



# Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary Newsletter Friday 16th June 2023

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Mrs Gow's Words for this Week...



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*This week in worship we have been counting our blessings! Sunshine, family, friends, good food, safe homes, a democratic country, a chance to be educated and chocolate, were all responses from this morning's worship. As we journey through the bible, we have been exploring key quotes from God's word and have focused on this verse from the book of Numbers chapter 6:*

***“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”***

*We decided that this is going to be our special blessing to our school family every week in celebration worship, and it is also the blessing we are going to sing to our Year 6 leavers this year.*

*This week we have had an incredible blessing... (drum roll please)*

### **WE ARE OFFICIALLY A PLATINUM SCHOOL GAMES MARK SCHOOL!**

*The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate our PE provision and assists us in developing an action plan for future progress. Our very own Mrs Heyworth has done an **amazing** job, with the support of our committed staff, parent and governor team in offering as many sporting opportunities as possible for our children! Our children have been brilliant in their enthusiasm and participation in*

*all the varied sports our school has to offer. Mrs Dixon (PE governor) and Mrs Riaz have supported the development of our active minutes through their daily mile work too and a big thank you, our parents, as you are always amazingly generous with your time and petrol. For a small school, it is a real accolade to achieve the ultimate level of Platinum for our sports provision. A huge thank you to the Balderstone team, including our sports coaches for all your hard work!*

*The new Busy Bees 'bee active' breakfast club has gone down a storm this week! The children had kurling and team games on Monday, Tennis Tuesday, netball/dodgeball skills Wednesday and cricket Thursday. Each session is £5.95 including breakfast and runs from 7.40am. Let Mrs Johnstone know if you would like to sign your child up to one of the days for the next few weeks.*

*To all the amazing dads, grandads, foster dads, step-dads, uncles, cousins and male role models, may you all have a wonderful Sunday and thank you (to my rather fab dad too) for all you do to bless us.*

*Mrs Gow*

*(Proud Headteacher of a Platinum Sports Award School!)*

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## Church Summer Fair last weekend



A huge thank you to all those families, children, governors and staff who came to support St Leonard's church summer fair last weekend. The children opened the fair with a wonderful rendition of 'Together' and then we ran fun and games stalls and our chocolate tombola. We raised over £150 to support our church's mission to redecorate.

## Sports Day - Monday 19th June 1pm



Next Monday afternoon is our school sports afternoon - hopefully the weather will be kind and somewhat cooler than this week. Just a reminder of the way the day works and a warm welcome to our parents who will be attending sports day for the very first time.

The children can come to school wearing their coloured t-shirt (list attached for reference). Please don't go out and buy a t-shirt - just wear one closest to the shade of your child's house team. They can get changed into their shorts/leggings before lunch. The children need to wear - their black shorts/leggings, trainers and their coloured t-shirt. Please apply suncream, bring a hat and/or a lightweight waterproof jacket and make sure the children have their water bottle in school (we shall still go out if it is a bit showery!) Parents/carers - bring a camping chair/picnic blanket so you can relax whilst you watch and cheer!

The children will have an early lunch at 11.45am and then we'll be ready to start our sports at 1pm. Parents please make your way to the field (through the junior gate) where we shall parade out and meet you.

The children are in a team with their siblings etc and they will take part in a carousel of games and parents will follow their child's team as they rotate around the activities. Then, we shall have our traditional races (including parent and toddler races - so wear your trainers). We shall have refreshments for the children available as one of the activities - so you don't need to bring extra snacks! Please do not encourage your child to leave the racetrack side during the races section of the afternoon, as we need to know that all the children are safe and together.

Pre-schoolers are **ALL** welcome to sports day afternoon (even if it is not their usual day). We do ask that parents accompany their pre-schoolers as they go around the activities. Our Reception and pre-school children will all have a year 6 buddy to help them enjoy their first sports day.

If you spot any errors with the teams OR the children are not with their siblings, then please let me know on [head@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk).

We hope the afternoon is a fun-filled family afternoon!

## sports day teams 2023

<b><u>Eesa (6)</u></b>	<b><u>Emaan (6)</u></b>
<b><u>Logan (6)</u></b>	<b><u>Hannah (6)</u></b>
Ammaarah (4)	Ralph (1)
Tessa (1)	Stanley (4)
Alfie (4)	Amelia (2)
Rehmat Fatima (2)	Isaac (PS)
Mohammed Faizan (5)	Zahraa (2)
Primrose (1)	Inaaya (3)
Poppy B (3)	Khadija D (R)
Ebrahim (R)	Amaarah A (R)
Sophie (5)	Ibrahim (R)
Fatimah (1)	Yaqub (2)
Zakariyya (3)	Sara (PS)
	Amira (R) - new starter

Amaya (6)  
Thomas O (1)  
Eshaal (4)  
Abigail (5)  
Florence (1)  
Matilda (5)  
Zayd (6)  
Juwairiyah (3)  
Aisha H. (5)  
Ameerah A (2)  
Liyaana M (1)  
Mohammed Aidan (R)  
Isla (PS)

Muh Ismail (6)  
Haniya (2)  
Falak (5)  
Sawdah (4)  
Liyaana Y (4)  
Yahya (2)  
Aliza (3)  
Abbas (4)  
Aminah I (R)  
Rumaysa (R)  
Eeva (2)  
Raiyan (R)

Anna (6)  
Thomas B (1)  
Laura (4)  
Zayyan (1)  
Bilaal (5)  
William (4)  
Farrin (R)  
Zaydene (4)  
Tamim (2)  
Aleena I (3)  
Umar (2)  
Fayha (2)

Aushah (6)  
Deen (6)  
Adah (1)  
Georgia (5)  
Muhammad Rayyan (1)  
Shifa (3)  
Safaa (5)  
Maisie (4)  
Olive (R)  
Aleena P (5)  
Mohammed R (4)  
Myles (PS)

Khadijah M (6)  
Abdullah (3)  
Muhammad M (2)  
Aaminah M (2)  
Muh-Hasnayn (4)  
Aasiyah M (R)  
Michael (6)  
Daisy (5)  
Poppy S (3)  
Eesa (PS)  
Amirah (R)  
Phoebe (R)  
Alayna M (6)

Haris (6)  
Imaan (5)  
Saffa (2)  
Zayn (3)  
Aaisha A (4)  
Danyal (2)  
Zidan (R)  
Eleanor (3)  
Ava (PS)  
Abu Bakr (1)  
Khadijah P (5)

## Arty Adah's Art club - Alpaca adventure



**A huge thank you to Adah and the Dixon family for letting our new art club meet their herd of rather gorgeous alpacas. We had so much fun feeding them and seeing how cute they were after their recent haircuts! Thank you so much for making us so welcome Dixon family.**



























## Balderstone Summer Family Fun Night



*Are you ready for an evening of FABULOUS FUN, all on the Balderstone school field? The family fun night is **the** highlight of our FOBS (Friends of Balderstone School) calendar and this year is going to be no exception. The team have organised two delicious BBQs (one halal) and a huge range of games, massive inflatables, a huge climbing wall, face painting, sponge the Headteacher (not so sure about this one!), refreshments and a bar. Truly, there is something for everyone!*

*We need your help to make this event a huge success!*

*Firstly..... we need you to get the message out to your neighbours, cousins, extended family and make sure you save the date and can be with us on the evening.*

*Then.... these events can only happen with the WHOLE school family supporting it. A huge thank you to the volunteers who have signed up to a one hour slot to staff a stall/game or serve refreshments. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE FOBS TEAM TO HELP .... if every family in school would volunteer for an hour then everyone could have fun and serve the school. This event raises an incredible amount of money for the school and ALL this is always used completely on the children! There is a sign up sheet in the front office for you to volunteer an hour of your time and we would be incredibly grateful for your time.*

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**  


**Raffle**  


**Face painting**  


**Beat the Goalie**  


**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

## EYFS (Reception and Pre-school) Art afternoon



Calling all EYFS parents.... come along and join Mrs Turner and Mrs Moosa for an hour of outdoor art on Wednesday 2pm - 3pm and enjoy being creative in nature.

## Breakfast club - Bee sporty at Brekkie!



Over the next half-term our wonderful Absolute Sports club team are going to be running our Busy Bees breakfast club to help us enjoy some early morning activities and healthy breakfasts. The club will run every day from Monday to Thursday from 7.40am to the start of school at 8.40am and the children will be able to choose from a range of different activities - archery, curling, yoga, dance, netball skills, footy and even running their own olympics. Each morning session costs £5.95 including breakfast. You can sign up for one day a week up to 4 days a week till the end of term. Mrs Johnstone has the Busy Bees forms for you to complete to sign up for a spot. Our very own Scott and Jess will be running the club and the children know them well from our free lunchtime clubs! Come along and join the Busy Bees 'bee'ing active before school.

Monday - archery, kurling and team games

Tuesday - tennis

Wednesday - netball and dodgeball skills

Thursday - cricket

EVERYONE WELCOME!

## Lancashire Youth Games



Following on from our rather fantastic 'platinum' sports news this week - we are proud to announce that we have **2 teams representing the Ribble Valley** at this years Lancashire Youth Games. A huge congratulations to our Year 3/4 striking and fielding team who shall be representing the Ribble Valley and also our GOLD winning orienteering team.



This afternoon Mrs Cast, Mrs Lorgat, Miss Cregg and Mr Cummings took our whole Year 5/6 class to compete in the Ribble Valley orienteering competition and ..... **our A team WON the whole thing** - with one of our other teams coming in Bronze position. I am incredibly in awe of your skills (as my map reading is dire). As a result of the A teams success they will now be representing Ribble Valley in the orienteering event at the youth games. For a small school to have 16 children at the games is remarkable.

Well done to Khadijah M, Muhammad I, Amaya, Zayd, Sophie and Deen (please bring your medals in on Monday so we can take a team photo)

If there are any parents/carers who can help with transport to Blackpool on 4th July leaving school at 8.15am and potentially bringing back at about 3.30ish - then please let us know as the price of a coach/minibus is extortionate.







## Do Squirrels like fruit?



As part of their DT work, Year 1 and 2 explored lots of different varieties of fruit this week! Mrs Burton provided a rainbow of fruit - of all varieties and there were some classic faces as they tried the citrus fruit in particular.



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## Mary Anning - history heroes show!



A group of our Fox class historians have been so inspired by their work on Mary Anning, that they (with the help of script-writer Sawdah) put together their very own show all about her life and work. They have been rehearsing outdoors for a while now and they treated the whole school to a performance of their play. What a treat to see you share this pioneering female palaeontologist's life and work. Well done to the cast and crew. We look forward to your next performance - seemingly based on the Pendle Witches.

## 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 enjoyed your sunny day ice pop treats!

EYFS Aasiyah

Year 1. The whole class for WOW phonics!

Year 2. Rollover

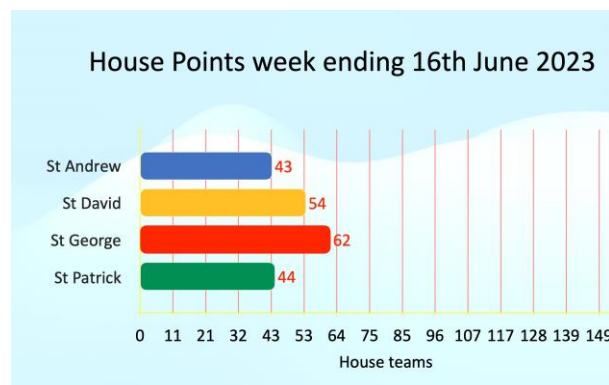
Year 3. Rollover

Year 4. Liyana

Year 5. Mohammed Faizan

Year 6. Haris

## House points



*2 - St George - you're champs again!! AND YOU WERE LAST HALF-TERM'S WINNERS*

## Dates for the diary



Monday 19th June. Sports day 1pm

Tuesday 20th June pm. History Council trip to Lancaster Maritime Museum - Dark Ages workshop

Thursday 22nd June 3.15pm. **TOWER WOOD INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

Friday 23rd June 9am Celebration Worship

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**

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