We have been finishing our art unit on digital photography by exploring the use of angles and filters. We have also started our DT unit on pneumatics by looking at the engineering of John Boyd Dunlop.

Year 6: We have started looking at a British engineer called Abbie Hutty linked to our unit on CAMS.

Assembly



In our assembly this week we focused on our school value for this half term: Kindness.

We welcomed a special visitor, Piper Williamson from Euxton Parish Church, who led the assembly for the children. The year 1 children then participated in a special workshop.

We thoroughly enjoyed our Rock Steady concerts this week. The children playing in the band were fabulous and a real inspiration to everyone watching. We were also so proud of our year 4's this week as they shared their learning in their Class Assembly. Fabulous singing and presentation from all the children. Well done to you all.

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



Messages

Can you help?

We are looking for donations to help some of the children in school. Items required and gratefully received are:

- Lego
- Geographical jigsaws
- Duplo
- Wooden train track
- Wooden building blocks

Thank you to the donations already received.

Uniform Reminders

PE tracksuit bottoms should be plain and not affiliated to a particular brand or football club. All long hair should be tied up and nail varnish is not allowed.

Chair and Headteacher Surgery

Mrs Gibson and I held our Surgery this week. It was a quiet turnout. Please let us know if a different time suits you better and also that I am always available for any questions or queries. Many thanks.

Drop off reminder:

Please remember that parents are responsible for their KS1 and EYFS children until the whistle has blown and the children line up. We seem to have some KS1 children entering the school grounds independently.

PTFA Bingo

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Easter Bingo last night and we hope you had a great time.

Spring Cafe

Year 3 parents and carers are invited into school on Wednesday 1st April at 2pm for our Spring Cafe where drinks and cakes will be served and year 3 will sing for you. At the end of the day there will be a cake sale for all held on the KS2 playground. We are asking for donations of cakes please - nut free. Year 3 are wanting to sell cakes and raise money to support our library as part of the National Year of Reading. All donated cakes will be gratefully received. They can be brought into school on either Tuesday 31st March or Wednesday 1st April. Thank you in advance.

Team Points

This week our team point winners were:
WIZARDS.



Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for this month is Cartola. We enjoyed listening to "Bem Feito."



Wrap Around Care

We are offering Wrap Around Care holiday club on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th April. Booking forms should be returned to the office ideally today but at the very latest Monday as we need to organise staffing. After Easter we will send details of our summer holiday club.



Headteacher Awards

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

RA Gracie
 RH Ava
 1A Logan
 1T Sophie
 2M Kamila
 2HP Mia
 3B Asher
 3J Arthur
 4W Esme
 4G Marley
 5B Evie
 5H Alfie
 6C Cora
 6B Vincent



Attendance and Punctuality

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

Well done to RH, 2HP and 4G for all being on time this week. AMAZING!

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 B
Attendance for last week	99 %	91 %	99 %	94 %	100 %	97 %	98 %	92 %	98 %	96 %	96 %	98 %	98 %	98 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	4	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	4	4	4	6

Wellbeing

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Learn: try a new activity.

Learning new things helps us grow as a person!

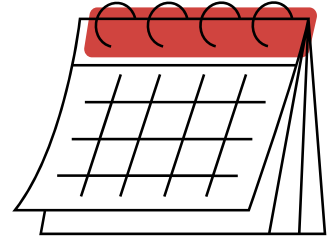
How does it feel to try something new?

What have you always wanted to learn or try that you could have a go at?



Dates for this term and next half term

APRIL	
Wednesday 1st	Y3 Spring Cafe Easter lunch
Thursday 2 nd	Break up for Easter and non uniform day - wear BLUE charity fundraiser.
Monday 20 th	Children return to school
Tuesday 21 st	Meeting for Y3 parents regarding the residential 3:30pm
Friday 24 th	Lancashire Sings
Tuesday 28 th	4G trip to Cuerden Valley Ancient Egypt workshop for Y3 Y3/4 Invasion Festival CSP
Wednesday 29 th	5H trip to Museum of Lancashire
Thursday 30 th	4W trip to Cuerden Valley 5B to Museum of Lancashire
MAY	
Friday 1 st	Parents invited in to school to read with your child 8:50-9:10am
Tuesday 5 th / Wed 6 th	Y3 Residential
Wed 6 th	Y5 Matt Goodfellow visit
Thurs 7 th	PTFA Sponsored Bounce
Week beginning 11 th	Y6 SATS
Wed 20 th	Y1 trip to Fleetwood Y5/6 Orienteering Comp CSP
Fri 22 nd	Playgroup in the hall 9:30-10:30am Children break up
JUNE	
Monday 1 st	Children return to school
Tuesday 2 nd	Induction meeting for new reception parents at 5:30pm
Thursday 4 th	KS2 Tag Rugby Festival CSP Y3 Class Assembly at 9:15am NEW DATE
Friday 5 th	Y5 assembly at 9:15am PTFA Colour Run
Monday 8 th	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - AM
Tuesday 9 th	Y4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 10 th	Y6 Patterdale meeting for parents 3:30pm
Thursday 11 th	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - Reserve Day
Week beg 15 th	Sports Week
Tuesday 16 th	Reception Stay and Play 9:15am
Wed 17 th	LKS2 Sports Day AM UKS2 Sports Day PM
Thurs 18 th	KS2 Sports Day - Reserve Father's Day PTFA
Wed 24 th	Reception trip
Wk beg 29 th	Y5 Bikeability
JULY	
6 th to 8 th	Y6 Residential to Patterdale
Friday 10 th	PTFA Summer Festival
Tuesday 14 th	Y6 Production 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 23 rd	Leavers' Assembly 9:15am



**CELEBRATING WOMEN & GIRLS IN
FOOTBALL**

Chorley FC Women vs AFC Bolton

Victory Park Tuesday 7th April Kick-off: 7:00PM



We are inviting every woman and girl in Chorley to come and join us for a special evening celebrating the women's game.

Join us as our multi award-winning Chorley FC Women take on AFC Bolton.

FREE ENTRY for all girls and the important women in their lives — mums, carers, teachers, and role models.

Be part of something inspiring and help grow the women's game.



Selection of photos from this week



Follow us on Facebook.

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

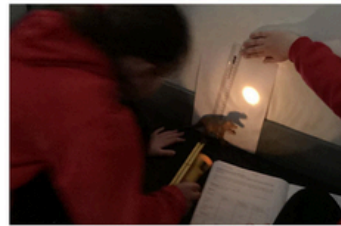
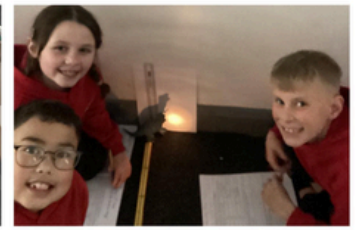
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We researched different themes based on food choices and the environment.



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Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,
Mrs Hodgson



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