

Baldwins Hill Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our October newsletter. I can't quite believe it's already October half term but here we are!

The children have been working hard and enjoying their learning experiences. We had an excellent 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' in Year 2 and of course Year 6 had their residential last week. All sorts of things have been going on and – as usual- your children continue to be a credit to you. We are very proud of all the ways they show care for others and make great effort in their learning.

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and finding out all about what your children have been learning this half term and what is coming up for them after the break.

Have a restful half term and we will see you all when school resumes for the children on **Tuesday 31st October.**

Warmest wishes,

Jenny Dabell
Head teacher

PTA

Thank you to our amazing PTA for all the ways in which they support the learning and enrichment of education at Baldwins Hill. This year, once again, the PTA have given a donation of £200 to each class. This is in order to support the school and our families in meeting the costs involved with providing excellent enrichment experiences, school trips and other fun learning opportunities during the year. THANK YOU!

Would you be interested in joining the PTA? See below.

Would you be interested in chaperoning the children's school disco?

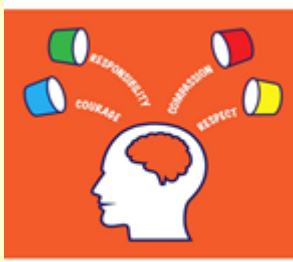
For details on this and other similar volunteering opportunities, contact the PTA via email PTABaldwinsHill@outlook.com or message Sally on 07769332575



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Saplings Reception

Early Years have enjoyed exploring the outside environment and observing the changes happening around us i.e. the leaves changing colour, collecting conkers, leaves falling from the trees and a frosty morning. We have also been exploring ice and the children were set a challenge to melt some colourful ice.

During our phonics we have continued learning some more new sounds and now we are recapping and focusing on blending the sounds together in words.

Next half term our theme will be lights and celebrations. We will be learning about lots of different celebrations that occur during this time of year and also thinking about what special things the children celebrate at home with their families.

Willow Year 1

English: In our English we have planned our own versions of the Traction Man story and completed them with a matching front cover. We have also been learning about questions. The children know that all questions should start with a capital letter and one of our question words (Who, What, When, Where, Why and How). They also need to end with a question mark.

Maths: The children have started the addition and subtraction unit of work for this term. We started off by looking at addition fact families and have since learnt about number bonds to 10 and writing addition number sentences. In the afternoon we have also been completing "Fast maths", which aims to help the child master mathematical concepts.

Design & Technology: We have been busy making our mobiles using a range of materials. We discussed the purpose of a mobile and the audience (a baby).

We have also had some lovely experiences over the last few weeks which link to our topic of "Toys". The children got the opportunity to explore a loan box from the museum which contained lots of artifacts from the past. The children had to handle the toys very carefully using special gloves. We used the toys from the loan box in art to sketch using our observational drawing skills. We also had a visit from a parent who has illustrated some children's books. The children got the opportunity to learn about her job and then had a go at an art activity.

Reminder- Please ensure children bring in their reading book on a Monday, so they can get their book changed and receive a new book.

After half term our PE days will change to a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please send children to school on these days wearing their PE kit.

Have a lovely half term!



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Internet Safety

Protect your child:

www.getsafeonline.org

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Parents: Supporting Young People Online (Leaflets):

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online>



Sycamore Year 2

In Year 2 we have really enjoyed making our Mad Hatters Hats this term. The children worked independently to make and decorate them and they look fantastic. We had lots of fun wearing them at our Mad Hatters Tea party and trying some healthy party food. We have found the answer to our key questions – party food can be healthy! I am looking forward to starting our new Experience next term and exploring the Great Fire of London.

English: The children have worked very hard creating their own Wonderland stories and they should be very proud of their published work. They include great character and setting descriptions. The children are very confident at using a range of different adjectives to describe nouns.

Maths: We have begun to learn about addition and subtraction. We have looked at number bonds to 10 and how we can use this knowledge to help us with bonds to 20 and 100. We are starting to extend this by using practical resources to help us understand how to add and subtract and will progress to exploring different methods that can help us and represent these in number sentences.

Maple Year 3

English: The children have been working really hard on researching and writing about Nikola Tesla who is the inventor of the Tesla car, believe it or not!

Maths: We have been using formal written methods for our work on addition and subtraction and will continue to do this after half term, so any practice at home will always be helpful.

PE: We have been practicing and playing football in our PE sessions and showing great sportsmanship.

Art: In Art we have been finishing our Dragon's eyes and scales which the children have really enjoyed.

We are looking forward to our next topic, when we will be learning about the Stone Age and will have an 'immersion day' on Tuesday 31st, the first day back after half term.

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Cedar Year 4

Year 4 have been very busy carrying out a variety of Science experiments linked to sound. The children have thoroughly enjoyed finding out about how sound travels. We recently learnt about how sound travels differently through different mediums, such as air or an object.

English: The children have been learning about letter writing. We've looked at lots of different examples of letters and identified the key features. We are writing a letter to Mr Gedye's friend Edi who is in need of some help with blocking out the light in his bedroom. We decided to create eye masks to block the light. The children's letters explain why an eye mask is suitable for helping with this.

Maths: We have moved onto addition and subtraction in Maths. The children have been brilliant at using the column method for this. They also learnt how to 'exchange' values when the subtraction/addition requires (this was previously called 'carrying'). During the first week back after half term, we will be learning about calculating the area of a shape.

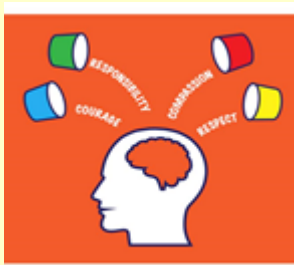
PE: The children have learnt various skills in Badminton including serving and hand-eye coordination when returning the shuttle. Next term we will have a sports coach during our Wednesday PE who will be teaching us gymnastics.

Design and Technology: The children have researched, planned and designed their eye masks ready to make. This week we have made the first part that covers the eyes.

Parents - Keep an eye on your emails! We are going to be having a sewing workshop to join all the parts of eye mask and we need your help (no previous sewing skills required!) This will be on the first Friday back (3rd November). Email to follow!

Homework: Just a reminder that all homework can be found on Google Classroom. The aim of these tasks are to reinforce what we have learnt that week in either English, Maths or Reading. The children receive dojos for handing back their homework and we really appreciate your support with this. If you have questions regarding homework, please come and speak to me at the end of the school day.

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Oak Year 5

Year 5 have been working super hard as usual and have produced some fantastic work that they should be proud of, they definitely deserve a well earned rest at half term.

English: Our newspaper articles on the story of The Iron Man have really shown that the children are using the Writer's Sequence and working effectively to ensure they are including all the necessary features. They have published them beautifully and I hope to find somewhere for them to go on display.

Maths: To finish off our learning on place value, addition and subtraction we have investigated word problems and missing number problems, the class found these challenging but showed great perseverance! After half term we will be moving onto looking at multiples, factors and how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000.

Science: We have been applying our learning about solids, liquids and gases to carry out more experiments and investigations. The children have shown great responsibility and have used some fantastic scientific enquiry skills.

We have rounded off our learning on materials with a session on plastic from an eco hero who is busy educating the world about plastic pollution, by modelling a giant mermaid tail created from discarded plastics. The class also all graduated as materials scientists by completing a class quiz and carrying out some fun groups Science tasks.

Thank you for your support with your child's learning this half term, we're looking forward to diving into our next topic after the break.

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Redwood Year 6

Year 6 have had an amazing first half term. They have all had good attitudes and have followed instructions to ensure they are beginning to achieve well in all lessons. The children have enjoyed writing a diary entry from the main characters of our key text. We have also covered a lot of areas in Maths. The children have enjoyed all our science learning about the planets, how day and night works and created non fiction pages about a chosen planet.

The children have had a great time at Windmill Hill. The weather was amazing and definitely added something to the trip.

The children have shown responsibility and courage alongside resilience and smiles to take part in all the activities at Windmill Hill. The giant swing involved teamwork to pull the swinging team up to the right height where the screams of fun could be heard for miles. Archery was great fun with children improving shots all the time and numerous children hitting the bullseye.

Raft building was wet, but the children showed amazing responsibility working as a team to create a safe and sturdy raft.

The sensory trail provided lots of laughs, smiles, and squeals as the children walked through the woods blindfolded. The children showed great determination on the trapeze to climb to a great height then to jump to the bar was amazing to see.

The PGL staff commented how well behaved and responsible the children were in offering support and encouragement to others.

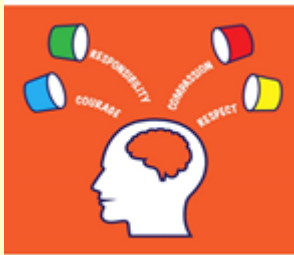
The children were a pleasure to take away and I feel we have started the year well with so much more to look forward to this year.

If possible, please can Year 6 come into school in Victorian costume on Tuesday 31st October as part of our Stunning Start.

Girls – suggested costume - Pinafore Dress, Apron, Long socks/tights, Lace up boots (if they have some already) hair tied up in bunches and plaits, Mop hat

Boys – suggested costume – Shirt, Waistcoat, Shorts or long trousers tucked in long socks – maybe dark football socks, Flat cap.

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Recent Correspondence

Early Years – '6Weeks In' meeting

Year 5 – Stunning Start & East Grinstead Museum

Upcoming Events

'6 Weeks In' meeting

PTA Topsy Turvy day

Year 5 Stunning Start

Celebration of Learning

Individual School photos

Flu vaccinations

Christmas Disco

Dates for your Diary

October 2023	
Thursday 19 th	Early Years '6 Weeks In' meeting Year 2 Welcome to Wonderland
Friday 20 th October	PTA Topsy Turvy Day
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	Half Term – School closed to children
Monday 30 th	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 31 st	Children return to school Year 6 – Stunning Start – Dress as Victorians
November 2023	
Wednesday 1 st	Year 5 – Stunning Start
Friday 3 rd	Redwood Class assembly 9.00am
Friday 10 th	Oak Class assembly 9.00am
Monday 13 th	Celebration of Learning in classrooms 8.30am – 9.15am and 3.15pm – 3.45pm
Thursday 16 th	Individual school photos
Friday 17 th	Willow class assembly 9.20am
Thursday 23 rd	Year 5 East Grinstead Museum
Friday 24 th	Sycamore class assembly 9.20am
Monday 27 th	Flu vaccinations
December 2023	
Friday 1 st	Cedar class assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 6 th and Thursday 7 th	KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Christmas play – more details to follow
Friday 8 th	Maple class assembly 9.00am Christmas Disco – more details to follow
Wednesday 13 th	Christmas lunch