

Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary  
Newsletter  
Friday 30th June 2023

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Mrs Gow's Words for this Week...



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*Many of our families have been celebrating Eid-al Adha this week (the celebration of the faithfulness of Abraham and how God provided a sacrifice instead of Abraham having to give up his beloved son) and we would like to wish you all a blessed time with your families. It has been lovely to hear how the children have enjoyed being with their extended families.*

*The preparations for our Mary Poppins performance are well under way and the whole school are involved in the production - you are certainly going to be in for a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious treat. It's a joy to hear the children singing and acting with such confidence. Putting on a performance like this is a mammoth task, but has such a positive impact on children's self-esteem, concentration and teamwork. A huge thank you to all the parents who have helped provide props/costumes for the play. We have a few dress rehearsals ahead and would really appreciate a live audience. If there are any governors, friends of the school, or **anyone who isn't attending the afternoon or evening performance** (and doesn't mind a rough and ready/slightly interrupted performance) is more than welcome to join us on Friday 7th 9.40am. Please let Mrs Johnstone know that you would like to come along and remember to bring your singing voices!*

*Thank you to all the families who have completed the Busy Bees wraparound care questionnaire registering your interest in Breakfast and/or after school club. We started this club at our own base as a response to Covid and the fact we knew many families needed childcare but weren't allowed to mix with other groups. We then, after the sudden closure of the Out of School experience at Osbaldeston school, made the decision to continue this provision for our families, using our own staff and making sure our children had a home-from-home experience at the start/end of the day. The wraparound care is not a profit making venture, but is simply there to provide a service to our working/busy families. Please do sign up to use the club if this would help you or your child. We are*

*happy to take ad-hoc, one-off bookings for your child/children as long as they are registered with Mrs Johnstone. Please ask Mrs Johnstone for a sign up sheet and then you can ring and book a place at any time. The children are particularly enjoying the sports clubs in the mornings, with archery, tennis, dodgeball games etc. We have also held a huge board games competition this week in after-school club!*

*Have a lovely weekend everyone.*

*Mrs Gow*

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## Sustainability Conference 2023



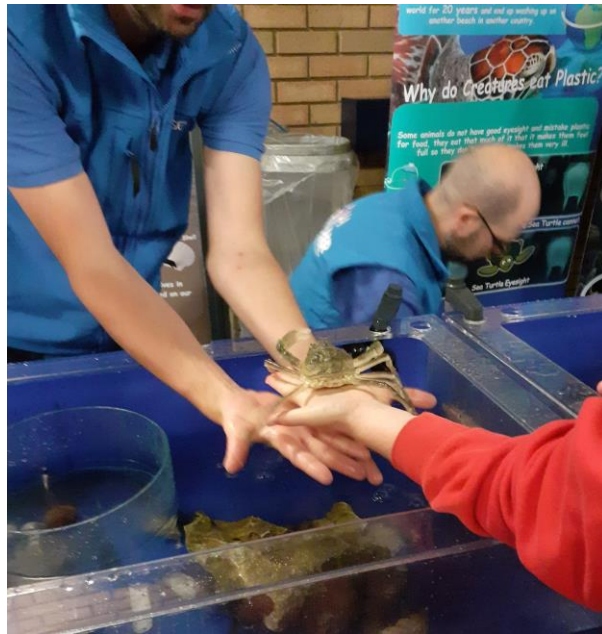
Our junior school council members went with Mrs Burton to the Lancashire schools sustainability conference on Tuesday where they took part in a range of activities to learn more about making our school, community and therefore our world more eco-friendly. The children got to blend their own smoothies on a pedal-powered blender, meet a range of animals (including a snake), learning about recycling with Biffa and they particularly loved all the freebies!

It is now the challenge for school council to make sure that our school writes, keeps and moves towards our new eco-pledges to become more sustainable and 'green'.











## Newspaper plea



As we get ready to go off to Tower Wood from the 11th July, Mrs Cast would like to collect as many quality, used newspapers as possible for one of our games nights. Please drop any stocks into the office. Thank you!



## Lunchtime treat - Seaside themed lunch



Well we couldn't get the whole school to the seaside at lunchtime today, so Miss Lee and Mrs Burton brought the seaside to us. We enjoyed a seaside themed lunch of fish and chips (with mushy peas) or burgers and then to top it all off..... the ice cream van arrived to treat the whole school to a special cone (with sherbet and strawberry sauce). Unfortunately, the British weather let us down as we were going to picnic out on the field. We didn't let the drizzle spoil our fun though - we just moved the picnic rugs indoors. A huge thank you to Mrs Burton and the School council for organising this Summer treat.

















## Trips and visits



Next week we have the start of our school trips and visits:

Tuesday 4th July - Year 1 and 2 off to Sealife Centre Blackpool and the beach, Year 3/4 striking and fielding team and Year 5/6 Orienteering team off to Stanley Park, Blackpool representing Hyndburn and Ribble Valley in the Lancashire School games. Good luck to our two teams as they represent our local area in the games. Thank you to the parents who have offered to come along and support/drive. The extortionate price of coach travel at the moment is making it increasingly difficult to get children out and about without the help from willing staff and parent drivers. The cost of the Blackpool coach was going to be over £695 return!

## Balderstone Summer Family Fun Night



*Thank you for the summer gifts this morning. DO not worry if you missed the gift drop off, we are happy to receive them next week. These will make part of our toy tombola stall,*

*The sign-up sheet is still available in front office if you could spare 1 hour to help on a stall. This truly is a fabulous family event so please get involved. We desperately need more helpers for the last hour 7pm - 8pm.*

*If you have a **gazebo that we could borrow for the day**, we would be extremely grateful (as we know how unreliable the weather can be - please pray for sunshine). Please bring any gazebos into school on Friday 7th July.*

A huge thank you in anticipation,

From the FOBS team.

**Balderstone Family Fun Night**

Saturday 8th July 5 — 8pm  
@ Balderstone St Leonards' Primary School

An evening of fun, music and food  
Entry £5 per family

**Coconut Shy**  


**Barbecue**  
  
(Halal barbecue also available)

**Hook a Duck**  


**24ft Climbing Wall**  


**20ft inflatable slide**  


**DJ**  


**Raffle**  


**Toy Tombola**  


**Beat the Goalie**  


**Face painting**  


**Inflatable Assault Course**  

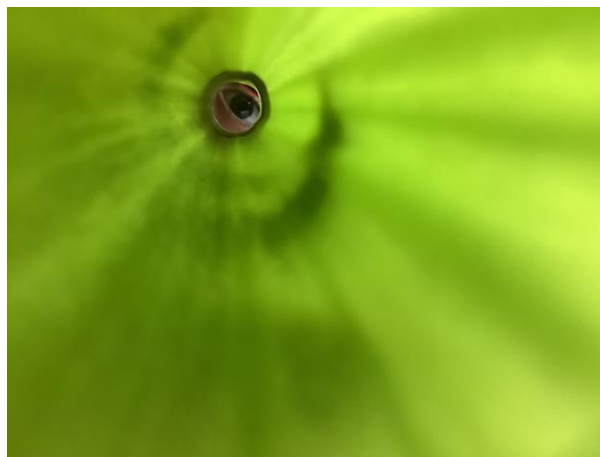

Bring your own camping chairs and picnic rugs.

1 - Please come and pick up some flyers to put in your workplaces, windows, share at mosque, clubs etc

## Foxes Fantastic foliage



Fox class have been continuing their learning about plants and used the digital microscopes to take a much closer look at the structure and anatomy of plants. Look at this fabulous photo looking through the stem of a plant. I think this could be an award winning photo and definitely shows the beauty of God's creation.



## New to you uniform shop



Please can we remind you to label and name all uniform, as children have been taking off cardigans/jumpers etc and leaving them outside and we then find it very difficult to reunite them to their owners if they are not clearly labelled.



Janet Leaver also helps run our new to you uniform shop - we have lots of new and nearly new uniform available for a small donation to school so please do come and look and let's reuse and recycle before we buy new. The shop is open after school on a Friday in the hall.

## Flourishing Friday Award Winners!



A huge congratulations to the following children, who have been chosen as our Flourishing Award this week. You have been chosen for living out the mission of our school in: Loving God, Loving Learning and Loving Each other. truly you have been rooted and grounded in love.

EYFS Roll over

Year 1. Abu-Bakr

Year 2. Roll over

Year 3. Eleanor

Year 4. Mohammed R

Year 5. Sophie

Year 6. Hannah

## Dates for the diary



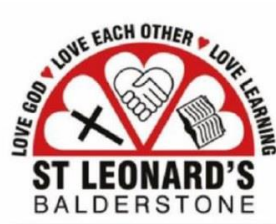
Tuesday 4th July - School Youth Games day at Stanley Park,Blackpool. & Year 1/2 trip day.

Friday 7th July - Dress rehearsal 9.40am (audience welcome)

NEW date for Mary Poppins Production SAVE THE DATE. **MONDAY 10th JULY 1.30pm and 6pm** (all children needed for both timings)

SAVE THE DATE. **SATURDAY 8th JULY FOBS FAMILY FUN EVENING 5pm - 8pm**

## Contact Us



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applications.

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