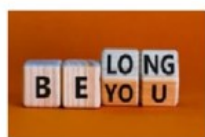


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End of term message from Mrs Cooke

We have come to the end of the half term and as we move nearer towards the signs of Spring we welcome the days getting longer by an average of 2 minutes and 7 seconds which means every 28 days (four weeks) there will be an hour or so of sunshine which should lighten the days. After the Christmas break there has been many achievements to celebrate. Each week our children receive T-shirts to celebrate Ready Respectful Safe behaviour, quality learning and attendance award. Our wall of fame is building with each child's name placed around our achievement board as they receive the award. Next half term we will be introducing a new t-shirt for impressive reading. Look out for the new addition and please encourage your child to read as much as possible over the half term, enjoying books.

As we move to next half term, we have much to look forward to including the start of our Residential Trips in Key Stage 2, Science Weeks, Sports Events, Choir Performances, STEM visits which are all in addition to the work in the classroom. Encourage your child to talk about what they are aiming to achieve as they receive their school report today. Talk to them about their future aspirations and what goals they are working towards in the next few months.



Important Information

SEND - Mrs Parkin

Yesterday we said good bye to Mrs Parkin, our SENCO, who has left Balby Central to explore new ventures and opportunities. We would like to wish Mrs Parkin well for her future and thank her for the work with children in school. Please contact school via senco@balbycentralprimary.co.uk about SEND; Mrs Lakin or Mrs Cooke will get back to you with any questions or queries you have. After half term we will be launching some SEND workshops for parents, look out for further information

Compliments

We love a celebration of our fabulous children! This week the school nurses came to school to deliver a session on dental health and Mrs Cooke received an email from the nursing team – what a lovely message to receive. *We came to deliver a session around Dental Health to your year 1 and 2 students. We would just like to pass on what a lovely session we had, the children were so well behaved and they engaged well throughout the session which makes it more enjoyable for us. They were a credit to the school. We both came away having had a really good start to our day and we both really enjoyed delivering it*

Samba Music

This week our Year 2 children performed to parents and carers their version of music from Rio. They were amazing to watch with their composer Mr Watterson from the Music Service leading them to be amazing percussionists! The control, skill and coordination they showed with drums, bells, shakers was brilliant! Our first Samba performance at Balby Central was a huge hit!

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Safeguarding

As a school we will be working towards the Anti Racism Award with Leeds Carnegie. Please talk to your child about why Anti Racism is important. We are very proud of our school community, its cultural diversity and different languages spoken. We will be sharing more information next half term about the work we are doing, focused on the information from The Award below.



LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY
CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

THE ANTI-RACIST SCHOOL AWARD

This award takes a community approach to developing a culture of anti-racism in your school providing a framework to evidence policies and initiatives for both staff and pupils within the wider school community. Using a professional development framework, schools will evaluate current anti-racist practices, identify gaps, develop and strengthen these and work towards building an anti-racist community for all.

Attendance

We have had a fantastic half-term with attendance, achieving 93% overall and Rocket Yellow were the highest house at 93.8%!

Yesterday, some children took part in a 'Messy Play' afternoon and it was VERY messy with paint, slime, jelly, bubbles and much more, please see some fantastic photos below!

During February it's our Year 5 and 6's time to shine and children who achieve over 93% will take part in a Forrest School Afternoon during March.

We look forward to seeing and sharing the children's attendance achievements next half-term. Thank you for all of your support, as always.



Parent Mental Health



Sign up to access update and information can be found at

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Finding out about where you live...

Want to find out more about where you live? If you'd like to find out even more news specifically for your local village or town then follow the link below. You'll be added to the mailing list dedicated to updates, news and information about YOUR local area!

Follow the link <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDONCO/signup/18590%C2%A0>

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.