

# Balsall Common Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children,

#### Attendance and ATLs for Last Week

A huge well done to the classes below for achieving high attendance last week, and to all the children in school for achieving 96.7%!

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RW	4J	99.7%
KS1	1H	1D	98.6%
LKS2	4J	3C	98.6%
UKS2	5B	Whole School	96.7%

#### ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Mia in 4C, for winning the ATL cup in LKS2, and to Nicole from 5P who received the most ATLs in UKS2.

#### 3D Class Assembly

Last Friday, 3D gave everyone an early warning that we are approaching Mothers' Day this weekend with an informative assembly about Mothering Sunday. The children delivered some interesting information on the topic and, of course, showed their appreciation for their mums with a lovely song and a delightful poem that they had written together. Thank you Mrs Daniels and well done 3D!



#### Year 6 Football

Our football team played the latest round of league fixtures last week and came back with 3 points from the two matches. A 1-0 defeat to Coppice was followed by a 2-1 victory against Valley. Well done to the boys who took part and represented the school so well yet again.

#### Children's Hygiene

As we are still in the season of tummy bugs and other pesky illnesses, we

have been reminding children in school about the importance of washing hands after going to the toilet, before eating etc. Since we installed our pumps of antibacterial 'magic spray' in the corridors, some children seem to have taken these as the alternative to washing hands properly. Please help us and continue to reinforce at home the need for good old fashioned washing with warm water and soap/handwash!

#### Year 2 at St John's Museum

Children in Year 2 had a wonderful Victorian experience this week when they visited St John's Museum in Warwick. The children spent time in the school room and discovered that school was not such a fun place to be! Teachers were stricter and children struggled to sit up straight for a long time. A group of children visited the Scullery and enjoyed learning about wash day long ago, while another group found out that there was a difference between rich and poor lifestyles in the Victorian times. The children are glad that they were not born then! Thank you to the Year 2 staff and parent helpers for supporting this trip.

#### Year 4 to West Midlands Safari Park



To complement their Science topic on animals and adaptations, Year 4 visited West Midlands Safari Park this week. As well as getting to see a variety of animals they also enjoyed a classroom session where they learned about particular animals' adaptations and even got up close and personal with some of them! Thank you to the Year 4 teachers for making sure that valuable out-of-the-classroom learning is available to our children, and also to those parents who supported.

#### Year 2 Gymnastics Competition

On the Wednesday before half term some of our Year 2 pupils attended the KS1 gymnastics competition at Lode Heath School and we've just received the results which showed that we came 11<sup>th</sup>. The children performed well and considering for most, this would have been their first time representing the school at a competition, they did well.

#### Dad's Scalextric

As a result of this very short half term, the next Dad's Scalextric evening is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the second Friday back after the Easter Holiday. We are running it early in the hope that we will get another evening in before the summer holidays. Booking is now already open on parentpay. See you there dads!

#### Lily Mae Foundation Golf Day

The Lily Mae Foundation would like to announce that you can now book tickets for their biggest fundraiser of the year, a Golf Day Dinner Dance at the Belfry on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. For details how to book visit the website: [www.lilymaefoundation.org](http://www.lilymaefoundation.org)

#### Easter Bonnets

A reminder to parents of children in EYFS and KS1 - its Easter Bonnet assembly in 2 weeks, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, so get those hats looking good! Parents are welcome to come in on that morning as usual to enjoy the parade.

#### Book Fair

Vouchers issued on World Book Day (yesterday) can be used at the Book Fair next week, which will run every day after school in the Atrium! You may have heard that we had a visiting author/illustrator this week and there will be some of his signed books for sale at the book fair.

Have a good weekend and let's hope  
that mums are treated well on  
Sunday!  
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**Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week**

Miss Sargent's class - Martha and Joseph S

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Gabriella & Madeleine

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Lucia P, RC

Toby B, RM

Freya D, RK

Joseph H, RW

**Writers of the Week**

Lucia P, RC

Esher R, RM

J-J L, RK

Daisy P, RW

**Maths Wizards**

Oscar S, 2K

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Chloe H, 2M

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Soren W, 2B

Hannah W, 3D

Ben A, 4J

Katy H, 5P

Alexander T-F, 6W

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George P, 3D

Harriet G, 4C

Emma B, 5T

Paige M, 6B

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Georgia K, 3P

Jeevan S, 4W

Izzy S, 5B

Ben B, 6K

Charlotte J-B, 3C

Luke S, 5B

**DIARY DATES**

Mon 7, Wed 9, Thu 10 and Fri 11 March	Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium after school.
Tuesday 8 March	M&M Theatre Productions (A Little Princess)
Wednesday 9 March	Year 5 to Brandon Marsh
Friday 11 March	Disco 9:05 Class Assembly 2B 2:45 Class Assembly 3C
Tuesday 15 March	Year 3 to Chedworth Roman Villa Year 6 to Houses of Parliament, London
Friday 18 March	Easter Bonnet Parades for Foundation & KS1
Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 March	Year 4 Production
Wednesday 23 March	<b>TERM ENDS FOR EASTER BREAK</b>
Monday 11 April	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>
Wednesday 13 April	PTA Meeting
Friday 15 April	9:05 Class Assembly 2M
Friday 22 April	9:05 Class Assembly 2K 2:45 Class Assembly 4J
Tuesday 26 April	9:00 Nursery Play & Learn Interactive Session for parents of M-W children
Thursday 28 April	9:00 Nursery Play & Learn Interactive Session for parents of AM children
Friday 29 April	9:05 Class Assembly RC 2:45 Class Assembly 4W
<b>Monday 2 May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 3 May	12:20 Nursery Play & Learn Interactive Session for parents of PM children
Thursday 5 May	9:00 Nursery Play & Learn Interactive Session for parents of W-F children
Friday 6 May	9:05 Class Assembly RK 2:45 Class Assembly 4C
Monday 9 - Friday 12 May	KS2 Tests
Wednesday 18 May	PTA Meeting
Friday 20 May	9:05 Class Assembly RM
Wednesday 25 May	UKS2 Sports Day
Friday 27 May	<b>INSET DAY</b>

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