

Central News

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Balby Central News

It has been a real pleasure to see how hard children are working in school at the moment. Each class has shown great efforts and we commend all the children on this. This week has seen Year 6 preparing for their Statutory Assessments next week, Year 2 had an amazing trip to Magna, Year 4 have been working hard on their times tables and Year 1 have shown amazing progress in their Read Write Inc mock assessments. Well done to all!

Next week sees Year 6 complete their SATs - good luck to them all!

We know you will try your best and 'be the best that you can be.'

Year 2 trip to Magna

What a great day Year 2 had at Magna on Tuesday! They explored the wonders of science and technology in the four pavilions (Air, Earth, Fire and Water), made slime in a 'slimy stuff' workshop and watched 'The Big Melt'! Both Crimson and Scarlet Class were enthusiastic, full of energy and a credit to Balby Central. Their behaviour towards other visitors was also commented on.

It was a really great day had by all!





Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 94.5%
Children with 100% - 402



Class Attendances This Week:

Rainbow	91%
Sapphire	87.5%
Emerald	98.7%
Purple	96.5%
White	96.7%
Crimson	94.1%
Scarlet	98.3%
Ruby	94.8%
Violet	96.6%
Blue	96.5%
Indigo	91.2%
Yellow	86.7%
Green	95.6%
Orange	95.6%
Red	97.5%

Late marks this week

This week a total of 82 children have been late, this number has doubled over the last 6 weeks. Please ensure that you are arriving on time everyday with your child. Often children are 1 - 5 minutes late, this could be avoided by waking up 5 minutes earlier or preparing for school the night before. Don't be late and miss the gate! A huge well done to Emerald class for the highest attendance and fantastic work in Red class for only 2 children being late!

Rainbow	17
Sapphire	14
Emerald	11
Purple	11
White	7
Crimson	8
Scarlet	9
Ruby	4
Violet	5
Blue	11
Indigo	2
Yellow	10
Green	6
Orange	5
Red	2

Well done to Emerald class with the highest attendance this week!
Keep it up!



Things you need to know for WC 13.05.2024

Please see important upcoming events below - should you require further information, please see your child's class teacher .

Whole School Friday - Mental Health Awareness - wear what makes you feel good non uniform day. Thursday - Choir	Early Years PE Day - Friday	Year 1 PE Day - Monday	Year 2 PE Day - Tuesday
Year 3 PE Day - Thursday Maths tutoring - Friday	Year 4 PE Day - Wednesday	Year 5 PE Day - Thursday Ukulele - Wednesday Maths Tutoring - Thursday	Year 6 PE Day - Friday

Colour Run

Colour Run 2024 – it was wonderful to see the children and the Balby Central Team enjoy taking part in the first Balby Central Colour Run. Not only did the children really enjoy the experience but as a school community you went over and above to collect sponsors and raise a staggering £5065.50 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Raising this amount of money will really support the charity and the great work they do to save lives.

Thank you so much for your time for raising the money and for taking part in our charity event. An added well done to our three winners of the highest amounts raised in different year groups. Henry (Y5) with £260, Alice (Y3) with £147 and Elora (Y1) with £82.05.



FAO Year 6 Parents

As you are aware, your child will sit their End of Key Stage 2 SATs tests next week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Can we please highlight the importance of attendance and punctuality next week to ensure your child achieves the best that they can in the assessments.

We will open the front doors at 08.15 for the Year 6 children to come into school and we will provide them with breakfast. We want the children to be as calm and relaxed as possible and have seen that this has helped in the past. To add to this, please aim to ensure your child has had a good night's sleep and has gone to bed relatively early the night before.

School has to follow clear processes and procedures for the tests, as do all schools, for national testing. Where children receive adult support during the testing process, this has been verified by the Department of Education.

We recognise some children will be anxious about the tests so please reassure them that as long as they have tried their best, we cannot ask for any more.

Finally, good luck to all the children for next week. They have worked hard this year and we hope that they achieve what they deserve!



Year 2 Need Your Help

Year 2 are in need of cardboard boxes and newspaper for their current Art project. Please pass to your child's class teacher if you have any spare. Thank you



Lost property in Early Years

We have many cardigans and jumpers that have been found in Early Years over time. On Monday, at home time, we will put this outside the Early Years' doors - if you are missing any uniform, please have a look. Thank you.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week and on **Friday 17th May** we invite children to dress for school wearing something that makes them feel good and happy. Please speak to your child's class teacher should you have any questions. Click on the icon for further details about the Mental Health Awareness Week.



Parent Voice

The Statement: I feel this school encourages and promotes a healthy and active lifestyle for my child.

Number of responses: 138

You said: 34% strongly agreed, 41% agreed, 24% were neutral and 1% of you disagreed.



We respond: We educate children on healthy lifestyles in Food Tech and Science. Children take part in 2 hours of PE each week plus Active 10, which is 10 minutes of activity every afternoon. Children have access to the gym area throughout the summer months too.

Safeguarding

We all know the importance of a good night's sleep but we often hear that children are finding it difficult to get to sleep or stay in bed. The following picture link has information from the NHS about the importance of sleep and also some useful tips and ideas. Should you have concerns, please speak with

Mrs Wiltshire or Mrs Parker.



Assemblies this Week

Picture News

Story: A new study published in an archaeological journal, using evidence found in Italy, has found that Neanderthals organised their living areas and tools in a similar way to modern humans.

Talk to your child: Can the past help us learn about modern life?

Safeguarding Assembly

Key Stage 1: This week's safeguarding assembly looked at what we can do if we are experiencing big emotions such as being angry, sad or anxious. We looked at different ways we can help ourselves cope with these emotions. **Talk to your child** - what might they do if they are feeling any big emotions?

Key Stage 2: This week children have been learning about 'stereotypes'. They have considered the ways in which TV, film and literature can sometimes lead us to think in stereotypic ways. **Talk to your child:** what are stereotypes? Ask them what jobs they think

A sad farewell

On Friday 17th May, we say a very sad goodbye to Miss Allison, our Attendance and Admissions Officer. Miss Allison was a pupil at Balby Central and then went on to work in her current role after being part of the trust. Miss Allison is going on to be an Education Welfare Officer for a group of schools and we wish her all the very best in her new role. Miss Allison has been a great asset to the team, building relationships with families to support and challenge with attendance, working closely with the Local

Authority and the inclusion team. Please take a few moments to wish Miss Allison well for her future career if you see her on the gate next week. We will continue to monitor attendance using the same systems in place for the school.



GOODBYE!

GOOD LUCK!

Reading at Balby Central

We have had 507 reads in school this week. We are seeing this improve each week - we could collect in excess of 800 reads each week if everyone reads twice. Let's try again next week!

In first place this week for reads at home - well done Yellow Class with 93 reads.

Ray

Each class made Ray a Get Well Soon card this week. It made his day when we delivered them and he is looking forward to being back soon.

