

Baldwins Hill Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our February newsletter. I hope that you all had a wonderful half term - the children have certainly returned to school raring to go! It has been great to see our Year 3 children enjoying their 'Rainforest day' and the Year 5 children constructing their fairground rides. I have been so impressed and delighted to see the rich learning that has taken place – and also how compassionate the children have been in working together and helping each other.



We have launched our 'Eat them to Defeat them' campaign in school this week and the children have been *defeating* their vegetables beautifully at lunchtimes! They have enjoyed telling their teachers all about what they ate at lunchtime to get their sticker. The stickers won't last forever, so we hope that the fun of the campaign will live on and continue to help children enjoy their vegetables and food that makes them healthy and strong.

Just before the half term break we bid a (temporary) farewell to Miss Kell as she went off on her maternity leave. Whilst Miss Kell is on leave, we are delighted to welcome Miss Danyelle Smith, a teacher who will be covering Miss Kell's role - so do feel free to say hello to her if you see her! I hope that you enjoy reading all about what your child has been learning and what is coming up for them over the next month. Have a wonderful weekend.

Jenny Dabell
Headteacher

Supporting Behaviour at Home

We have put together a number of documents to support you with behaviour management at home in case they are helpful.

The documents can be found in the following location on the website so you can download and print them if you'd like to.

<https://baldwinhillprimaryschool.co.uk/behaviour/>

We hope these resources will be helpful. If there is anything else you would find useful and so would like added please let the office know. If you have any questions about using the resources please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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Inkpen Reception

For this half term in Early Years the children will be continuing with our work on heroes. We will be concentrating on real life heroes and people who help us. The children will be thinking about who their heroes are and what they would like to be when they grow up! We are reviewing our phonics knowledge and continuing to use this to develop our reading and writing skills. We have started to do some paired reading to apply our blending skills and increase our fluency. Please keep hearing your children read and practising the phonics and HRS words on the word lists they bring home. In Maths, we will be working on how to identify numbers quickly and different ways of making numbers. We will also be looking at shapes and measures. The children will also have the opportunity to explore their own interests during our 'learning time'!

Potter Year 1

Year 1 have made a great start to the new half term!
Well done year 1!

Maths: We are starting to look at numbers up to 50. We have been looking at how many tens and ones the numbers have and checking that we are writing them correctly. We have been practising counting backwards from and forwards to 50. It would be great if you would continue to practise this at home.

English: We have been editing, publishing and performing our Anansi (the spider) character descriptions. We have done some brilliant writing including adjectives and joining words.

PE: In PE we have started learning orienteering skills with Miss Smith. On a Wednesday the children are continuing ball skills by learning Handball with the coach.

Geography: The children can now name the 5 oceans. We worked together to identify where in the world these oceans are.

Design and Technology: We have been planning and designing our hand puppets ready to make and stitch next week.

We look forward to inviting parents in for our Fabulous Finish next Friday 3rd March.



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Internet Safety

Protect your child:

www.getsafeonline.org

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

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

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Parents: Supporting Young People Online (Leaflets):

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



Blackman Year 2

At the end of the last term, we designed and built a chassis for Mrs Armitage. Year 2 did a fabulous job building the body of the car then decorating it with bright colours and all the extra things we thought Mrs Armitage would need. We will be testing the vehicles next week for our Fabulous Finish, seeing how well our vehicles work, and thinking about what we could do differently if we built a chassis again.

Maths: We have been working hard on multiplication and division, with a focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We have been exploring story writing in English, thinking about a different ending to Mrs Armitage on wheels. I am looking forward to looking at poetry with the children in the second half of the Spring 2 term, for our Art and Music experience.

Dahl Year 3

English: Having published our playscripts ready to perform to another class during our rainforest day we have moved onto persuasive letter writing. We started off by listening to a poem called Rang Tang which has taught us how rainforests are being destroyed for the production of Palm Oil which is in many foods and products we use everyday. We are going to write letters to persuade others to shop for products containing sustainably sourced Palm Oil to help prevent deforestation.

Maths: We have started to learn about money this week. We've revised the coins we use and have practised converting pence to pounds and the other way round. We are moving on to learning how to add amounts as well as how to work out change. This is a great skill to practise when you're out in the shops!

Science: We're continuing our unit on forces by using a Newton metre to measure the force needed to move a shoe across different surfaces to work out which has the least friction. We're then going to investigate air resistance outside on the playground using different materials. The children have been working really hard in Dahl class and have learnt so much about Guatemala, it's geographical features and the history of the Maya people. We've been so impressed with their enthusiasm for learning during this topic.



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<p>Rashford Year 4</p>	<p>Year 4 have enjoyed Spring term 1 and have come back this half term with great enthusiasm. Our focus question 'Should we stop eating chocolate?' helped us with our Science. We observed how materials change state when they are heated and cooled, of course this included chocolate! In our Design and Technology sessions, we designed, planned and analysed our chocolate product. We thoroughly enjoyed the evaluation part of our learning, as this included tasting our finished product.</p> <p>English: We have enjoyed reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'Explore Chocolate'. We are focusing on persuasive writing this half term. We are writing an advert to persuade people to buy our chocolate. Please ask the children about alliteration and show them poster adverts in magazines so they can get some ideas.</p> <p>Maths: We are working on improving our multiplication skills by using the expanded method and will finally move onto the compact method. Ask us about them, we can show you all of them. We have also been practising our times tables. We are completing online quizzes daily now, and are excited by seeing our scores improve weekly. We are also focusing on division as this is closely linked with multiplication.</p> <p>We will continue with our violin sessions this half term. The children are learning the notation and recognise the notes on the stave and the violin.</p>
<p>Rowling Year 5</p>	<p>In Year 5, the children have been designing and making their fairgrounds rides. They will then show these to other children throughout the school as part of the finish to the 'All the Fun of the Fair' Experience. The children will also be trying a range of circus skills including juggling, diablo and spinning plates.</p> <p>Maths: The children have been learning how to calculate fractions of amounts and multiplying fractions. They will then be moving on to identifying equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.</p> <p>English: The children have read 'Leon and the Place Between'. They have selected the main parts of the story and explained why they think each part is important to the story.</p>

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Recent Correspondence

Year 4 – Temper
Temper trip

Year 5 – Hindleap
Warren

Year 6 – SATs meeting

Upcoming Events

03/03/2023
World Book Day
Year 4 Trip

07/03/2023
Parents' Forum

13/03/2023 –
17/03/2023
Year 6 Bikeability

21/03/2023
Inclusion Parents'
Forum

23/03 – 24/03/2023
Year 5 Hindleap
Warren

Morpurgo Year 6

The children have returned this half term with enthusiasm and have started the term well.

The children enjoyed making their sledging biscuits as part of our Design and Technology this week. They worked well in groups to measure out the ingredients to follow the recipe instructions and to create the biscuit. We involved our Maths skills along with reading and ensured we made a good product. The biscuits were surprisingly tasty and most children enjoyed them plain or with butter and marmite. Some children were so keen they took home a copy of the recipe!

English: Year 6 continue to explore the Antarctic region and have just completed writing an explanation text on a subject of their choice. For the next couple of weeks we are looking at 'Just So' stories by Rudyard Kipling and focusing on vocabulary, quick retrieval and inference questions.

Maths: We have been focusing on ratio and proportion this week along with continuing to develop our arithmetic skills and the speed at which we can answer questions.

This half term we will be researching the impact that climate change has on the polar region. We will be looking at the importance of recognising that our environment has changed and that this poses a real danger to wildlife in Antarctica.

I am looking forward to the rest of this half term as we have lots going on.

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Dates for your Diary

March 2023	
Friday 3 rd	Year 6 Class assembly 9.00am
	World Book Day
	Year 4 Temper Temper trip
Monday 6 th	Year 6 SATs meeting 3.10pm – Year 6 classroom
Thursday 9 th	Year 2 Assessment meeting 3.10pm – Year 2 classroom
Friday 10 th	Year 1 Class assembly 9.15am
	Year 1 Phonics meeting 3.10pm – Year 1 classroom
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 17 th	Year 2 Class assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 21 st	Inclusion Parents' Forum
Thursday 23 rd and Friday 24 th	Year 5 Hindleap Warren (1 night residential)
Friday 24 th	Year 4 Class assembly 9.00am
Friday 31 st	Year 5 Class assembly 9.00am
April 2023	
Monday 3 rd – Friday 14 th	Easter holidays – School closed to children
May 2023	
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th	Year 6 SATS week
June 2023	
Friday 16 th	Class Photos