



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...



This week in worship we have been finishing our series of worships linked to Joseph and his amazing journey with God. "the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did." The children, as a whole school family, LOVED watching the musical version of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat on Thursday and singing along!

A huge thank you to you all for your support and care this half-term. School has been joyous over the past seven weeks and it has been a blessing to me to be able to teach in every class at some point over the half-term. The first half-term seems to have flown by.

This week Squirrel class had a Fab Farmer visit to conclude their topic on farming. A huge thank you to Mr Barton for bringing his tractor and sharing his expertise.



On Monday Fox class had a marvellous Geography field trip into Blackburn. We worked on our map reading skills, learnt about the geography of our local area and then had a informative workshop at the museum led by the museum team who taught us all about the Industrial Revolution and how Blackburn was right at the centre of the major developments of the cotton trade. We also had the opportunity to visit the library in Blackburn (definitely worth a visit this half-term). Many thanks for helping with transportation. A huge thank you to Mrs Riddell for organising the trip and working on her day off too!



1 - Do you know what these objects are?



2 - This would help with your washing!



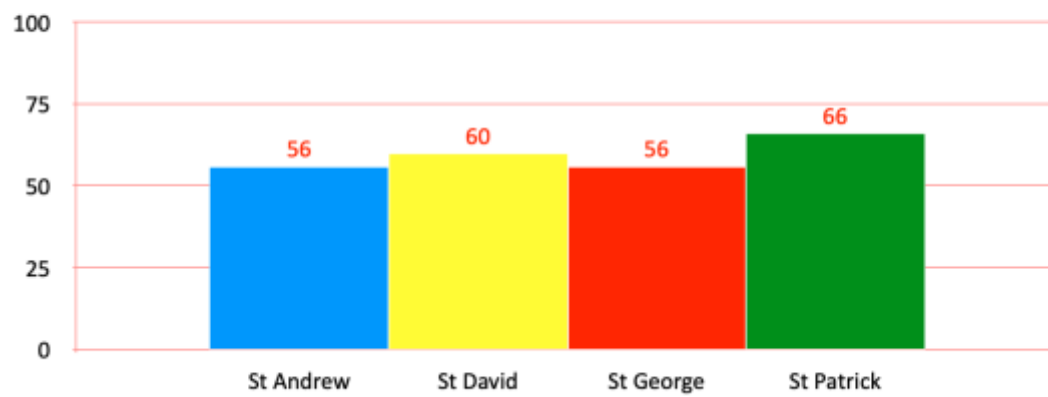
3 - Here is the Blackburn coat of arms.

House points for this half term




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.

Total Points for Autumn 1 half-term



4 - Congratulations to St Patrick - this half-term's winners!

Our podcast team interview went on air on Ribble FM tis week. Find it on <https://player.autopod.xyz/238591> (skip to 41 minutes). We are SO proud of your work, interviewing Reverend Karen live on the radio.



The Breakfast Show

Mark Blackman 07:00AM Wed Oct 19

00:42:30 -02:15:30

We sent all your wonderful Harvest donations off to the Food Bank and to the Salvation Army this week. Look how full the car was as it set off to the Blackburn Food Bank! These gifts will make a huge difference to a great number of families at this time so thank you.



Confirmation congratulations



We are celebrating with some of our Year 6 and former Year 6s (new year 7s) this weekend as they celebrate their Confirmation into the Church of England with Bishop Jill on Sunday. We shall hold Hannah, Anna, William, Isabel and Austin in our prayers as they take their first communion.

Have a restful half-term week and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 31st October.

Mrs Gow

Stars for the half-term



Here are this half-term's stars who have shone our school mission of Loving God, Loving Each Other and Loving learning.

EYFS. **Rumaysa**

Year 1. **Fatimah**

Year 2. **Rehmat Fatima**

Year 3. **Inaaya**

Year 4. **Abbas**

Year 5. **Daisy**

Year 6. **Logan**

School Council elections



A huge congratulations to our newly elected School Council. Well done to all the pupils who gave their speeches and nominated themselves to take this important leadership role in our school. The school council had their first meeting this week and have some exciting events planned for us in the next half-term.

Meet the Governor



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

My family and I have been associated with Balderstone School for many years. Firstly (as a parent) then parent helper, teaching assistant and staff governor. I have been employed at the school since 1998 and I am the longest serving member of staff and governor. I have had two children attend the school and seen many changes. I am a hands on governor and don't just attend meetings. I've cleared drains, changed lightbulbs, mopped up floods and chopped down trees. Currently, I am the chair of the Buildings & Health & Safety Committee. I want every child in our school family to feel safe, secure and have a wonderful learning environment. I work closely with the school council and Eco schools and they help me achieve this goal. Every governor and member of staff work closely together to make Balderstone School a special place to flourish, grow and fulfil their child's academic, personal and social potential.

Parent Governor nominations



If Mrs Burton has inspired you to join the governing body leadership team then please fill in the nomination form (your child should have brought this home on Thursday). Please add a short biography to your form so we can share this before voting. If you need a replacement form then please email Mrs Gow on head@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk and I will send one to you.

Sports Roundup



Football League Meeting 1

at Roefield 3G pitches

Monday 10th October 2022

Team: Deen (C), Logan, Michael, Muhammad I , Mohammed Faizan, Zayd, Haris, Eesa, Bilaal

Our first outing this season as a team and all children performed with the wonderful resilience and sportsmanship that makes all our staff and parents proud. We played against 5 schools on a beautiful Autumnal evening. Our first match against St James' showed real promise, with fantastic attack taking place and multiple shots at goal, which we were unfortunately able to convert. Bilaal and Haris performed beautifully together in defence, but our opponents managed to steal one past us at the last minute. This was a shame as the team had possession for most of the game. We lost our next Game against St Leonards', but our third game against Chatburn was BRILLIANT: moving Bilaal upfront created a completely different team dynamic: They began passing and moving the ball around the pitch with much more thought. We were thrilled when Logan scored 2 superb goals, which were well supported by Bilaal, resulting in our first win of the season. Our game against Moorland was tough, but this was to be expected due to their football academy, but we did manage to score the first goal in the match and in the end, it was a very respectable loss. A big well done to Eesa, who showed everyone that he had earned his position as Goal Keeper with some spectacular saves throughout the evening. Also, a special well done to Muhammad I. Mohammed Faizan and Michael who played brilliantly in their first EVER matches! All in all, despite the losses, we had a wonderful evening and are proud of our first win and the start that we have made to the season. The team showed a lot of promise, but more importantly, their sportsmanship was outstanding and everyone had fun.....even Mrs Heyworth who is slowly but surely learning the game! Thank you to all the parents for transporting and supporting the children in such a positive manner. A special Thank you to Mrs Riaz for helping Mrs Heyworth with the team management - it is very much appreciated!



We love reading!



Apologies to those of you who tried to email a photo of their child/children reading their favourite book to the newly created reading@ email address (it is not working properly). If you have a great photo of your child reading their favourite book then please do send it to askmrsriddell@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk as we are putting up a brand new display in our new school library. Please would you check your homes/cars/cat baskets/under beds for any school reading books (especially those children in Year 1 and 2) as we have some books missing from our book packs. Thank you.

Balderstone Bonfire

Saturday 5th November

At Balderstone St Leonards'
Primary School

Everyone Welcome

Doors open at 6pm

Lighting of bonfire 6:30pm

Fireworks at 7:00pm

Admission Prices

Adults — £4

Children — £2

Family of 4/5 — £10

Barbecue

Raffle

Curry Stall

Popcorn

Glitter Tattoos

Drinks and Cakes

Bar

DJ

Zaydene's family have offered to make some rather funky glow-in-the-dark T-shirts and hoodies ready for our special Bonfire Night celebrations on 5th November. There are a range of designs that you can choose from and ALL of the profits are going to be donated to our FOBS fundraising for school. If you are still interested in placing an order for these fabulous tops then please do contact 07730568089 to place your order. The t-shirts and hoodies will be ready for collection at the bonfire celebration. This honestly is one of our best FOBS events of the year and really does bring our whole school family together, so please do join us on 5th November for family firework foody fun!

iPad update



Over the next three years we are hoping to become a 1:1 Apple device school (and an Apple Distinguished school) - with support from our school budget, FOBS and parental contributions we are going to offer **every** child in our school the chance to have a 1:1 iPad device. Over the half-term our new tech support company are upgrading the Wifi in school and our server - hence why there has been a delay in purchasing our iPads as we wanted to be sure that our network was running at full capacity. **Our current Year 3/4 parents**, the parental portal will open after half term for you to complete your parental lease OR outright purchase of the iPad at educational pricing (including Logitech crayon, case, insurance and JAMF subscription). These will be available before Christmas hopefully - as Apple have just released an upgrade too. The children in Year 5/6 will have the opportunity to have a 1:1 device for use in school every day to support/enhance their learning.

Help our local church and local environment!



St Leonard's Church at Balderstone is organising an Autumn Workday **TOMORROW. Saturday, 22 October 2022 between 9am – 12:30pm** There will be jobs for **everyone** from cleaning, sweeping, raking, weeding, mowing lawn and clearing out storage areas. If you can give up a half a day, please let us know. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or email kabelliveau@btinternet.com. Coffee and cake will be provided. If you feel you are unable to help with jobs but would like to come for a cup of coffee, you are welcome. We look forward to seeing as many of our church and school family as possible! **EVERYONE** welcome.

Goodbye and thank you Mrs Halton - not quite yet...



Good news - Mrs Halton will be staying with us for a few more weeks, as the start date for her new position has been postponed.

In the next few weeks we shall be trialling new lunchtime menu ordering using Microsoft Forms and also new registration methods so please do use the absence phone line **01254 769 155** (open 24hrs) to report any absences from school and please be patient if you need to see us at the front office.

Photograph morning!



On the first Monday back after half-term - Monday 31st October a photographer will be in school taking individual photos of your children.

If you have siblings in school we will take their photos together and **not** separately unless you request otherwise.

If you have younger children at home who would like to be included in the photograph please let Mrs Johnstone know before the half term break.

School applications and reminders!



The **closing date** for Secondary school choices is **31st October 2022**

We have some places in year groups throughout school and in our Pre-school.

Please encourage **anyone** who may be looking for a school place to come and visit us in our Open Week

31st October – 4th November, just give us a call to arrange a time. You are more than welcome to bring a friend,

grandparent, neighbour, friend from church/mosque to see our school. Please see the attached information from the local authority.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2023

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport
Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2023

Lancashire
County Council

lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Dates for the diary



Monday 31st October – 4th November – Open week. Spread the word, come and see our school in action. Let the office know you are coming to join us and tell others about our fab school family!

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

Contact Us



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BALDERSTONE**

**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
www.balderstoneschool.co.uk
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5 - Have a lovely half-term everyone!