

Baldwins Hill Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our June newsletter. The children have been getting stuck into their new Learning Experiences which are mainly focused around **Geography** this term. Remember to ask your children all about the key knowledge and vocabulary that they have learned so far and how this new learning builds on things they have learned in the past. We call this our 'sticky knowledge' because knowledge always builds on and 'sticks' to what is already there in our memory.

Uniform

This is just a little reminder about the uniform expectations, as we are noticing a few non-uniform items coming in to school. Please see the full requirements on our website.

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

We have noticed a few small 'hoop' earrings recently – please could you remind your child that they are welcome to wear earrings in school but that these should be small studs, and easily covered over or removed for P.E sessions.

Friday Festival

The PTA will be repeating their wonderful 'Friday Festival' on Friday next week after school. Do make sure you come along and join in with the fun. Flyers have already been circulating and more information is to come from the PTA shortly. Thank you in advance to our amazing PTA and all the volunteers who are coming along to help out.

All that is left is for me to say - I hope that you enjoy reading all about what your children have been learning and about what is coming up over the last few weeks of term. Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest regards,

Jenny Dabell
Head teacher



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Application for Exceptional Leave of Absence

If you are planning on taking your child(ren) out of school for any amount of time for anything other than medical appointments, please ask the school office for an 'Application for Exceptional Leave of Absence' form. This should be completed and returned to the school office at least a week before you take your child(ren) out of school. If your child has a medical appointment, please let the office see sight of the appointment letter/card, text or email. Many thanks for your continued support. Please remember we are unable to authorise a leave of absence in term time unless the circumstances are deemed exceptional.

Parking at Drop off and pick up

Please be mindful that there are markings on the road outside school which do not permit cars to be parked there and, by doing so, could create a significant safety risk to our children and families at drop off and pick up time. The road outside our school can get very busy due to its 'funnel neck' nature. Please can all drivers do their best to be patient and safe! As this is a public road, parents and any other member of the public are at liberty to report any concerns they may have directly to the council.

Armed Forces Day

On Saturday 24th June children from both Baldwins Hill and Halsford Park Primary Schools performed as part of Armed Forces Day celebrations. The children sang with great enthusiasm to a large crowd of family members and dignitaries from the Armed Forces. Well done- we are proud of you all.





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Area Sports 2023 Winners



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<p>Inkpen Reception</p>	<p>Following a lovely trip to the British Wildlife Centre, Early Years have enjoyed continuing our learning about British Wildlife, with a focus on learning new vocabulary. The children have been creating some fabulous writing about the animals that we saw and they have learnt lots of facts. We have also been growing lots of plants and learning about mini-beasts. While continuing this learning we are beginning to think about moving up to Year One. The children are having some visits to see the Year One classroom and equipment and they are asking lots of good questions.</p>
<p>Year 1 Potter</p>	<p>We are thoroughly enjoying our experience 'Out and About'. The children have enjoyed learning about London and comparing new and old pictures of different areas. Miss Brown took the children on an imaginary bus ride which saw the children having a tour of different London sights.</p> <p>Thank you to parents for such a wonderful turn out at our class assembly last week. I was immensely proud of the children and they did a great job with only a few run throughs.</p> <p>English: We are drafting leaflets all about London. The children are writing in the style of a London tour guide. We have been using time conjunctions such as <i>first, then and next</i>.</p> <p>Maths: In Maths we have been covering position and direction, money and time. The children have really impressed me with their prior knowledge of money.</p> <p>PE: Our Sports Day practice is going really well and the children are showing lots of courage to give the events a go!</p> <p>Geography: The children have been learning about East Grinstead and London. They have compared the two places and looked at how we could travel to London from East Grinstead.</p> <p>History: We have been learning about The Great Exhibition which was opened by Queen Victoria.</p>



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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>



Blackman Year 2

Maths: We have been learning about position and direction. We have been doing lots of practical activities to practise using left and right, clockwise and anticlockwise. We will be moving on in the second half of the term to revisiting and consolidating some of our learning this year, including addition and subtraction.

English: We have been reading our class text 'Can you catch a Mermaid?' and the children are now planning and writing their own 'Can you catch a' stories. The children have been using creative adjectives to describe their own characters, and have thought carefully about how to make their sentences interesting for the reader.

We really enjoyed our trip to the British Wildlife Centre. We were very lucky to see so many of the animals including red squirrels, badgers, polecats and wildcat kittens. The children learnt lots of facts about the animals' habitats. Thank you for your support on the day, dropping off and collecting the children. Some of the children said it was the best day of their lives!

Dahl Year 3

Year 3 have been as busy as ever with lots of fabulous learning going on.

English: We have created diary entries from the perspective of a character from the book 'The Window' which showed how a view can change over time. The children did really well at spotting the changes and identifying how the character would be feeling about the differences.

Maths: We have finished learning about telling the time and how to calculate durations of events. This is a tricky topic so please do continue to practise at home asking them to read different clocks around the house and working out how long they have until different events. We are now investigating clockwise and anticlockwise turns as well as angles and shapes so we will be doing lots of practical activities outside directing friends around the playground as well as identifying shapes and angles we can spot.

Science: We have looked into the rock cycle and how different types of rock are formed; we had great fun recreating this using chocolates and biscuit crumbs!

Geography based experience thinking about how to improve our local area has seen us undertake a traffic survey on Lowdells Lane to see how busy it is and how we could make changes to keep us all safe. We will use our walk to swimming to spot other local features that we think are good or could do with improving and we will create presentations to show to the other classes at the end of term.

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Rashford Year 4

English: Since meeting our new friends over the internet in Norway, we have been focussing on Traditional Tales. We have read character descriptions and we are now writing our own traditional tales. We know that we need to include 'Once upon a time' and end with 'happily ever after'. A few of us have shown Miss Dabell our writing and we feel very proud of the progress we have made.

Maths: This week has been about symmetry and reflection. We have cut out shapes to see how many lines of symmetry they had. We have also looked at degrees of an angle. Ask us about 45, 90, 180 and 360 degrees.

We are continuing to enjoy volleyball as part of our PE. We are still learning skills in passing and the types of moves needed including, spike, surf and dig.

We can't believe our Year 4 journey is nearly over but we are prepared and ready for Year 5.

Rowling Year 5

On Tuesday, the children had the opportunity to hold some animals like lizards and snakes. This was part of their Fabulous Finish for the 'Charles Darwin Experience'. The children had a great time and demonstrated what they had learnt during the experience by asking lots of thoughtful questions.

The children are now learning about The Great Lakes. The children have identified where they are in the world and then compared the physical and human geography of the Great Lakes to our local area. The children have used atlases and Google Maps to help them compare the two areas.

English: The children have been writing balanced arguments about whether or not tourists should be allowed to visit the Great Lakes. The children demonstrated a great maturity in understanding the possible benefits of tourism as well the negative affects it could have on the area.

Maths: The children have learnt about negative numbers: including comparing and ordering them; finding the difference between negative and positive numbers as well as answering multi-step word problems involving positive and negative numbers.

PE: The children have been preparing for Sports Day, including running, jumping, relay and throwing. The relay practice obviously paid off as the Year 5 relay team won that event at Area Sports!



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Recent Correspondence

Walk to School Results

Year 6 Production Costumes

Upcoming Events

3rd July Sports Day

7th July PTA Summer Festival
3.10pm - 6.00pm

10th July Reserve Sports Day

10th & 11th July Year 6 Production of The Lion King

Morpurgo Year 6

The children have settled well in their final half term as Year 6 children at Baldwins Hill. Rehearsals are going well and the children are doing really well learning lines and songs. We have gone script less this week and will now start to add choreography too. It is going to be a fabulous show!

We are also running a 'mini enterprise' this half term. This is to enable children to understand the economic value of running a business, thinking up an idea and ensuring profit is made and looking at how to market a product. This encapsulates lots of PSHE and Maths elements.

Transition to secondary is next week and we continue to talk about transitioning and what the end of term will look like for Year 6.

I am extremely proud of what all the children have achieved and the final weeks that we have together I am sure will be brilliant! Well done Year 6- keep up the great work!

Dates for your Diary

July 2023	
Monday 3 rd	Sports Day 9.00am – 12.00pm with the opportunity to bring a picnic lunch to share with your child. Details have been sent separately.
Friday 7 th	Early Years class assembly
	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