

Baldwins Hill Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our September newsletter. I hope that you enjoy reading all about what your children have been learning since the start of term and what is coming up for them over the next few weeks. I have been delighted to see all our new Early Years children start school and begin to shine. It has been wonderful to see how *every* child has flourished at the start of their new year group – and how much they have grown over the Summer!

Staffing news

Mrs Justine Nix, our Administration Assistant in the school office, has been successfully recruited as the new School Secretary for Halsford Park and therefore will be moving over to one of our sister schools later on this term. We are immensely proud of her but, as you can imagine, will be sad to see her leave Baldwins Hill after 6 years with us. I know that you will join me in congratulating Justine and wishing her well in her new appointment. We are very glad that we get to continue working with her as part of the Partners in Learning family.

Speaking of family, you may have noticed that Miss Lauren Kell is looking a little different lately and that is because she is expecting a baby! Currently Lauren continues to teach classes and I will send out cover arrangements at the appropriate time. In the meantime, I know that you will join me in sending HUGE congratulations to her at this wonderful time.

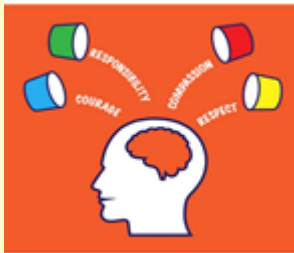
School trips and visits

Due to the increasing cost of living, we are more mindful than ever of the need to take care when organising trips and visits/visitors. We will be endeavouring to make the most possible use of our local area and seek out ways to enrich learning without too great a cost, wherever possible. We are incredibly grateful to our PTA for assisting in easing the costs of many of our enrichment experiences such as the first aid training at the start of term and many of our offsite school trips last term. Every little helps, so do continue to support our PTA in any way you are able and *keep your eye out for communications from them soon with up-coming dates for meetings and events.*

All that is left for me to say is - enjoy reading on and have a *wonderful* weekend.

Best Wishes

Jenny Dabell
Head teacher



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Class Assemblies

We are delighted to invite you to Class Assemblies next half term. Each class will prepare a short presentation of their learning to share during our Friday Celebration Assemblies. We will still present Core Value Certificates during the assembly. Please see the date section of the newsletter for when each class will have their Class Assembly. We look forward to seeing you there!

First Aid – Year 1 – Year 6



On Tuesday 6th September, my class, Year 6 Morpurgo, learnt how to do first aid. As tricky as it was, we succeeded. After a short time, we became naturals at doing CPR. Not many people know but CPR actually stands for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. *Report written by 2 Year 6 children.*

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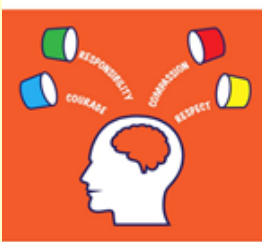
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<p>Inkpen Reception</p>	<p>Early Years have enjoyed settling in to their new class. We have been focusing on 'Marvellous Me' and drawing pictures to show what makes them super! In our phonics we have been learning s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c and k. We have then been learning how to blend the sounds to read words such as cat, pin, mat, dog etc.</p> <p>We have been observing changes around us in nature and investigating colours in Autumn objects. We will be going on welly walks around the school grounds and discussing our observations. We are going to be creating a Doctor's Surgery role play with the children and finding out about our bodies.</p> <p>In our creative work we have been creating collages and self portraits.</p>
<p>Potter Year 1</p>	<p>The children have settled back into school well and are enjoying our toys experience.</p> <p>English: We have been writing about our own toys. The children have just been introduced to the story 'Traction Man'. We found clues connected to the story, learnt new vocabulary and wrote sentences about whether we liked/disliked it.</p> <p>Maths: We have been learning to count forwards and backwards, find one more or less than a number and sequence numbers.</p> <p>History: The children have been comparing new and old toys and sorting pictures.</p> <p>Science: We have named and labelled body parts, looked at our senses and discussed how to stay healthy.</p> <p>Design & Technology: We have researched what a 'mobile' is and created a design ready to make later this term.</p> <p>Phonics: The children have been recapping sounds learnt in Early Years and moved onto the ay, ou, ie, ea sounds in our booklets. We look forward to discussing this with parents/carers at the upcoming FLC's.</p> <p>PE: In our PE lessons we have learnt football skills and played different games to develop our fitness.</p>
<p>Blackman Year 2</p>	<p>In Year 2 we have been going 'down the rabbit hole' in our Welcome to Wonderland experience learning all about different foods and materials in our science lessons and designing our mad hatter hats in D&T. We are really looking forward to making and decorating our hats and holding our Mad Hatters tea party! If you have any spare crafts at home (stickers, pom poms, sequins etc.) they would be greatly appreciated to help us decorate our Mad Hatter Top Hats!</p> <p>English: We have been reading Alice in Wonderland and talking about our own versions of wonderland to write a setting description. The children are superb at using nouns and choosing adjectives to create expanded noun phrases.</p> <p>Maths: We have been focusing on place value looking at part whole models and recognising numbers on number lines. We are learning skills which will help us when we move on to addition and subtraction next week.</p> <p>You will find weekly homework, spellings and the creative project on google classroom. Please let us know if you have any difficulties accessing this.</p> <p>It's fantastic to see so many children showing courage and excited to do show and tell, so we are creating a rota to let you know when everyone will get a turn to tell the class their favourite book.</p>

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Dahl Year 3

In Year 3 we have been working so hard on our new Experience learning all about electricity. In Science, the children are now able to create a simple circuit, draw it using circuit diagrams and identify which circuits would and wouldn't work. We are really looking forward to taking the children to Imberhorne on the 11th October to use their equipment to create parallel and series circuits.

English: We have completed our descriptions about our dragons which we can't wait to show you at Family Learning Conferences. The children are getting really good at using expanded noun phrases to create descriptive writing.

Maths: We are using our new found knowledge about 3-digit numbers to start adding and subtracting, which will lead us on nicely to column addition and subtraction. Google classroom is up and running with the spellings, creative project and weekly homework. If you are having trouble accessing your child's account please let us know.

Rashford Year 4

In Year 4 we have been investigating how sound travels. We have discovered that sound waves are vibrations, and we have used musical instruments to make scientific observations using our 5 senses. We have used lots of scientific vocabulary, like pitch, volume and sound source to explain our thinking. Ask us what the definitions of these words are and we can tell you!

English: We have begun by consolidating our knowledge of nouns and noun phrases. We are working really hard on our handwriting and letter formation and we have made great progress with our presentation already! Now, we are moving on to 'If I Ran The Zoo' by Dr Suess, and we have done some great performances of the poem.

Maths: We have been investigating the number 1,000 and how it can be made in different ways. We have also bridged 1,000- we should be able to tell you all about what bridging is so ask us what it means!

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Internet Safety

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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>



Rowling Year 5

This term the children have become scientists. They have completed a range of scientific experiments including mixing bicarbonate of soda with vinegar, making a lava lamp, mixing cornflour with water as well as seeing which solids dissolve in water. The children have been using the scientific skills of predicting, making scientific observations and understanding how to conduct a fair test.

Maths: The children have focused on place value of numbers up to 1,000,000. This includes understanding the value of each digit, partitioning numbers as well as ordering and comparing numbers. The children will now move on to rounding numbers up to 1,000,000.

English: The children have written instructions based on one of the scientific experiments they conducted. They are now writing a newspaper report based around an event in the Iron Man book by Ted Hughes which is our class read.

In outdoor learning, the children have been creating their own landscape picture using natural materials. Small groups have been using hammering skills to make ornamental hedgehogs.

Morpurgo Year 6

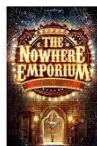
Year 6 have had a great start to the school year with their new experience - *Is there anybody out there?* We are basing a lot of our English around a brilliant book by Frank Cottrell Boyce called *Cosmic*. The children have written emails and descriptions of setting based on this text.

Maths: This term has focused on *Number* and we have introduced the new concept of adding and subtracting negative numbers. Not an easy concept to learn, but with practise and visuals we are getting there. The children are really organising themselves and moving through the challenges to ensure they really understand the knowledge needed when carrying out maths skills.

We have been encouraging the Year 6 children to fill in their new reading journals for this term independently. The reading homework we set each week can also be entered into the reading record. As we have explained to the children, the new homework books are a precious resource (kindly funded by the PTA) and therefore we know the children will take great care not to lose the booklets and keep them safe. They have proved to be very valuable in the past few years as they consolidate the Maths and English, we have learnt in class that week.

All Year 6 children have shown great attitudes in returning to school to ensure their final year at Primary School will be great. Well done Year 6 keep it up.

Mrs Osborne's recommended read - *The Nowhere Emporium*



Many people have visited 'The Nowhere Emporium,' but no one has ever remembered being there. When the Emporium arrives in Glasgow, young Daniel Holmes stumbles into the shop by accident. Daniel returns to the shop the following day, usually no one returns. Mr Silver sees something in Daniel and soon he draws him into a fantasy world of magic and mystery behind the curtains.



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Recent Correspondence

Year 2 – Welcome to Wonderland

Whole School –
NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe

#HelloYellow –
Mental Health Day

Upcoming Events

Family Learning
Conference -
04/10/22 3.30pm -
6.30pm

Family Learning
Conference -
06/10/22 4.00pm -
7.00pm

Year 6 Windmill Hill
17th - 19th October

Dates for your Diary

October 2022	
Tuesday 4 th	FLC's 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 6 th	FLC's 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Monday 17 th – 19 th	Year 6 – Windmill Hill
Monday 24 th – 28 th	Half Term – School closed to children
Monday 31 st	INSET – School closed to children
November 2022	
Tuesday 1 st	Children back to school
Thursday 3 rd	Flu injections
Friday 4 th	Morpurgo Class assembly 9.00am
Friday 11 th	Rowling Class assembly 9.00am
Thursday 17 th	Individual school photo's
Friday 18 th	Potter Class assembly 9.15am
Friday 25 th	Blackman Class assembly 9.15am
December 2022	
Friday 2 nd	Dahl Class assembly 9.00am
Friday 9 th	Rashford Class assembly 9.00am