

# Baldwins Hill Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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Respect, Compassion, Courage, Responsibility



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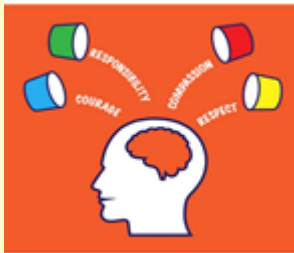
I can't quite believe it's already October half term but here we are!

As you know, we had our Ofsted inspection this week. We are unable to share the outcome of the inspection until the report is finalised but we would like to thank you for your support, as always, and for your engagement with the surveys that were sent out by the inspectors.

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 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Jenny Dabell  
Head teacher



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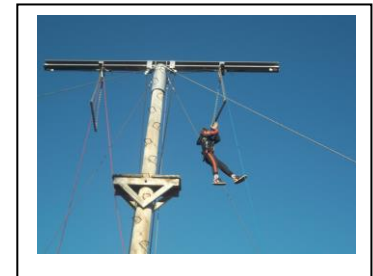
## Year 3 at Imberhorne



### Request

If anyone has any old shin pads or football boots, we would be very grateful if you were willing to donate them to our school so children can try out the sport with the correct equipment before they commit to it.

## Year 6 Windmill Hill



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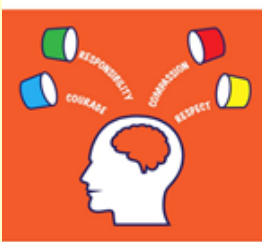
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<p><b>Inkpen Reception</b></p>	<p>Early Years have been very busy this half term. They have been learning about their bodies and have made skeleton pictures and models of their teeth. The children have been investigating x-ray pictures and they have been enjoying playing in the doctor surgery role play in our outside area. We have been working on subitising numbers to 5 (recognising quantities without counting). Next half term we will be focusing on people who help us and learning about doctors, dentists, firefighters etc.</p>
<p><b>Potter Year 1</b></p>	<p>Year 1 are excited about our end of term 'Fabulous Finish'. We will be holding a Lego building challenge in the classroom.  <b>English:</b> In our English we have planned our own versions of the Traction Man story and started to write.  <b>Maths:</b> The children have been really enthusiastic about our 'Mastering Number' sessions. We have worked on pairs of numbers that make 5 and finding 5 in another number (e.g. 5 and 2 to make 7). The children have used counters and other manipulatives to help. These sessions will help children further up the school when they complete 'Fast Maths'.  <b>RE:</b> The children have learnt about Christianity and Judaism. They were able to recall facts about both religions.  <b>Design &amp; Technology:</b> We have been busy making our mobiles using a range of materials. We discussed the purpose of a mobile and the audience (a baby).  <b>History:</b> We created a timeline of events in the Lego story. Looking at who created Lego and how it has evolved over time. Have a lovely half term break!</p>
<p><b>Blackman Year 2</b></p>	<p>In Year 2 we really enjoyed holding our Mad Hatter's tea party, wearing the hats we designed and made, and trying some healthy food. We even played some party games on the field! It was a very fun afternoon.  <b>English:</b> We turned our character and setting descriptions in to a book, and thought about what went really well in our writing and what we might do differently next time.  <b>Maths:</b> We have moved on to addition and subtraction, and will continue this after the half term break.                  It's great to see so much completed homework every week and the creative projects have been fantastic! I have really enjoyed hearing about our favourite books– the children have been talking with such enthusiasm and I look forward to more children sharing their love of reading in the coming weeks. I am excited to start our new unit of work next term – 'Pride of Place', where will be learning all about the Great Fire of London!</p>

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### Dahl Year 3

Year 3 had a fabulous trip to Imberhorne where we used their electricity equipment to practise our brilliant circuit building skills as well as adding switches and trying out placing bulbs in series and parallel. We have also followed this up with an exciting trip to Halsford Park where we got to check out a super cool electric car for our Fabulous Finish, the children (and adults) were blown away to see it could move without anybody in the driver's seat!

**Maths:** We have continued to learn about addition and subtractions and have mastered the compact method for column addition when we have to regroup ones into tens and tens into hundreds. Now we have moved onto column subtraction which we will continue with after half term.

**English:** We have published reports on Nikola Tesla which are looking fantastic. The children investigated the features of non-fiction pages, researched Tesla, drafted and edited their paragraphs before writing it up into the finished piece

We have been busy designing dragon houses which must include an electrical circuit with a switch to practise our science skills in a practical way. We will make these in groups on Friday to round off our topic this half term.

Thanks for your continued support with your child's learning. Please let me know if you need a reminder of your child's Google Classroom login so you can access homework and the extra resources.

The children have worked so hard this half term and definitely deserve a lovely half term break!

### Rashford Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard this term paying particular attention to the value of compassion and kindness. They have written their own up to date version of the Ten Commandments entitled Life in Year 4 which has positive rules. In addition they have also discussed and composed an Anti-Bullying Charter which we have all signed up to! You can see both of these in their classroom.

**English:** The theme this term has been related to the circus and using the book If I Ran The Circus by Dr Seuss. The children have enjoyed sequencing the story and coming up with their own creative writing ideas using amazing adjectives, vibrant verbs and nifty nouns!

**Maths:** Place Value and Number have been the key themes in Maths this term. The children have looked at representing numbers up to 1,000 in different ways. Recently they have looked at Roman Numerals and used the acronym **I Value Xylophones Like Cows Do Milk** to help them. Ask your child if they can recall the connection between this and Roman Numerals!

Thank you for helping your child read and work on their times tables skills which is really beginning to show in their numeracy and writing. Also we have enjoyed looking at their projects related to Science. Have a lovely holiday and the Year 4 team look forward to welcoming everyone back!

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[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe)

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

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

Parents: Supporting Young People Online (Leaflets):

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



### Rowling Year 5

We have finished our 'Mysterious Materials' experience by conducting an experiment to see which biscuit was the best 'dunker'. The children used the skills they have learnt this half-term to write up a report about the investigation. They also linked the experiment to the knowledge we learnt about dissolving.

**English:** We finished reading the 'Iron Man' before watching the Iron Giant to identify the similarities and differences between the book and film. The children also published their newspaper report about an event during the Iron Man story.

**Maths:** The children are now focusing on adding and subtracting. They have learnt mental strategies to add more efficiently as well as using written methods, when coming across calculations, where the mental strategies are less efficient.

**PE:** The children finished off their football and netball lessons by taking part in mini competitions. Here they were able to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have learnt during the lessons. It has been lovely to see some children use the skills they have learnt at the football and netball clubs we currently run. Well done to the children for a lovely first half-term. We hope they enjoy their week of rest and relaxation (if that is possible!).

### Morpurgo Year 6

Year 6 have had an amazing first half term. They have all had great attitudes and have followed instructions to ensure they are always achieving well in all lessons. We have covered a lot of English and mathematical topics.

The children have had a great time at Windmill Hill. The sun came out and we completed archery and giant swing all before lunch on Monday morning.

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.

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



### Recent Correspondence

Flu vaccine consent forms

### Upcoming Events

Whole School - Flu Vaccinations  
03/11/2022

Whole School - Individual Photos  
17/11/2022

School Discos -  
11/11/2022  
KS1 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
KS2 - 5.45pm - 6.45pm

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### Dates for your Diary

October 2022	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term – School closed to children
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	INSET – School closed to children
November 2022	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Children back to school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Flu vaccinations
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Morpurgo Class assembly 9.00am
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rowling Class assembly 9.00am
	School Discos – KS1 4.30pm – 5.30pm KS2 5.45pm – 6.45pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Individual school photos
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Potter Class assembly 9.15am
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Blackman Class assembly 9.15am
December 2022	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dahl Class assembly 9.00am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Rashford Class assembly 9.00am