

Balsall Common Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children,
4W's Class Assembly



4W took us on a trip back in time with a fascinating assembly about Ancient Egypt. The children were dressed in fabulous costumes and were very entertaining as they shared their learning with us all. They danced to the Bangles and 'Walked Like an Egyptian', finishing with a gripping quiz to see if they could win a million pounds! Of course, their knowledge was impeccable and with a bit of help from Mr Ireland, they answered all questions correctly. Well done 4W for a fantastic assembly.

Professor Jelly



Professor Jelly made his annual visit to reception classes this week to talk about the scientific changes of melting and solidifying. Children then heated jelly with the staff and refrigerated it so that they could try it later on. The children told me how much they had enjoyed Professor Jelly's visit and that he had a beard! No one mentioned that Professor Jelly is often to be found daily around the building!

Book Fayre

Linda Shimmell and Sara Shaw have successfully run another book fayre, selling £749 of books and making

£389 for the school in commission. Thank you all for supporting the fayre, and thank you ladies!

Attendance

| Weekly Attendance | RC |
|-------------------|------------|
| EYFS Highest | RC - 98.4% |
| KS1 Highest | 2K - 99.1% |
| LKS2 Highest | 3C - 99.2% |
| UKS2 Highest | 5K - 98.5% |
| Whole school | 97.4% |

Despite the bugs, the children still managed a great overall attendance score. I am very pleased. The children are trying very hard indeed to demonstrate an excellent attitude towards learning and love the ATL points and cups. Well done to the individuals and classes who earned the most this year.

Head's Classes of the Week

| EYFS | RC |
|------|----|
| KS1 | 2L |
| LKS2 | 4C |
| UKS2 | 5M |

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

| | |
|------|--------------|
| KS1 | Lewis S, 2L |
| LKS2 | Oliver M, 4A |
| UKS2 | Nicole B, 6J |

Dad's Scalextric



A bumper turn-out this time! 34 racers! First place Jason Edwards, second Paul Morgan, third yours truly! Jason can now have his name inscribed on the Scalextric shield! Next event is the penultimate Friday before February half term. Many thanks to Nick Welby, who has been running this with me from the very beginning. In effect, he sponsors this event with his track and cars. He has been running his own company successfully now for the last 25 years. Visit www.solihulldoorandgate.co.uk to see what he does! If you need a new garage door, door or gate, mention the school; Nick is always keen to offer competitive quotes!

Oliver in 2L

This young man has just had a book review published in the national magazine Raring2go! What a fantastic achievement! Well done Oliver!

Sport



Rugby: BCPS' Year 6 full contact team won their group last week at the Warwick Festival, and met James Haskell! Their performance was incredible.



The Year 4 full contact team also played Henry's earlier this week, drawing 5-5, whilst the Year 3 tag teams won both of their games against Henry's. I am delighted with the way rugby is developing in school; we have a huge turnout after school for Years 3-6 and even our rugby tots classes are full in KS1!

Christmas Cards

Children's Christmas card designs have now been sent off to the company for printing. Thank you Jen, from the PTA.

New Photographer

We hope that you have found the new photographer to be better than the last one!

Parents Evenings

We hope you found these meetings informative earlier this week.

Future Dates

Break up for the half term holiday TODAY. See you back in school on Monday 31st.

Have a great half term.

GTBuraess

Robin's Stars of the Week

Alfie G, RK

Eloise J, RC

Gabriella S, RM

Writers of the Week

Mikey S, RK

Mikey S, 1H

Bryn T-S, 2M

Evie M, 2K

Isabelle F, RC

Rajan A, 1S

Faith B, 2L

Millie H, 4A

Noah S, RM

Anna B, 1S

Tilly B, 2K

Maths Wizards

James L, 1H

Archie B, 2M

Finlay J, 2K

Aryan K, 2L

Lexi-Lou F 2M

Owen S, 2K

Gabby H, 2L

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Class of 1D

Emily H, 2L

Milo S, 3C

Macy P, 4A

Freya P, 5K

Leila E, 6P

Isla M, 1H

Evie J, 2M

Tilly C, 3B

Harrison M, 4C

Florence C, 5M

Nicole B, 6J

Eva C, 1S

Isla B, 2K

Freya C, 3D

Isabelle C, 4W

Becca G, 2K

DIARY DATES 2016 - 2017

| 24th-28th October | HALF TERM |
|---|--|
| Monday 31 st October | Term resumes for pupils and staff |
| Thursday 10 th November | Years 1, 2 & 3 - Flu Nasal Immunisation |
| Friday 11 th November | Whole school Remembrance minute silence 11.00 am 14:45 Class Assembly 4C |
| Wednesday 16 th November | Year 5 visit to National Space Centre |
| Friday 18 th November | Children In Need - Wear something spotty PTA Chair's Quiz |
| Wednesday 23 rd November | Year 6 Health Checks |
| Friday 25 th November | PTA Non uniform day |
| 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 16th December | TERM ENDS |
| Tuesday 3rd January, 2017 | Term resumes for pupils and staff |



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