



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...



It has been a delight to welcome everyone back on this very autumnal feeling week.

In worship this week we have explored the Christian celebrations of All Hallow's Eve, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day! We have thought about what a Saint is and today in worship we explored Saint Leonard (our school saint), whose annual feast day is on 6th November. Hopefully, the children will be able to tell you all about St Leonard and how he 'broke the chains' of those who needed help the most.

This week has been our Open Week and it has been an absolute honour to show prospective parents around all of our classes. The most wonderful moment happened in our EYFS class whilst I was telling a set of parents about the diversity, Christian values and family feel that makes our school so special, and, just at that moment, two of our children skipped hand-in-hand through the Bunny Hole and into the worship area of the classroom.

I have been able to share some amazing rangoli patterns being drawn outside on the playground in EYFS, the Year 1 and 2 class busy on a materials hunt on the playground, the juniors working hard on their reasoning in Power Maths and then showing the fabulously intricate and detailed World War One trench projects from Year 5 and 6.

The Year 3 and 4 children have also produced the most superb audition entry for the Lancashire Storytelling Festival and I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Turner, Mrs Riddell and all the children who edited the video, as the audition video was a triumph!

We have welcomed 'Mrs Riz' as she has been named by the children (Mohammed -Faizan and Rehmat Fatimah's mummy) as a casual helper in the kitchen. She has been an amazing help to Miss Lee and her lovely, smiley manner has been a blessing to us all whilst Mrs Chand is off. On Wednesday Miss Lee, Mrs Burton and Mrs Riz created the most spectacular Harry Potter themed lunch EVER. In 25 years of teaching I have never worked in a school that has such inventive and imaginative themed lunches. All of the staff helped serve the children with their Harry Potter themed treats. The hall was transformed into Hogwarts castle main hall complete with floating candles. Miss Lee and Mrs Riz made us wormy jellies, snake bread sticks, ghostly bananas, pumpkins satsumas and we washed it all down with Polyjuice potion juice too! A huge thank you to the whole team and to Mrs Burton for making this lunchtime so magical.







This week I would like to give a special mention to our Year 5 and 6 boys' footballers who, on Thursday, were given a special commendation for their commitment, sportsmanship and behaviour during their lunchtime training session. Not only this, but after the boys finished their lunches (without being prompted) they got up and helped Miss Lee stack all of the dining chairs, rather than just going off and back out to play. It truly warmed my heart to see these boys living out our values and showing compassion and kindness in action - Balderstone at its best!

I hope to see many of you supporting our Bonfire Night celebrations on Saturday evening. This truly is the BEST evening of the school calendar with food, friendship, fireworks, feasting and fun. We do charge entry for the event but only to cover the extensive costs for the firework display (which is

honestly superb!). Pray for dry weather and even if it is raining it will still go ahead as the food and stalls will be held in the back junior classrooms. A huge thank you to Susie Barton, Janet Leaver, the Pathan family for their glow-in-the-dark clothes and the FOBS volunteers - including Mr Holroyd, who is making a guest appearance as BBQ king! Please do try to come along and support the event as so much work goes into the planning and preparation and the evening is always so much better when we can share it together as a school family.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Gow

Balderstone Bonfire Night - It's a blast!



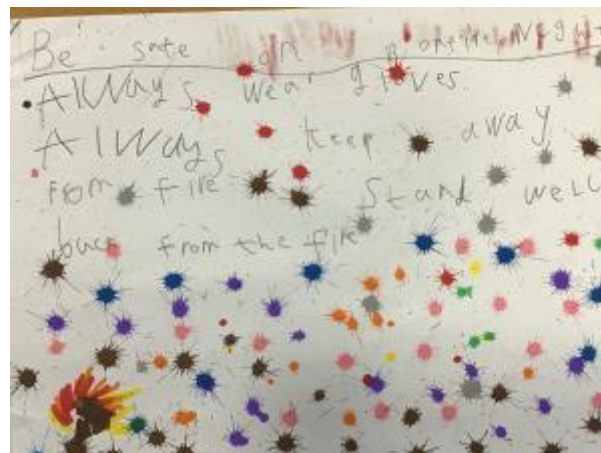
1 - Doors open at 6pm. Firework show at 7pm.



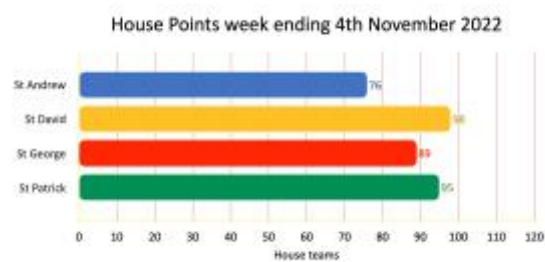
Bonfire Night Safety by Squirrel class



2 - Year 1 and 2 have been thinking about how to keep safe on Bonfire Night and would like to share their advice. They have also been thinking about why we celebrate Bonfire Night every year.



House points for this week



3 - Well done to the children from St David - family groups Tutu, Ten Boom and Luther-King. It was a close one this week but we hope you enjoyed your Friday fun lunchtime and having your dinner on top table!

Meet the Governor



This week it is the turn of Sara Seedall, to Vice Chair of our governing body to tell you a little bit more about her role on the governing body.

My name is Sara Seedall and I am Vice Chair of Governors and Chair of the Finance Committee. I first became a Foundation Governor at Balderstone school when my eldest son, George, was in year 1. He is now in year 10! My youngest son, William, left Balderstone in the summer to join his older brother at high school. I am a veterinary surgeon by profession and work part-time in a small animal surgery in St. Annes, specialising in ophthalmology. I spend the rest of my time helping to look after the dairy cows, sheep and chickens on our farm in Mellor. I thoroughly enjoy my role on the governing body and am proud to be part of a fantastic team that help support a wonderfully diverse school where the staff really do care about each individual pupil.



4 - Here is my child William, with some of the amazing friends he made whilst at Balderstone!

Scholastic Book Fair

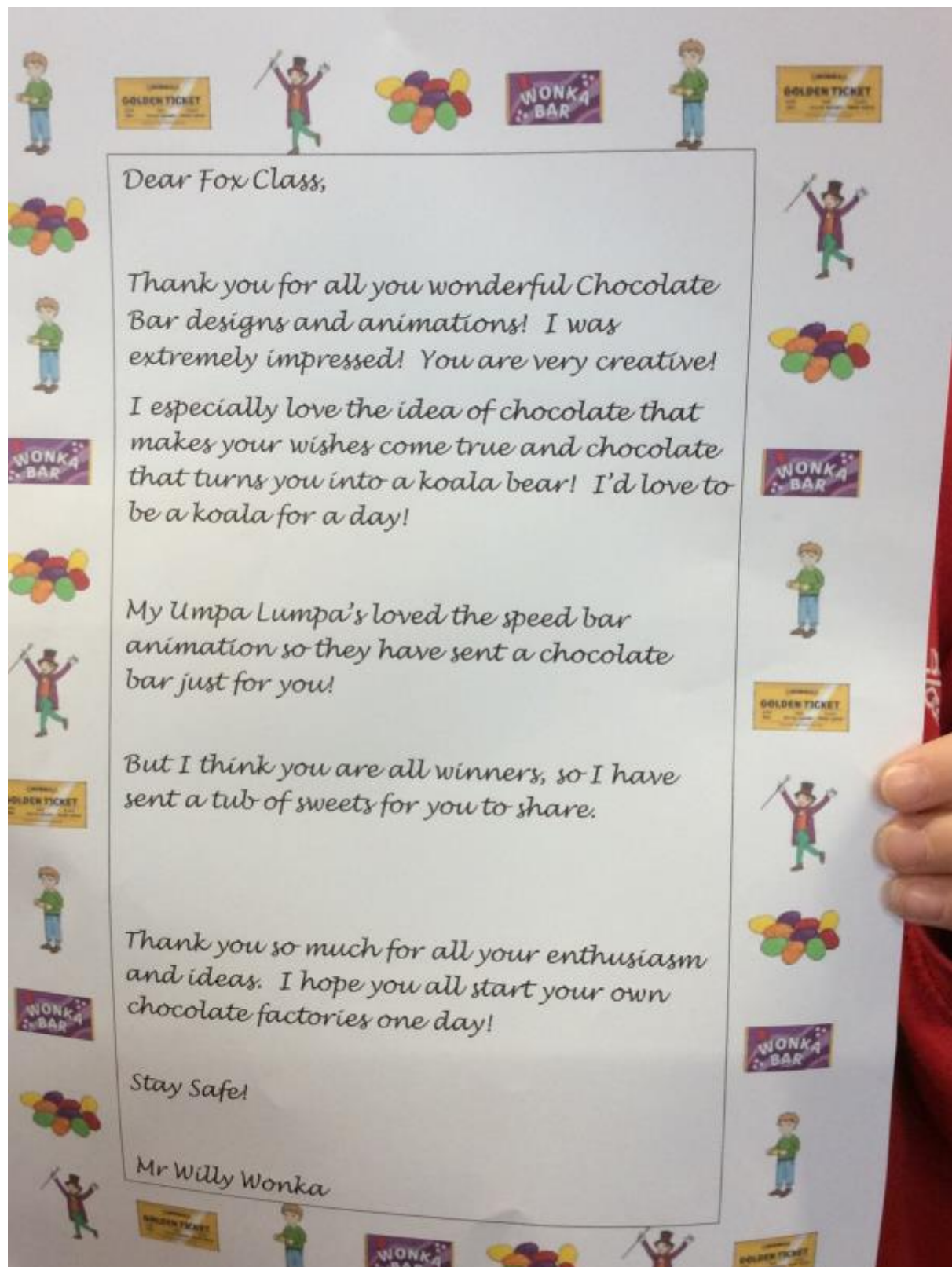


We are welcoming our annual book fair to school on Tuesday. This is a chance for the children to run their very own book shop in school. The bookcases contain some of the newest releases for each age range and also some of the most popular and well-loved books, picture books and stories. The book fair will be open after school on:

- Tuesday 8th November 3.10pm - 4.00pm
- Friday 11th November 8.15am in school library - please come in through back junior door
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- The children from Busy Bees won't miss out because it will be open till 5.45pm on Monday 14th

Please do come along and browse the books. It's a good time to stock up on Christmas gifts too. You can pay with cash/cheque and online using the school code - using your phone at the fair.

My Willy Wonka writes to school



Fox class had some very exciting news this morning! Not only had Willy Wonka and the Oompa Loompa team written back to them about their new chocolate bars, but they had also sent a prize to the Score bar team (Stanley, Mohammed and Zayd) and a chocolatey gift for the whole class to celebrate their amazing animations and music.



Flourishing Friday Award Winners



Here are this week's Flourishing Friday award winners who have lived out our school mission of Loving God, Loving Each Other and Loving learning. Well done and I'm glad you enjoyed your hot chocolate treat this afternoon!

EYFS. Penelope

Year 1. Thomas O

Year 2. Eeva

Year 3. Eleanor

Year 4. Maisie

Year 5. Bilaal

Year 6. Hannah

Parent Governor



We are pleased to announce that Mrs Janet Smith (Sophie's mum) will be our new parent governor in school. She put forward her application on Monday and we do not have to go to the ballot stage as she was the only applicant.

I thought you would like to hear her biographical statement from her application:

"My daughter Sophie is now in Year 5. I am delighted to apply as I am passionate about education, which has the power to transform lives. I also love children! Following many years in senior finance roles, I currently work as a systems project manager for a global facilities management company and, if chosen, will use this experience to benefit Balderstone St Leonard's."

Welcome to the governing body Mrs Smith!

Sports Roundup



Every lunchtime, we offer two sports clubs to our children, so that EVERYONE in school can be involved in keeping fit and healthy throughout the week. I have enclosed a photo of the timetable so you can see how fabulous the sporting offer is in school. Kurling club started last week for Year 1 and 2 and it was marvellous fun! We wish our Year 3/4 athletics team good luck in their competition next Wednesday afternoon too.

AUTUMN TERM HEALTH AND WELLBEING CLUBS AT BALDERSTONE				
	8:30 - 9:45	10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 1pm	5:15 - 6:15
Monday	Daily Mile (Mrs Rizic: Parent Governor)	K32 Fundamentals Intervention Class	K32 Football Autumn 1 K31 Football Autumn	Autumn 1 K32 Dodgeball Autumn 2: K31 Dodgeball
Tuesday		CHC club (Dan)	Girls Football (Dan)	Football club: Autumn 1 - K31 Football Club: Autumn 2 - K32
Wednesday	Daily Mile (Mrs Rizic: Governor)	K31 Fundamentals (Josh)	K32 Netball (Josh) K32 Mindfulness Club (Mrs Turner)	K32 1 Kurling Mrs Dove (Autumn 2)
Thursday		Y5/6 Football team Training	K31 Handball Cherries Club Time	
Friday	Marital Arts	Flourishing Friday Fun Tr Oat	Athletics Team Training (Dan)	K31 Crafty O.A.R. and Wellbeing Club: Georgia Whitting Heron, Mrs Green and Mrs Turner

5 - Look at all the amazing clubs on offer!

Church and Community Links



We are hoping to plan an interfaith family day trip where we go together into Blackburn and visit the Cathedral, a mosque and then travel to Preston to visit the Gurdwara and have food together as a

school family. If you have any contacts that would be willing to welcome us, then please do let me know.

Below is a list of all the church services happening at Balderstone on the run up to Christmas - as always everyone is welcome in our church.

 St Leonard's Church, Balderstone  <small>Please join us for any of the following services. Everyone welcome!</small>			
6 th Nov	9:30am		Holy Communion
13 th Nov	10:30am		Remembrance Service
20 th Nov	9:30am		Holy Communion
27 th Nov	6:30pm	 Candle-Lit Brass Band Christmas Concert	
4 th Dec	9:30am		Holy Communion
11 th Dec	11:00am		All Age Worship
18 th Dec	9:30am		Communion with Carols
24 th Dec	4:00pm		Christingle Service

St Leonard's Church Balderstone

Candle-lit

Christmas Concert

with

Coppull & Standish,

Balderstone &

Chorley

Brass Bands

Sunday 27th November 2022

6.30pm in church

£5 Adults Children free of charge

Donations for refreshments, which will be served in school following the concert

mince pies, biscuits, mulled wine & soft drinks

Tickets from:- School Office, Church or Catherine Dixon 01772 877289

Also pay on the door

6 - Tickets are available for this fantastic family event from the front office at school. Many of the children will be leading part of the concert!

Remembrance Day in school

All children who are part of the Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies etc are able to wear their uniform to school for Remembrance Day on Friday 11th November.

"I am writing on behalf of the Ribble Valley Division Commissioner for Girlguiding, and the Clitheroe District Commissioner for Scouting, to ask permission for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers across the division, if they wish, to wear their Guiding/Scouting uniform for school on Friday 11th November, Remembrance Day. "

I have replied to the letter stating that Balderstone will of course support this - so if you are part of any of the uniformed organisations you may come to school in your Cub/Scout/Brownie uniform.

Dates for the diary



Friday 11th November Year 1/2 Parent lunch 12.30pm followed by Year 1/2 worship for Remembrance day in church 1.30pm

Friday 11th November - trip for Year 5/6 to Accrington

Book fair open

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