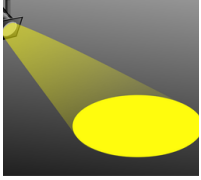




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight on Curriculum Highlight for this term.

Reception: Our curriculum highlight has been learning about life cycles and we have been lucky enough to have the eggs hatch just in time before the holidays.

Year 1: Our curriculum highlight was having our first class assembly, sharing all our learning across the curriculum and showing how confident and brave they were performing for their families and friends.

Year 2: Our curriculum highlight this term was visiting Martin Mere to help our English and Science learning.

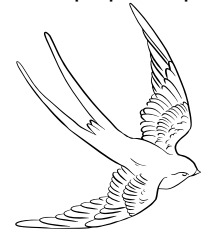
Year 3: We have developed our writing skills this term in English lessons. We have written some amazing adventure stories.

Year 4: We have enjoyed sharing our learning with our parents during our class assembly. We also enjoyed our school trip to Helmshore Textile Mill which supported our learning in history.

Year 5: We have been developing our writing and comprehension skills through the books "Skellig" and "The Final Year."

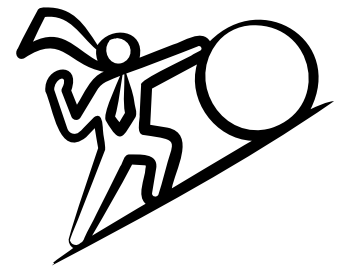
Year 6: We have been developing our writing skills. The children have produced some fantastic newspaper reports based on our class novel "The Explorer."

Assembly



In our assembly this week we focused on our school aspire skill: Resilience and Determination.

We explored that resilience means being able to bounce back when things have happened to them. We read a story about the life of a swallow and how it has to be resilient and determined to travel its 3000 mile journey. We thought about overcoming challenges.



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



Messages

Packed Lunches

We are asking all our children on packed lunches to bring home any uneaten food and rubbish. This is because there is so much rubbish thrown away and we keep finding lots of food on the dining hall floor. It will also help you check what your child has eaten during the day. We appreciate your help and cooperation in this matter.

Donations for Cure Leukaemia

Thank you so much for your generous donations today in support of our Blue Day dedicated to Arthur. The School Council members in KS2 and Arthur are busy counting and we will let you know after the holidays how much we have raised.

Thank you so much for donating cakes and supporting our cake sale yesterday and today. We are so incredibly lucky to have such kind and generous support from our families. Thank you so much.

Well done to Year 3 who entertained us so beautifully yesterday in their **Spring Cafe**. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Lock for bringing the Spring Animals - the children (and staff!) were delighted to see them. Also thank you Mr Warburton for helping us out with props. It was a lovely end to our term. Thank you to year 3 staff for working so hard and making this a great event.

Today we said a sad goodbye to Mrs Johnson who is moving onto pastures new. She has been a wonderful member of our Balshaw Lane team, touched the hearts of hundreds of children and supported so many teachers. Thank you for absolutely everything Mrs Johnson, we will miss you.

Knowledge Quiz

Congratulations to Dragons who have taken first place in our end of half term knowledge quiz. It was so close this half term with only 1 point between 1st and 2nd place. Well done to all the children for remembering so much knowledge!

Team Points

This week our team point winners were:
WIZARDS.



Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for this week is Mylee Cyrus. We enjoyed listening to "Climb" linked to our Aspire Skill of Resilience



Uniform

Just a reminder that our uniform policy implements the slight change from September where red polo shirts are no longer uniform. White polo shirts only. Please see the attached policy.

Wellbeing

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Aspire Skill for this half term: Resilience and determination

Reflect: How are your levels of resilience doing? Share improvements and when it has been tricky. Share ways forward to help us all become more resilient and determined.



Headteacher Awards

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

RA Lewis
RH Ivy
1A Joshua
1T Zach
2M Bayan
2HP Ella
3B Jasper
3J Lucy
4G Joseph
4W Phoebe
5B George
5H Pippa
6B Lottie
6C Lucas



Attendance and Punctuality

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

Well done to RA, 2HP, 2M, 4G and 6C 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 |
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| Attendance for last week | 95 % | 93 % | 97 % | 93 % | 99 % | 95 % | 95 % | 94 % | 93 % | 98 % | 95 % | 95 % | 97 % | 94 % |
| Punctuality - how many lates? | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 8 |

PTFA News

A **massive thanks** to everyone who supported our Bingo event last week.

We are pleased to confirm with your generosity we made **£1189**. This money will go towards lots of new amazing things we have coming which helps benefit all the children.

NEXT EVENT: SPONSORED BOUNCE - Thursday 7th May

Proudly sponsored by 1S Electrical and Technical Solutions

All the children should have brought home a sponsored bounce sponsorship form for our bounciest event of the year! Back by popular demand - this is a firm favourite with the children, with the event running during school hours.

We encourage the children to try and raise sponsorship for them to take part in our giant inflatable assault course competition. Can your child think of a way to gain sponsorship? Perhaps helping with chores around the house? Cleaning, keeping their room tidy, washing cars or anything else which is a great help to family and friends. Perhaps think outside the box - maybe they could get 50p sponsorship every time they read a book before bed? Or maybe a really challenging one for some of them, maybe sponsor them £1 every time they limit their console time to only 1 hour a day. Can they manage?

We are asking that all sponsor forms and money are returned to school in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front by Tuesday 5th May.

ALSO - if you qualify for GiftAid - then please ensure you fill this section of the sponsor form out, so we can gain an extra 25% of your donation at no extra cost to you.

There will be CLASS PRIZES for the class that raises the most money and also the class that completes the most laps of the assault course in a set time.

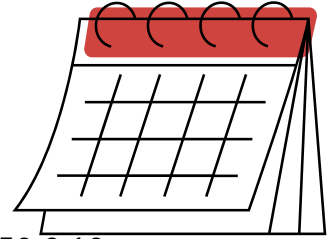
All children participating will receive a medal, ice lolly and drink on the day for taking part.

The best bit of all - it's the BEST PE lesson ever (without them realising)

Dates for this term and next half term

APRIL.

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| Monday 20 th | Children return to school |
| Tuesday 21 st | Meeting for Y3 parents regarding the residential 3:30pm |
| Wednesday 22 nd | Earth Day |
| 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 trip to Museum of Lancashire |



MAY

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

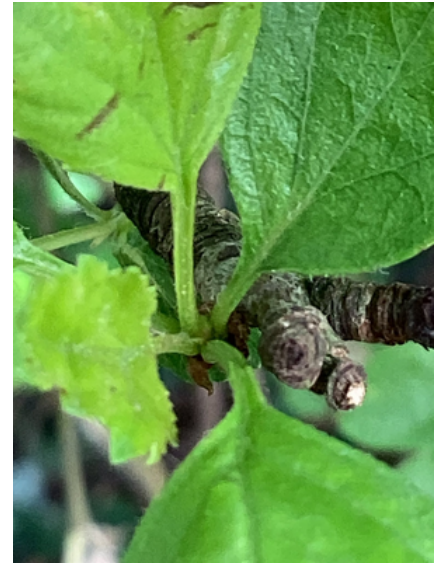


Selection of photos from this week



Follow us on Facebook.

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



Fabulous
photography skills
from year 5.



Have a lovely Easter break.
Thank you for all your support once again this term.

Best wishes,
Mrs Hodgson