



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...



Today, as a school family, we gathered together at 11am and then for our collective worship (led so wonderfully by our Squirrel class) to remember all those who gave, and are still giving, their lives in service for our country.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John 15:13

We held an act of remembrance this morning at 11am and held our two minute silence. We learnt all about how the Royal British Legion started. Squirrel class led our worship this afternoon in church, helping us to think about how memories can make us feel both happy and sad.





This afternoon, our very own Crafty G led her last art session. A huge thank you to both Georgia and her mum for leading the group with Mrs Turner. You have helped our infants be creative and have fun. Look at this week's amazing mosaic, recycled vases.



There have been the first sounds of Christmas in school this week, as the infant classes start to learn their nativity songs. The nativity is one of two whole school, family events that we hold and we ask that every child is available to support this event. Mrs Draycott and Mrs Burton are getting ready to give out the speaking roles in the play next week and it is essential that we know that your child is going to be attending the evening performance before they assign parts - we can't have a missing Mary in the evening performance or an absent donkey! All children in school will have a part in the chorus of the play.



We have some happy new news to share with you this week, as Miss Roberts and her partner are expecting a new baby in April. We wanted to let you know now before 'the bump' gets any bigger. We shall be praying for a healthy few months for Miss Roberts and the youngest member of the Balderstone school family.

Remembrance Day outing - Year 5/6



Owl class have had a fabulous day out in Accrington. The library was fantastic and the children learnt lots about the Accrington Pals. The train connections were somewhat unreliable but thanks to our staff and parents who came to the rescue. All of the children were exceptionally well behaved (as expected). Thank you to all our parents.





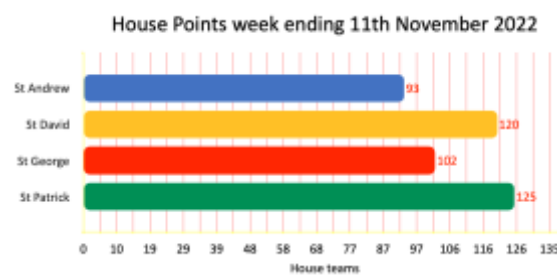


May I take this opportunity to thank our FOBS team for all their efforts last weekend at the Balderstone Bonfire. The evening was blessed by lovely weather and was VERY well attended. Thank you to all the people who came to help set up early on Saturday and then the squadron of chefs, cooks, jumper printers, the pyrotechnic team, bonfire crew, glitter tattoo and nail artists and refreshment servers. The fireworks were amazing and ALL the families had a great time. A huge thank you from school for all you do to help us raise funds to provide for all our children. Your time, efforts and hard work is greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely Remembrance weekend,

Mrs Gow

House points for this week



1 - Congratulations to St Patrick!

Flourishing Friday Award Winners



Here are this week's winners who have blossomed and shown our Christian mission in action -Loving Learning, Loving God and Loving Each Other. Well done to:

EYFS. Roll over to next week!

Year 1. Liyana

Year 2. Zahraa

Year 3. Zak

Year 4. Zaydene

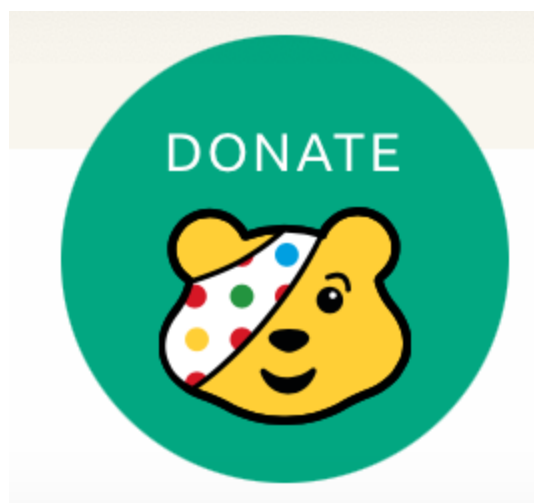
Year 5. **Roll over to next week!**

Year 6. **Roll over to next week!**

Year 5 and 6 flourishers have been chosen this week but we are going to present the certificates next week when the children are in school (as they are on a trip today), our EYFS winner will get their certificate next week too when their parents are available.

HOT CHOCOLATE & TREATS IN MRS GOW'S OFFICE ON MONDAY 14th FOR ALL WINNERS!

Children in Need



Next Friday is one of our main charity fundraising events and is also our afternoon annual Children In Need fun afternoon, run and organised by our school council. The children can come into school wearing their most SPOTACULAR clothes and a £1 donation towards Children in Need. Please bring cake donations for next Friday as we shall be holding our rather fabulous cake sale. Children will need lots of loose change 20ps, 10ps, 50ps to spend on the stalls and games. At the end of the day from 2.40pm the hall will be open for parents/friends of school to come and have cake and a brew!

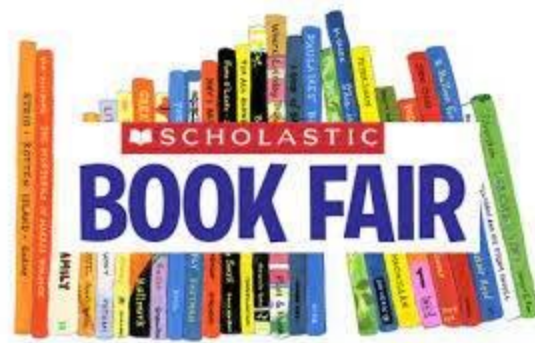
Meet the Governor - Mrs Dixon



This week it is the turn of Louise Dixon, one of our Foundation Governors to tell you a little bit more about her role on the governing body.

Hello everyone, I have been a governor at Balderstone for 7 yrs, since my eldest started school. I have 3 children; Austin year 7, Georgia year 5 and Adah year 1. Our family has been involved with the school and church for many years, my husband enjoyed his primary education at Balderstone, we were married here, our children were christened and most recently Austin was confirmed at Balderstone. We are part of the Balderstone family both church and school and being a governor is a way for me to say thank you. I like to get involved where I can from joining in with the daily mile to helping in school with arts club. I do like to come and listen to the children read! As a governor I am lucky enough to be invited to meetings, where I am humbled to hear of the successes of our Balderstone children and teachers. I am excited by Balderstone and proud to be a governor here because I know that we have an environment where our children can feel safe, be unique and thrive!

Scholastic book fair



The book fair will be open on Monday and Tuesday after school. The children who are at after-school club can come on Monday as I will keep the fair open till the close of Busy Bees. Thank you to the parents who have already visited the fair. Every book sold generates commission that the school can use at the Scholastic book shop to buy books for our children. This year our focus is on buying books for our potential and diagnosed dyslexic readers as these readers benefit from books printed on off-white coloured paper and dyslexia friendly fonts. We would also like to buy new books for our new school library as we are trying to increase the diversity in our reading books. We receive 30% in commission if we sell over £500 worth of books from the fair, which is massive for our school budget. Thank you so much for supporting our school's mission of getting all our children to love reading.

We are desperate for additional reading adult volunteers who could listen to our children ready for 10 - 15 minutes in a morning (drop-off time). We would like to provide each child who needs a bit of a reading boost with their very own **book buddy** - someone who could listen to them read in the morning. If you have 10-15 minutes to help a child master the MOST crucial gift of all, fluent reading, then please do come and see Mrs Gow so you can become a reading buddy. You don't have to commit to every day of the week - just offer what you can. Thank you.



Sports Roundup



Well done to our Year 3/4 athletics team this week as they entered the Sports Hall athletics competition at Oakhill. Mrs Heyworth was so proud of all the children and how they showed our sporting values. Their energy amazed her! The children came sixth in the competition but 1st in our eyes for energy! Thank you to the parents and staff who provided transport to the event at Oakhill. We want to be able to carry on taking our children out of school on trips and to sports events but the cost of coach transport is horrific at the moment so we are very much relying on the good will of staff and parents - so thank you!

Uniform Updates and Pre-Loved



We know that times are challenging at the moment, so we would like to create a pre-loved uniform shop where we can reuse nearly new uniform. Please do drop off any good quality uniform in school/coats/trainers/school shoes into school so anyone who might need it can come and stock up.

At the moment lots of our children are wearing red hoodies in school. We would ask that the NEXT time you buy uniform, that the children have jumpers/cardigans rather than hoodies for the school day and use their hoodies as their PE tops please. DO NOT go out and buy any alternatives yet - as we all need to save money. Please do make sure that the children have their PE kit in school everyday, with trainers. Trainers should NOT be worn in school during the day. Please remove jewellery and nail varnish for school. The children have looked really smart this year so far.

Lancashire County Council Parental support



Lancashire County Council are sending us information about support courses that might be of interest.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

We all know that arguing is a normal part of everyday life in relationships but, when it escalates and the conflict isn't resolved, it can have a huge impact on children, young people and the whole family.

We have help available for all parents who may be facing difficulty in relationships.

Join our 6-week course where there'll be a focus on

- managing difficult situations
- relationship skills
- balancing family life

If you'd like to find out more about the course and whether it's right for you, please ring 01200 420460
Or message our Facebook page @ Hyndburn Family Zone

Lancashire
County Council

Christmas Coffee Creative!

ARTS Council would like to invite you (parents/grandparents/siblings) to...



Come and join us on Friday 2nd December at 2pm in the hall, where you can spend the hour, guided by Mrs Riddell, working on a **Family Willow Winter Wreath** with your child(ren). All art materials/aprons will be provided.



Plus, there will be tea/coffee/juice and BISCUITS!

If you would like to attend - please return the form below. There will be a charge of **£5 per family** - payable via parent mail.

Maximum 2 adults per family.

After the success of our last Coffee Creative, we are planning our Christmas Creative session! The children will be bringing home a letter with reply slip to fill in.

Dates for the diary



Friday 18th November

Children in Need day in school

Non-uniform day (bring money donation) and also bring loose change for the afternoon stalls and games in the hall. Wrapped cake donations for cake stall please.

Sunday 27th November

Brass band concert at church

Come along to join in lots of Christmas songs and carols! Tickets for sale in the front office!

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Hamper donation day

Please bring in a donation so we can make some fabulous Christmas hampers for our raffle:

- Pre-school and Reception – Chocolate gift
- Year 1- sweet biscuits
- Year 2- savoury biscuits/crackers
- Year 3 – Christmas bread/cakes
- Year 4 – Preserves, jams, sauces
- Year 5 – tea/coffee
- Year 6 – bottles (wine, non-alcoholic, fizzy)

Saturday 3rd December 2pm

Church Christmas Fair at Balderstone School

Come along and support St Leonard's at this fun, family Christmas themed fair. Our children open the fair and also help run games and stalls.

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.



For more information visit
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