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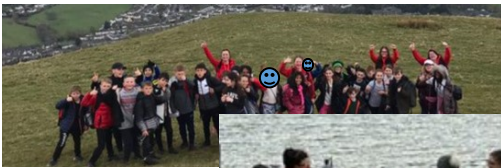
Saturday morning last week saw a good turn out for the Cross Country at Hill House. The children had tough competition but they all finished the race in slippery and muddy conditions - for that we all commend those who attended - well done all!



The children in Year 5 have been in Keswick this week and have had a fantastic time, they are very tired but really enjoyed the experiences they have been fortunate enough to participate in.

A massive thank you to all the children who have been such a pleasure to take away and also to the staff for attending the visit.

The children who were in school have mirrored the events of Keswick and have been on a local walk, orienteering, completing art work and exploring the water filtration strategies used.



Attendance

We have had a great week for attendance – well done! As a school we are looking at how we can support children who face challenges with coming to school due to their mental health. We are also looking at how we can help parents and carers who may also face mental health struggles which can prevent them from being able to bring their child to school. Please click the image for a useful link to the Every Mind Matters page.

Whole School Attendance – 94.6%
Highest House – Scotsman Green with 95.9%



Reading at school

If a child reads for 20 minutes every day, they are exposed to about 1.8 million words of text every year. 1 That is 137 new words per minute!

If families read together for 20 minutes a day, 7 days a week, they get more than 121 hours of bonding time every year!

This week -

Total school reads - 348

Winning class - Orange - 74 reads.

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.

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Safeguarding

Are you wondering if you can leave your child alone at home? Click on the photo for more information.

This week's safeguarding information will help you when you are deciding whether or not your child is safe to stay at home alone. The following link will take you to a leaflet provided by the NSPCC with helpful information to support you when making decisions.



Dogs on the playground

We have seen an increase in dogs on the school playground over the last few weeks. Can we please ask that parents and carers **do not bring dogs or any other animals** on to the premises. We know that some children like to walk to and from school with their family pet. Please keep the dog at a safe distance from children and their families on both school gates in a morning and afternoon. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Pick up and drop off...

On the playground, staff ask your children to walk rather than use their bike or scooter. This is to avoid accidents at a busy time - please support staff by asking your children to walk and not scoot or ride. Thank you for your understanding.

King Charles' Coronation

In school, we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III, on Friday 5th May. Children are asked to attend school in party clothes, or clothes that are red, white and blue. If they have chosen to, they will be having an afternoon tea for their lunch, specially prepared by our amazing kitchen team. Throughout the afternoon, the children will be completing activities linked to the King's celebration and learning about the festivities. Please ask your child's class teacher if you require further information.

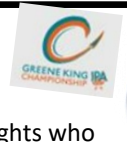


KING CHARLES III

DONCASTER KNIGHTS
EALING TRAILFINDERS

Doncaster Knights

Thank you to Doncaster Knights who have kindly given us some free tickets for the game this Saturday. We hope our families enjoy the experience and The Knights win their last league game.



Family Forest School - EYFS

We have some places available for Nursery and Reception children and their parents/carers on Monday afternoon, for anyone who would like to attend Family Forest school with their child. These sessions run every Monday from 2.30 to 3.30pm. These places are on a first come first served basis. If you are interested in attending please email admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk



Music Opportunities in School

Mrs Drake has been busy attending training this week for two very exciting events we will be part of this term.

Sing out 2023 is a massed singing event for primary schools in Doncaster. Children are given the opportunity to perform together alongside a live rock band at The Dome. Songs include brand new compositions created especially for the event by Doncaster Primary Schools, alongside modern pop songs. We will be there!

Royal Opera House Create Day will be an exciting celebration of children's creativity, with hundreds of KS2 children working in a unique collaboration across the country with world class artists from the Royal Opera House. In this pilot year, 12 schools from 3 key partnership areas: Doncaster, Thurrock and Coventry will take part and we are one of the schools! Children from Year 3-6 will respond to a creative brief inspired by the theme of 'hope' and the UN Rights of the Child, exploring two contemporary Royal Opera House pieces: choreographer Crystal Pite's *Light of Passage* and composer Ayanna Witter-Johnson's *The Hope*. On Create Day, children will join with our finest artists to perform their creations in a live stream spanning the nation - capturing children's responses to the theme of hope at both a local and national scale. What a great opportunity!

