

Baldwins Hill Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our end of May newsletter. We have been doing so much in school the last few weeks – ‘Company of Critters’ visited a few of our classes, sharing insects, a snake and allsorts! Year 6 went to Chessington as their gift from the PTA to mark their last term at Baldwins Hill - and various trips offsite have taken place, to enrich learning. More to come next half term!

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and hearing all about what your children have been learning and about what is coming up after half term!

Exciting news

We received some development funding before Covid struck and we are now just finalising our plans to update a few key areas around school. I am pleased to announce that we will be updating the Early Years outside area, to include new surfacing and play equipment. We will also be putting in a brand new ‘trim trail’ play area up by the big trees above the playground for all children to enjoy. We are very excited to have had the go ahead to get started and the building work should be happening over the Summer holidays. Look out for the posters of the proposed designs which I will display shortly.

Celebration Assemblies KS1

We are finding that we are over-running in our Key stage Two assemblies on Friday mornings due to the number of classes and Class Assemblies – and I hate to make the Key Stage One parents wait. Starting after half term, we will adjust the assembly time a little so that Key Stage One Celebration assembly will start at 9:20am.

Have a wonderful weekend, a great half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 5th June.

Warmest regards

Jenny Dabell
Head teacher



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Sunny Weather

Please ensure you apply sun cream **before** your child comes in to school and ensure they have a hat and a water bottle every day. Thank you.

Paralympic Champion

We have had an exciting day yesterday with a visit by Aaron Phipps MBE. Aaron is a gold medal winning Paralympic champion from the Tokyo 2020 games. He plays Wheelchair Rugby and his team went from being 5th in the world to the best on the planet, in the middle of a global pandemic! He is a keen fundraiser and in 2016 became the first person in the world to scale Kilimanjaro on his hands and knees. He has been voted in the top 100 most influential people in the UK with a disability. He spent time with every class in varying lengths and the children got to see his Olympic gold medal and thoroughly enjoyed meeting him. Hearing about his journey and taking away the key message "we all have choices" was very powerful.

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Inkpen Reception

Next half term in Early Years the children will continue to focus on growing. Following our trip, we will also be looking at British wildlife and minibeasts that we might find in a garden. We will be taking care of the plants in our outside area and looking at non-fiction books related to wildlife. We will be teaching some new phonics and HRS words so that we can continue to develop our reading and writing skills. Please keep hearing your child read and practising the phonics and HRS words on the word lists they bring home. In Maths, we will be working on patterns in the counting system and developing our understanding of numbers using this. We will also be looking at measures. The children will also have the opportunity to 'explore' their new class and we will be preparing the children for their transition to Year 1. Hasn't this year flown by?!

Year 1 Potter

Year 1 have had a fantastic, fun packed half term. Our stunning start involved a trip to Wakehurst Place where we learnt about pond creatures, the life cycle of a sunflower and made some fantastic Ephemeral Art (see below). The children represented the school fantastically and engaged really well with all activities. As part of our Experience this half term, in History we found out some interesting facts about Dr John Snow and his important work and we even had a visit from him and were able to ask him lots of questions! The children thought he looked very familiar ;) In Science we have observed the growth of our bean plants over time. This has allowed us to discuss what plants need and identify the different parts. In Maths we have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as doubling and dividing by grouping and sharing. This week we have started recognising and counting (forwards and backwards) to 100 from different numbers. In English we have looked at the Rainbow Fish with a VIPERS reading skills focus, written letters and an instruction text. We have been brilliant at remembering our success criteria! In phonics we continue to use our robot arms to help us read words we do not know. We have started to prepare for Sports Day by trying out some activities such as the egg and spoon race and sprinting. I have been really impressed with the courage shown by the children to just give these activities a go! Just a gentle reminder that we have a Find out Friday this Friday starting at 2.45pm. Please arrive just before so we can make a prompt start.





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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>



Blackman Year 2

Year 2 have been really enjoying continuing to learn about animals and their habitats. We have now thought about what animals and humans need to survive, and have looked at the life cycle of a frog. We had an amazing fabulous finish where we were visited by 'Company of Critters', and had the opportunity to meet interesting animals including 'Mango' the bearded dragon and a millipede with 400 legs! A big thank you to the PTA for funding this, and allowing the children to have this experience. I am looking forward to Summer 2 where we will be enriching our current experience with our class trip to the British Wildlife centre.

English: We have been reading the book 'The Tin Forest' and exploring different parts of the story, thinking about how the characters are feeling, and what might happen next. We are looking forward to finding out how the story ends!

Maths: The children have been practising telling the time to 5 minutes. We have been learning about 'past the hour' and have now progressed to 'to the hour'. We have been spending 'time tokens' where the children look at the clock in the classroom during the day and have to tell the time.

Well done Year 2; you have worked so hard this half term and should be very proud of yourselves!

Dahl Year 3

What a busy few weeks we've had in Dahl class. After our wonderful class assembly encouraging everybody to help us save the bees, we've gone on to investigate other bugs and insects and produced beautiful non-fiction pages that will make our very own Big Book of Bugs. This will live in our book corner for everybody to enjoy.

Maths: We've done a fabulous job of learning all about fractions. We started with fractions of shapes then moved onto equivalent fractions before finishing off with using our times tables skills to calculate fractions of amounts. They have all done a brilliant job with a tricky topic!

Science: Having learnt about animals and their habitats we have moved into the world of plants thinking about the job each part of a plant does and then looking in depth at the parts of a flower. The children have learnt lots of new vocabulary as well as carrying out experiments to test what plants need to grow and how water moves up through the stem.

On Wednesday we had a visit from Company of Critters thanks to the kind donation from the PTA towards enrichment activities. They brought in a range of wonderful creatures for us to look at and taught us all about life cycles to enhance our Science learning. The PTA have also provided the funds for each child to take home a bee loving plant so we can each do our bit to help the bee population. We are so grateful for their hard work raising funds so we can provide these opportunities for the children.

Many thanks for your continued support with your child's learning. Please remember to fill in their reading diary with details of when they have read at home. I love handing out dojos for this every Monday but we've had a lot of missing or empty diaries recently! I hope you have a fabulous half term break and I'm looking forward to lots more fun in Dahl class when we return.



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Rashford
Year 4

Firstly, I want to congratulate both your children and yourselves on the great work that is being put in to learn their times tables. I have loved seeing their faces light up and telling me how they are getting higher scores each week, they are believing in themselves. This work will also greatly benefit them in Year 5 and beyond.

So what else have we been up to? Our topic this term has been about the human body both inside and out and we have applied our knowledge throughout our subjects.

Science: The children carried out a practical experiment which demonstrated how food (in this case bananas and biscuits) was digested, absorbed and then waste expelled. It was rather messy but enabled the children to understand the digestive process.

PSHE: This term involved considering how to stay healthy by combining food and exercise and also looked at the skin. The children created marvellous instructional posters on how they could stay safe in the sun.

English: We researched, planned, wrote and edited explanation texts to inform other people about the systems of our body including the muscular and skeletal system.

Geography: Our question was 'Where Does Food Come From?' The children were surprised to learn how many countries grew food to be sent to the UK. Using a food miles calculator we also worked out how many food miles our food travels. Do you know that pineapples come from China and they travel 5,058 miles and lamb travels 11,690 miles from New Zealand?

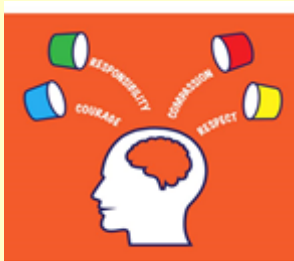
Art: Our focus this term has been on the face and we have created different skin tones by mixing colours, drew our own faces and then, taking inspiration from Picasso, created impressionistic faces.

History: This term was gruesome as the children thought about the disease scurvy and its symptoms. They also learnt how the doctor James Lind used 'fair testing' to discover treatments for this disease.

We have had a busy half term and are looking forward to the Summer 2!

Have a lovely half term.

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Rowling Year 5

Well done to the children for how well they adapted to working in a different area whilst the Year 6 children were completing their SATs. The children demonstrated the Core Values throughout this time and it was nice to see them set a positive example to the younger children.

Science: The children have been applying their knowledge of the life cycle of a plant to help them design their own plant that has adapted to thrive in a particular habitat of their choosing. This includes: how the plant reproduces - including seed dispersal; how the plant germinates as well as how the different parts of a plant (flower, stem, leaves etc.) have adapted to survive in particular conditions.

English: The children have conducted research about Charles Darwin in order to write a biography about his life. They have also read biographies of other famous people to help them with the structure of a biography and reinforced their understanding of using brackets, dashes and commas to give parenthesis about nouns.

Maths: The children have focused on how to translate and reflect shapes and have now moved on to adding and subtracting decimals before they move on to multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000.

PE: The children have continued to build on their cricket and stoolball skills including fielding, batting and bowling in order to play matches.

Morpurgo Year 6

The children are continuing to show motivation and enthusiasm towards all areas of learning. Two weeks ago was SATS week. The children came into school early for breakfast and enjoyed the time with their friends to prepare them for the tests each day whilst eating a bacon roll or toast.

Thank you to the parents who helped and supported us with this. The children have shown real courage and responsibility towards all their learning and have tackled the tests with great attitudes. Well done Year 6; we are really proud of you all!

The children have been working hard on finding out information about different countries and putting it together to share for our fab finish. We also have some great quizzers in Year 6 who are putting together a challenging quiz for parents.

Chessington was a very memorable day for all children - the smiles and squeals of delight and enjoyment was lovely to see. Thank you to our PTA for this amazing trip.

Our main focus now turns to the production of The Lion King- where auditions have taken place and the roles have been cast. I am sure you will be rehearsing lines and singing the songs at home as well as the children.

After half term we focus on our mini enterprise which links with The Lion King.

Have a restful half term - the children do truly deserve it!

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Recent Correspondence

Year 2
British Wildlife Centre trip

World Ocean Day

Walk to School week

Upcoming Events

World Ocean Day
8th June

12th - 16th June -
Walk to School week

15th June Year 2 trip
to British Wildlife
Centre

16th June
Class photos

3rd July
Sports Day

Dates for your Diary

May 2023	
Friday 26 th	Year 5 class assembly
Monday 29 th – June 2 nd	Half Term – School closed to children
June 2023	
Thursday 8 th	World Ocean Day – dress in blue or as a marine animal
Friday 9 th	Year 6 class assembly
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Walk to School week
Thursday 15 th	Year 2 – British Wildlife Centre trip
Friday 16 th	Class Photos
Friday 23 rd	Year 1 class assembly
Friday 30 th	Year 2 Class assembly
July 2023	
Monday 3 rd	Sports Day 9.00am – 12.00pm with the opportunity to bring a picnic lunch to share with your child. More details to follow separately
Friday 7 th	Early Years class assembly
	Provisional date for your diaries – PTA Summer Festival after school, more details to follow.
Monday 10 th	Reserve Sports Day 9.00am – 12.00pm
	Year 6 Production 6.00pm
Tuesday 11 th	Year 6 Production 6.00pm
Thursday 20 th	Last day of school
Friday 21 st	INSET day
September 2023	
Friday 1 st	INSET Day
Monday 4 th	Children back to school
Friday 8 th	New Reception children start
October 2023	
Monday 9 th – Wednesday 11 th	Year 6 Windmill Hill
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	Half Term – School closed to children
November 2023	
Monday 27 th	Flu vaccinations