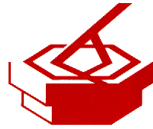




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# Balsall Common Primary School

## Outstanding: OFSTED February 2014



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#### Dear Parents and Children Class Assembly



5M produced a tremendously entertaining and informative assembly all about the story of Diwali. The acting, as usual, was excellent, as was the children's ability to memorise a lengthy script, which was particularly true for the main characters. The assembly was delivered, as always, with great enthusiasm by smiling children. Very well done 5M and well done too to Mrs McKay.

#### Appointments

##### SENCo

We interviewed and appointed a lady called Mrs Hemmings the week before half term. Mrs Hemmings is an experienced SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) who will be taking up post with us, in this role, on our return to school in January. We were delighted to be able to appoint her, and must give our most sincere thanks to Mrs M Brown, AHT, for ensuring that special needs in school have continued to be delivered during the interim, with the spectacular support of Miss C Williams.

##### Teacher

We have also appointed an experienced Upper Key Stage 2 teacher, Mrs Purewal, who started this week, to assist us in ensuring that the quality of teaching and learning that the children receive is the very best it can be.

We are absolutely delighted to welcome these two new members of staff to the school.

#### Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RM - 100%
KS1 Highest	1R - 100%
LKS2 Highest	4C - 99.6%
UKS2 Highest	5P - 98.6%
Whole school	96.9%

Overall attendance was a little lower than it has been over the last half term, but the classes above certainly deserve high praise indeed. I do hope that the children remain in good health as we move into the winter months.

#### Head's Classes of the Week

	Last Week
EYFS	RW
KS1	2K
LKS2	4A
UKS2	6W

#### Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

Many congratulations to the classes above and the children below for achieving the most ATL points in the week before half term.

KS1	Samuel W, 2K
LKS2	Daisy-M A, 4W
UKS2	Soeul C, 6W

#### Rugby



The Year 6 Full Contact Team played exceptionally well in the final game of last half term, beating Bablake 5-3 in yet another very exciting match. We are all delighted with the continued high performance of all of our rugby teams. The pictures displayed here can be purchased from ActivePix by following the link to your right and below!



#### Balsall and Berkswell RFC

A large number of our players are playing at Berkswell & Balsall RFC, which provides fantastic opportunities for children from U6 to U18 to receive high quality rugby coaching. The club has around 200 children, boys *and* girls aged from 5 to 16, who come from many different schools and backgrounds. BBRFC is always keen to welcome new players; children train on Sundays between 10:00-12:00. Please contact Dulcie Smith for more information at [dulciesmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dulciesmith@hotmail.co.uk).

#### Non-school uniform day and chocolate

Many thanks to you all for sending in such wonderful chocolate donations, on the final Friday of last half term, in anticipation of our forthcoming Christmas Fayre. Our next non-school uniform day, this time for bottles, is on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, the day before the fayre!**

#### Open Mornings

Our Open Mornings were very well supported before the half term and I have had some great feedback from visitors. As always, your children remain a real credit to you all!

#### Forthcoming Events

**Bonfire Night!** Please, everyone, be careful out there this weekend!

**Flu vaccination nasal sprays:** Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

**Eight Shopping Saturdays left until Christmas Day!**

**Robins**

Autumn P, RC	Eve G, RM	Tom D, RW
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**Writers of the Week**

Lucy P, RC	Joeseef S, 1K	Benjamin H, 1R	Isla M, 2M
Allegra M, RM	Aidan M, 1K	Sofia L, 2P	Jack McT, 2L
Reggie R, RW	Arabelle B, 1H	Bethan K, 2M	
	Rupert F, 1B	Anna L, 2M	

**Maths Wizards**

Emma B, RC	Emily R, RW	Billy M, 1R	Toby B, 2P
Rebecca B, RC	Tyler W, 1H	Isabelle F, 1K	Zoya H, 2M
Lewis E, RM	Mason C, 1B		Jack S, 2L

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Samuel R, 1K	Ziqing Y, 1R	Max H, 2P	Oskar S, 3M	Emily S, 4C	Bowen L-A, 6W
Dylan L, 1H	Nelson-John S, 2M	Phoebe M, 3C	Lilly K, 3D	Libby R, 5B	Ollie B, 6P
Libby S, 1B	Miley D, 2L	Chase C, 3M	James O, 4A	Joe D, 5M	

**Diary Dates**

Key

	Class Assemblies/Performances etc
	INSET
	Parents'/Information evenings
	PTA
	Trips/visitors/dress-up days etc

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccination nasal sprays - Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1 to Transport Museum (1B, 1H, 1K)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	1R to Transport Museum
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 to Space Centre
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform and bottles for PTA
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Nativities (am and pm)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	DISCO
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) Year 1 Nativity (14.00)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Theatre Trip (Warwick Arts Centre) Year 2 Nativity (14.00) Year 1 Nativity (18.00)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity (14.00) Year 2 Nativity (18.00)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity (9.30)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	LKS2 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) LKS2 Carol Concert (14.00 and 18.00)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	UKS2 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) UKS2 Carol Concert (14.00 and 18.00)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1-6 Panto Trip (Leamington Spa) Beauty and the Beast
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Return to school
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