



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary Newsletter

"rooted and grounded in love..." Ephesians 3:17

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Mrs Gow's Words for the Week...



*Well what an exciting week! A huge congratulations to our School council, led by Mrs Burton, on their Children in Need triumphs this afternoon. Mrs Burton was given an extra special surprise on Tuesday, when the REAL Pudsey Bear came in to thank her for being a Children in Need Heroine. Over the years (25 to be precise), Mrs Burton has organised and prepared games, cake sales and fun for our children, to give them the opportunity to have fun as a school family, but also to encourage them to act as courageous advocates, supporting charity and those who are currently in need. Mrs Cast contacted Radio Lancashire to nominate Mrs Burton as one of their Children in Need heroes and they were absolutely amazed by her commitment to doing the very best for children. We were not as amazed, as Mrs Burton does this for our children **every week** in school.*



As a school family (with a surprise visit from Mrs Banks too) we spent an hour in the hall this afternoon taking part in games, fun and fellowship together- whilst raising an amazing £354.00 for Children in Need and £22 for the ARC centre in Blackburn. This morning in worship we looked at some of the local projects that Children in Need helps to fund and Poppy & Primrose's mum sent in a video of how local children are supported through the emergency fund at her work to buy local children beds to sleep on. It was a real blessing to see the school council doing such a fabulous job and also to see the children with their buddies helping them and playing games. I have also retained my strawberry lace and marshmallow eating championship prize this year - although Abigail did give me good run for my money this year!



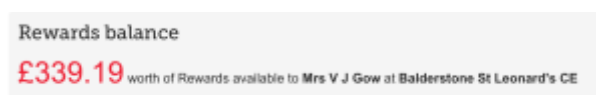








A huge thank you for your support of this year's Scholastic Book Fair. As you know, we get a percentage of the total book sales back in vouchers to use to buy books for the school library. This year, thanks to your purchases, you have raised a stupendous:



1 - Here is our new balance to update the books in our library and class libraries! Thank you so much. This year we will be buying sets of Barrington Stokes books to support our dyslexic readers too.

House point winners this week!



This week we have counted up our half-term house point winners. Your child/children will be part of a school family group (dinner table) and this family group is part of one of our 4 house teams: St Andrew (blue), St David (yellow), St George (red) and St Patrick (green). Our school house points link to our school mission statement of Loving God, Loving Each Other and Loving Learning and are awarded to children for behaviour, learning and positive attitudes beyond our expected standards. Every Friday the winning team sits at a special 'top table' for lunch, is served first, has a sweet treat and can also take part in the Flourishing Friday fun activity at lunchtime play.

This week, for the first time EVER, we had a draw - with both St Patrick and St David on 99 points each! It has cost me a fortune in chocolate this week - well done to all our winners.



Anti-bullying week - Reach out!



Over the course of this week we have been thinking about the differences between teasing and bullying and as a school how we will NEVER tolerate, accept or stand-by if we see someone being bullied. We have focused on the phrase - 'Be the change you want to see in the world' thinking about how if we act justly, equitably and fairly to others then the world would be a much better place. We watched a video of Erling Haaland showing respect to Man City's kit man by folding his training top and handing it back to him, instead of following his teammates who simply threw their top at him! We have made a commitment in school this week to ensure that bullying (in all its forms) will always be called out in our school family.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Mrs Gow



Playground leaders



On Monday afternoon our Owl class trained as Playground leaders to help lead games and sports to help our younger pupils make the VERY best of their playtimes. The Sports Partnership came into school to deliver an afternoon's training and superbly ALL our children passed the training and are now able to lead playground games. We just need the rain to stop at playtimes now so we can put our skills to good use. Well done to all our Owls. I will award the children with their new badges next week in worship.

Flourishing Friday Award Winners



Here are this week's Flourishing children who have shone our school mission of Loving God, Loving Each Other and Loving learning. We enjoyed our hot chocolate treat this morning and even had Mrs Halton joining us too!

EYFS. **Olive, Aminah**

Year 1. **Abu-Bakr**

Year 2. **Rollover to next week**

Year 3. **Shifa**

Year 4. **Laura**

Year 5. **Matilda (last week's winner), Khadijah P**

Year 6. **Khadijah M (last week's winner), Zayd**



2 - Flourishing Friday Feast in Mrs Gow's room today!

Brass Band concert



Candle-Lit Brass Band Christmas Concert Sunday 27th November 6.30pm

This year we are delighted to have Coppull with Standish, Balderstone and Chorley bands joining together to entertain us with Christmas themed music and Carols for all the family to enjoy. The church will be lit with candles creating a lovely Christmas atmosphere and the band will be joined by our school children and the 'pop up' choir in some joint performances. A very special family event followed by mince pies and mulled wine in school. All our families are invited to attend the event and the children will be helping Mrs Gow and Mrs Riddell sing some Christmas favourites such as Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer! Tickets are £5 per adult, kids free. Tickets are on sale in the front office.

It's Panto week - 'Oh no it isn't!'



We are very much looking forward to our panto trip next Thursday. The whole school family go together to Blackburn Empire, to start our Christmas festivities in style. School provide drinks and snack for all the children (thank you Mrs Burton!) so the children do not need to bring anything. The children will be back in school by lunchtime.

Dates for the diary



Tuesday 22nd November 2022 - Forest school afternoon for Year 2

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 - Kurling club is on after school till 4pm/History club on for Year 3/4

Thursday 24th November 2022 - Panto morning (Oh yes it is!)

Friday 25th November 2022 - Celebration worship 9.00am in church.

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