



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary Newsletter Friday 23rd June 2023

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Mrs Gow's Words for this Week...



We are definitely in the last few weeks of term as the school has been a hive of activity with: sports day, Mary Poppins songs chiming round the school, cooking, outdoor learning, forest school and weaving all going on!

We have said a fond goodbye and God bless to Miss Cregg this afternoon. She finished her placement off with a super DT project in Owl class where they all made their own bolognese today (they can therefore safely make tea for you next week!). This week has been National Thank a Teacher Day and I would like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to the Balderstone staff team for their dedication to making sure our children get the best curriculum offer possible.

In worship this week we have been continuing with our Bible journey and have moved from the book of Deuteronomy to the 2 books of Kings. We have explored the verses that tell us to be "strong and courageous" and not to get discouraged. This week, many of the older children asked us to pray for the missing Titan submarine. It was heartening to see their concern and their unwavering belief in the power of prayer.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Gow



Mary Poppins performances - tickets on sale next week



We are all getting very excited about our upcoming production. There will be two performances on the 10th July - one afternoon performance starting at 1.30pm and then an evening performance starting at 6pm. We ask that **all** our children take part in both performances but understand that our youngest pre-schoolers may struggle with the evening production. This year, to spread the main roles out, some of our year 6 pupils are taking starring roles in *either* the afternoon OR the evening performance. We initially offer 2 tickets per family per performance. Year 6 parents take

precedence in terms of spare tickets and the children who are sharing roles will go to the top of the extra ticket list. Please see/speak to Mrs Johnstone to ask for additional tickets and these will be distributed as soon as possible. We have decided NOT to charge for tickets this year, but to accept donations to cover the costs of the performance. Year 6 will also be nominating a charity of their choice to receive a donation from the play.

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE ON MONDAY!

Tower Wood 2023



We are getting ready for our Year 5/6 residential holiday from 11th - 14th July. We met with many of our Owl class parents this week to outline, kit, leaving times etc. I have attached the powerpoint from the meeting and you should have received the forms via your child's class teacher.

Tower Wood 2023



Let the adventure begin! Tuesday 11th July - Friday 14th July 2023 Accompanying staff: Mrs Gow, Mrs Heyworth/Mrs Cast, Mrs Lorgat



Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre

Windermere

Cumbria

LA23 3PL

[Map](#)

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Lake could involve activities such as Canoeing, Kayaking, Stand up Paddleboarding, Raft building, Sailing

High Challenge could include tree climbs, high ropes

Adventure day could include a combination of lake canoe journey, ghyll scrambling, caving, cathedral quarry exploration, hiking.

Often the weather on the day dictates activities can and can't be done so there may be some variation in the programme outlined

Expectations, rules and routines

- It is compulsory that the children (and accompanying adults have fun!)
- Normal school rules and expectations apply - manners, kindness, respect, safety
- No mobile phones, electronic devices or smart watches (no exceptions)
- Staff will have phones and shared number with you
- No children in other children's bedrooms at ANY time.

Routines

- Day 1 - arrival, disposable packed lunch needed from home (or if child has school dinner this will be provided by Miss Lee)
- Water-based/lake activities
- Lunch
- Afternoon activities
- Tea
- Evening activities
- Hot-choc & story
- Bed
- Sleep zzz

Departure – Tuesday 11th July

- Children will come into school at 8.40am
- Children will be registered, with their belongings in the hall
- The coach will leave school at approximately 9.00am to arrive at Tower Wood for around 10.20am

Return – Friday 14th July

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Activities:

- Each day children will have a full day of activities
- They will wake to make their own packed lunch
- Pack their belongings for the day's activities
- Eat lunch out
- Return to Tower Wood in time for tea at 5.15pm
- Prepare for the evening activity and the following day's activities
- Each group will have a trained Tower Wood instructor and school group leader

What to pack:

- Many items of clothing are likely to get wet. It is often underestimated how many warm clothes are needed to ensure that the activities are enjoyed, whatever the weather.
- Plenty of: complete changes of clothes (2 per day)
- old, thick jumpers (fleeces are particularly good)
- pairs of old tracksuit bottoms or similar. Jeans are unsuitable for outdoor activities
- pairs of thick socks
- Waterproofs, walking boots and ruck sacks are provided by Tower Wood
- Toiletries – soap, shampoo, shower gel
- Refer to the Tower Wood kit list



Do not bring:

- Electrical equipment: hairdryers/straighteners etc.
- Aerosols
- Mobile phones
- Valuables
- Sweets, crisps, drinks – no food can be kept in the children's rooms
- Calpol

Top Tips for Parents and Carers

- Practise making sandwiches before hand if you've never done so before
- Try putting a duvet inside a duvet cover (The turn-it-inside-out, grab-the-duvet-corners-and-shake technique works well)
- Learn how to tie and double-knot shoe laces. It will make walking boot laces much easier
- New food can be as challenging as new activities. Be ready to try something home-cooked but new to you
- Be ready to drink more water than normal - it's thirsty work here when you're busy
- Check the kit list carefully. You will probably need to bring more clothes than you think

- Know what you've brought - it's hard to know which clothes are yours if they're not labelled and someone else packed your suitcase. Label it or potentially lose it!

Parents/carers: no news is good news. If you haven't heard from them, they're fine and having a great time!

- Reception at Tower Wood is poor
- We aim to Tweet our progress but this can be challenging to update with poor signal
- School will be informed each day of progress and I will update Twitter (please make sure your photo preferences are updated)

Medical/Emergency information

All medicines to be handed in to Mrs Heyworth on the Monday before we go. Medicines slip to be completed and handed in with any medication.

All information must be up-to-date in school so we can inform the Tower Wood staff of medical needs.

Talk to Mrs Cast, Mrs Gow, Mrs Heyworth about any worries, concerns - in confidence.

School mobile contact number will be shared with you - so you have emergency mobile access to the staff team. This is not to be used other than in an emergency please.

Forms:

- Kit List
- Form photo consent – to be returned to school by Thursday 6th July
- School medical forms – to be returned to school by Monday 10th July

Sports Day Triumphs



We were certainly blessed by the weather on Monday with just one rumble of thunder causing a slight delay. A huge thank you to Mrs Heyworth and the whole school team for setting up the whole event. It is always lovely to see the youngest children being cheered on and looked after by our older ones. Thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents and friends who came along to share the fun. It certainly was a close competition this year, with St David winning by 4 points! Well done to them and also to all the mums, dads and carers who took part in the races too! I must

apologise to Thomas B for accidentally getting him mixed up with the certificates - congratulations on your 2nd place in the sprint Thomas.

We're off to the Lancashire Youth Games



We are so, so proud to have 2 teams representing the Ribble Valley and Hyndburn area at the Youth Games in Blackpool on 4th July. Our Striking and Fielding team and our medal winning Orienteering team will be travelling to Blackpool to compete with teams from the other winning areas. It's amazing that our little school has 2 teams attending!



1 - Here are our winning orienteering team!

Balderstone Summer Family Fun Night



*Please do promote our very special Family Fun Night to your family, friends and neighbours! **Next Friday (30th June) we shall be having a non-uniform day in school in exchange for a summer toy***

that we can use on the toy tombola stall. Please send in a toy that is suitable for the age of your child. eg, Reception bring in a toy for 5 year olds. Year 6 for 10/11 year olds.

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.

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


Hook a Duck (Halal barbecue also available)

Barbecue


24ft Climbing Wall


20ft inflatable slide


DJ


Toy Tombola


Raffle


Beat the Goalie


Face painting


Inflatable Assault Course


Bring your own camping chairs and picnic rugs.

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

Forest school

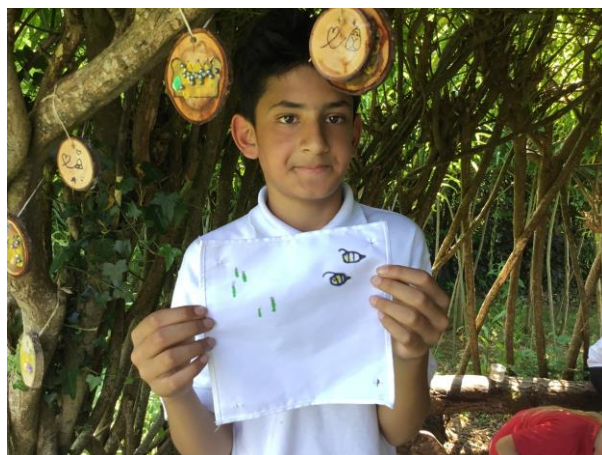


We loved sharing a Forest School session with our EYFS parents this week. It sounds like you had lots of fun!

Year 5 enjoyed a very sunny Forest School last week. We went on a colour treasure hunt and discussed the colours we found in nature. Can you guess which colour was hard to find? We

enjoyed den building with the ultimate test for each den, a Mrs Burton rain storm! We also made bee pictures using the hapa zome technique (using the dye from leaves and flowers by squashing them between the fabric) and bug hunting! We were very excited to find a wild orchid on the field! Well, Mrs Riddell was!

We ended with our favourite water bee game. There were some wet children (and teachers) by the end of it!







Enlightening us on the Dark Ages



This week we took our History Council to the Maritime Museum in Lancashire to take part in a range of Dark Ages workshops. We learnt all about trading, warfare, storytelling and also unearthed a viking burial site reconstruction, Our history team will be able to share some of their learning with the children in their classes when they start learning about Angles, Saxons and Vikings.

What's cooking in your kitchen?



Year 5/6 have been on a quick visit to Italy this week, making their own pasta and bolognese sauce as part of their studies on Bologna. They had to source, test, prepare and then cook their own sauce and even had to mix and roll their own tagliatelle. This afternoon Year 5/6 had a pasta party!



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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. We hope you enjoy your ice pop treats on Monday!

EYFS Rumaysa

Year 1. Ralph

Year 2. Ameerah (rollover) Yahya

Year 3. Poppy B (rollover) Zak

Year 4. Aisha

Year 5. Mohammed Faizan (rollover) Safaa

Year 6. Emaan

Dates for the diary



Please do let Mrs Johnstone know (through using our absence phone option) if your family are celebrating Eid on either Wednesday or Thursday next week so we can plan sporting events and staffing. Thank you.

Friday 30th June. Non-uniform day - please bring a summer toy for the fair!

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

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



**A small school
with a big heart**

We are currently accepting
applications.

Join us for our Open Week 31st
October – 4th November. Ring
school to book a tour.



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