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End of Spring Term— Our Curriculum

Over the last 12 weeks, we have seen children grow in confidence sharing their **knowledge** and **skills** about their learning and taking pride in their work and what they now know. There are many highlights, some of which are new, others which we are excited to continue within our curriculum offer ...

Kingswood Outdoor Adventure Residential, Hill House Art, Rugby and Hockey Days, STEM visit to Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Leger Sports competitions, Crucial Crew, Music for Youth Regional Festival, Yorkshire Wildlife Park visit, Young Voices, Swimming, Sleep Tight sessions, Forest School, Rainbow Connections Choir, Dental Hygiene Awareness, Stronger Communities Recycling and Litter Picking, Sand House Project, Yorvik York Trip, Sensory Play sessions, Governor visits, Anti Racism Award network, World Book Day, Easter Eggvironment Competition, Comic Relief, Maths Day, walks around the local area, discos, behaviour workshops.

Curriculum Drivers

Possibilities Community Communication Initiative Environment Adventure

Learning within and beyond the classroom is important to us as part of our **drivers** which shape our curriculum. We make choices about the learning opportunities we offer, making sure they are appropriate and ambitious for our children. Please visit the link to our website to find out more about our curriculum offer and what each group will be learning about next term.

[BCPA Curriculum](#)

From everyone at Balby Central, we wish you all a safe and happy Easter. Mrs Cooke

Easter Holiday

School closes on Friday 31st March and re-opens on Monday 17th April for the Summer Term.

Attendance

This term has been fantastic for attendance and the whole school has achieved **93.3%**!

This term the highest house is Tornado Red with 93.9%!

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to more exciting incentives coming up in the final term this year!

Here are some of our Attendance Heroes from last week!



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Safeguarding The Easter period often sees children on Easter Egg hunts, eating chocolate, making items and being outdoors. Please click on the link for some top tips on [Easter Safety](#)

The Rose Learning Trust

From 1st April we will be welcoming two new schools to our trust, Scawsby Junior and Town Field Primary. Head over to [Rose Learning Trust](#) to find out more about the trust and other schools.



Balby Central 'Eggvironment' Easter Egg Competition



We were 'eggcited' to see the creations today for our **Eggvironment Easter Egg competition**, everyone has been so creative! Thank you to everyone who entered the competition, it was very hard to judge today. What fabulous entries, here is a selection of our winners! Every entry received a prize for their efforts



| Our winners! | 1 st Prize | 2 nd Prize | 3 rd Prize |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Early Years | Jude | Sofia | Jenson |
| Year 1 | Jude | Finley | Denis |
| Year 2 | Alan | Autumn | Mae |
| Year 3 | Mircea | Owen | Ivy |
| Year 4 | Amelia | Tamera | Aria |
| Year 5 | Anjali | Trinity | Advika |
| Year 6 | Tiana | Finley | Sophie |

Easter Holiday Activities

[Doncaster Mumbler](#)

[Central And Family Hub Activities](#)

[Danum Gallery Museum Library](#)



Thank you! We are grateful to those parents who have volunteered to be part of our newly launched 'Friends of Balby Central' and look forward to new events in school. New members are always welcome.

Ready

Be ready for school, be on time and dressed appropriately with the items you need for the day.

Respectful

Listen to others, use appropriate language, look after the building and objects within. Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Safe

Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others. Be in the right place at the right time.

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SENsational April 3 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm FREE

Book on this multisensory experience for families with PMLD, autism and who are neuro diverse and experience Barnsley's signature museum in a way you never have before. Book at [SENsational](#)



What to expect: The sessions take place in the Learning Lab inside the museum (which is located in the town hall). The space is set up with a range of sensory items, along with soft floor mats and soft lighting. On arrival you will be met by a learning assistant and invited to play and experiment with a range of sensory objects in the space. You don't have to stay for the full session if you don't want too and you are more than welcome to visit the museum afterwards too! We want to support you and your families needs the best we can, so please email learning@barnsley.gov.uk with any specific needs or requirements you or your child has so we are prepared to welcome you on the day. There are two time slots you can book onto at 11am-12noon and 1pm-2pm.

Flying Scotsman

[Film booking](#)



Explore stories from people whose lives have been touched by the locomotive. In 2023, the world's most famous steam engine, 60103 Flying Scotsman, turns 100 years old. The Flying Scotsman was built in Doncaster and in 1934 it was clocked at 100mph on a special test run. There will be a series of events across the year to commemorate the centenary year. The film is around 25 minutes long and tickets are free to the public on a first come, first served, basis for all showings.

The programme of Flying Scotsman events taking place in Doncaster is available to view

| April 2023 | May 2023 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thursday 6 th 12pm | Wednesday 3 rd 10:45am |
| Thursday 13 th 2pm | Thursday 11 th 2pm |
| Thursday 20 th 12pm | Thursday 18 th 12pm |
| Thursday 27 th 7:30pm | Thursday 25 th 7:30pm |

at www.dglam.org.uk/whats-on/flying-scotsman



Hill House

A group of budding artists from across school visited Hill House Art Department this week to explore the work of Beatriz Milhazes. Children used mixed media to make a collage inspired by the artist using water colours, pens, crayons and different materials.



A Sad Goodbye

Miss Kilby, who works in EYFS Reception, will sadly be leaving us today and moving on to a new post at Hill House. We thank you, Miss Kilby, for all your amazing work and wish you luck for the future! Enjoy your new venture!



A change of role

Miss Parker, will also be changing her role in school and after Easter will be a Child and Family Practitioner within school, joining Mrs Wiltshire and Mrs Leigh. Good luck in your new role Miss Parker!



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On Saturday 25th March we took 31 children from our school choir to the **Music for Youth Regional Festival 2023**. Go to our Facebook or Twitter page to hear them sing, they were amazing! We also received feedback from David Beer (Musical Director) and Katie Jones (Development Officer at the Royal Albert Hall)

- Wonderful energy and commitment
- Actions were energizing your body and your voice doing this really well.
 - Voices projected to the back of the room y
 - Tuning was spot on, diction was clear
- Impressive singing in harmony for children so young
 - Confident singing
 - Dynamics were well controlled

Our trust choir representatives also sang with children from other schools—what a great morning of music listening to our children and other choirs and musicians!

Vouchers

Offers for different attractions and places to visit can be downloaded at

<https://we.tl/t-ulClY9APgJ> or <https://yorkshireattractions.org/wp-content/uploads/YAG-Spring-Voucher-Book-2023.pdf>



Anti-Racism Award

After Easter you will find out more about our commitment to the Anti-Racism Award and our plans for the term ahead. We have been working hard on areas to share with you.



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Balby Central Primary Academy

Has made a Pledge to Commit to Achieve the

Anti-Racist School Award

April 2022