

Balsall Common Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children,

It's been a slightly quieter week here after the excitement of Roald Dahl week (see Miss Khan and members of RK in their costumes below), but nonetheless equally busy.



Poetry Evening

Well done to the pupils who stood on stage and recited their poems during our 2nd annual Poetry Evening on Monday.

It was great to see that the children had clearly written creatively and from the heart, using a wide range of poetic techniques. Congratulations to Sam R for being judged overall winner on the night and thanks to Miss Bains for her organisation of this event.

3D Class Assembly

What a fitting assembly for our Roald Dahl dress-up day! I loved listening to 3D talk about all of the things they had learned about the legendary author and of course they all looked the part dressed as characters from his books. A well-presented assembly on a very popular theme - well done Mrs Daniels, Mrs Baker and 3D.



Attendance

Classes with 100% attendance	RC
KS1 Highest	2K - 99.7%
LKS2 Highest	3D - 98.2%
UKS2 Highest	5M - 98.3%
Whole school	97.7%

Last week was another impressive week for attendance but unfortunately the whole school attendance fell just short of the jelly baby mark, coming in at 97.7% - so close!

Only one class managed 100%, so well done to RC.

Head's Classes of the Week

EYFS	RC
KS1	2M
LKS2	3B
UKS2	5B

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

KS1	Freya W, 2K
LKS2	Sophie, 3B
UKS2	Harriet G, 5B

Year 2 Information Evening

Tuesday 4th October, 17.30 pm we will be holding another of our annual curriculum evenings in order to give parents an opportunity to learn about what goes on, and how best to support their children, in a particular year group. Mrs King and the team will be presenting the Year 2 curriculum and we welcome all Year 2 parents if you can make it.

Cycling to School

A quick reminder to those parents of children who ride bikes to school to please remind the children to wear the recommended safety gear and to remember their bikeability training from Year 5. We have had a few concerns regarding the way in which some children have been spotted riding out on the roads near school.

Balsall Common Fun Run

It was great to see so many parents and children on Sunday joining in with or supporting the fun run. Of course, the staff members who took part enjoyed themselves and really appreciated the support shown as we ran around the course. My legs still hurt!

Sportsmark Silver Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been recognised by the School Games Mark with a Silver Award.

Schools can apply for a Games Mark if they satisfy a number of criteria such as: providing certain hours of physical activity, 35% or more pupils engaging in extra-curricular sport, and the number of children participating in intra-school competitions.

With our range of extra-curricular clubs and a wide variety of sporting competitions that we enter, it's no surprise that we have reached this level. Well done to Mrs MacKay for applying, every teacher who runs a club or a team, and of course Mr Green who organises so many of our sports teams.



Slip into Slippers

Next week, Friday 7th October, we are once again doing our annual fundraiser for Solihull Age UK. This will be the third year now and we ask that, for a donation of £1, children can wear slippers all day while in school.

Of course, please still walk to school in shoes but bring a pair of slippers to wear in class.

All money raised goes to a worthy cause supporting elderly and vulnerable people in the borough.



Future Dates

Tuesday 4th October, 6.00pm: Year 2 Information Evening

Wednesday 5th October, 7.00-8.00pm: PTA meeting.

Have a great weekend.

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Robin's Stars of the Week

Samuel F, RM

Dylan S, RK

Lucy R, RW

Writers of the Week

Nancy B, RM

Tyler W, RK

Lucy R, RW

Eliska G, 1R

Jack McK, 1D

Jacob O, 1H

Meelia I, 2M

Anya O, 2K

Sophia P, 2K

Oliver M, 2L

Harry V, 4A

Maths Wizards

Jessica W, 1R

Samuel M-L, 1D

George D, 1H

Andrew B, 2M

Matthew F, 2L

Henry M, 2K

Freya W, 2K

Isabelle T, 4A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Esha R, 1R

Jensen W, 2K

Casey H, 3D

India L, 4C

Sam W, 5B

Eddie T, 5P

Joshua S, 1D

Ellie-Mae B, 2L

Charlie P, 3C

Tara H, 4C

Jake W, 5K

Emily S, 6W

Trinity P, 1H

Jessica I, 2M

Zara H, 4W

Catherine I, 4A

Ben A, 5M

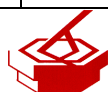
Charlie M, 6J

DIARY DATES 2016 - 2017

Monday 3 rd October	Family & Individual Photographs
Monday 3 rd & Tuesday 4 th October	Year 3 - visit from the Dinosaur Man
Tuesday 4 th October	17:30 - Y2 Information Evening
Thursday 6 th October	Year 4 - Egyptian Inspiration Day
Friday 7 th October	Slip into Slippers 14:45 Class Assembly 3B
Wednesday 12 th October	Book Fair Year 5 - Medieval Inspiration Day
Friday 14 th October	14:45 Class Assembly 4W Dads Scalextric
Monday 17 th and Tuesday 18 th October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 21 st October	14:45 Class Assembly 4A
24th - 28th October	HALF TERM
Monday 31 st October	Term resumes for pupils and staff
Friday 11 th November	14:45 Class Assembly 4C
Wednesday 16 th November	Year 5 visit to National Space Centre
Friday 18 th November	PTA Chair's Quiz
Saturday 26 th November	Christmas Fayre
Monday 28 th & Tuesday 29 th November	Year 5 visit by Creaturama
Wednesday 30 th November	10:00 & 14:00 Nursery Nativity
Friday 2 nd December	Disco
Monday 5 th December	14:00 Reception Nativity
Tuesday 6 th December	14:00 Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 7 th December	14:00 Year 2 Nativity 18:00 Year 1 Nativity EYFS Theatre Trip to Warwick Arts Centre (The Stick Man)
Thursday 8 th December	18:00 Year 2 Nativity
Friday 9 th December	14.00 Reception Nativity
Monday 12 th December	14:00 & 18:00 LKS2 Carol Concerts
Tuesday 13 th December	14:00 & 18:00 UKS2 Carol Concerts
Wednesday 14 th December	Years 1-6 Panto Trip to Leamington Spa (Beauty and the Beast)
Friday 16 th December	TERM ENDS



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