



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary
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"rooted and grounded in love..." Ephesians 3:17

Friday 2nd February 2024

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Mrs Gow's words for the week....



We have some wonderful news to share with you.... we are GOLD! This afternoon we have had confirmation that we have received the highest achievable standard of certification from the Historical Association - the Gold Quality mark. This reflects the stunning work of our History subject champion Mrs Turner, our committed teaching staff, our incredible History Heroes pupil body and our History subject governor Mrs Smith. The assessment process, which has taken a year was incredibly robust including:

Evidence for the assessment was obtained through a scrutiny of the portfolio, a tour of the school with the History Council (called History Heroes), lesson observations in three classes, discussions with four teachers, discussions with the Link Governor for History, Headteacher and Subject Leader, discussions with pupils and the History Council and examining planning, Subject Leaders file, and children's books.

The detailed report highlights the quality of teaching, of pupil knowledge and of history enrichment opportunities in school.

"Particular strengths in this school are the History Heroes council, Subject Leadership and the use of IT to support and record learning."

I would like to thank Mrs Turner for her inspiring leadership of History across school for the benefit of all our pupils and to our incredible history council for being the most enthusiastic learners in all of history!

This week has been Children's Mental Health week, where we think carefully about encouraging our children to use their voice to speak up about their feelings. We have been thinking about all the

things we do to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit and how through helping other we can lift our own mood.

Some of our EYFS children and parents enjoyed a bit of a treat today, when they went to Burnley theatre to see "Dogs Don't Do Ballet" and to take part in some fun and games. It was lovely to facilitate this outing and for Mrs Turner to get to spend some time out of class having some learning fun!

Have a wonderful half term break everyone.. We can't wait to see you again for the second half of the Lent term!

A very proud and grateful Headteacher

Mrs Gow



WOW art work



Our very own Amaarah (from year 1) has produced the most amazing painting that we thought you'd like see. She is using it to enter the [national geographic competition](#). A local artist helped her with painting and she learned about overlaying for the fur and reference to copy from. I think we can agree that it is a mini-masterpiece.

EYFS plea - Zooming into the next term



The new EYFS group are currently car mad! They are loving building, zooming and racing cars. Mrs Turner has asked if anyone has any spare toy cars/garage/road etc that they have finished playing with at home, she would be more than happy to rehome it for them in the EYFS classroom.

Half term club



Our very own Miss Aimy has organised a half' term club for next week. If you are interested then please contact her to book a place for your child.

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB





 Salesbury Primary School, BB1 9EQ

 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th Feb

 8:30am - 4:00pm

 AGE 4-11

 £20 per day.£80 for the week



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 Aimy- 07894650217 <https://absolutefutbol.schoolipal.co.uk> 

Forest School fun - yummy, scrummy outdoor fun!



For the last week of Year 2's Forest School the weather was perfect for us to enjoy marshmallows and baked apples around the fire. We made popcorn again, and as usual it was that lovely burnt taste! We'll make perfect popcorn one day! We also had time to explore the brook. Next half term Year 1 will be joining us for Forest School, look out for more information through Parentmail.









We love reading



In Foxes we have been involved in reading and then voting for our favourite book in this year's science book award. We had 6 books to choose from and the voting was very close! But the winner in our class was Ben Rothery's Deadly and Dangerous Animals!

We tweeted the author to let him know and he replied! All six books will be in the library very soon, which one will be your favourite?





Ben Rothery Illustration @BRillustrations · Feb 7

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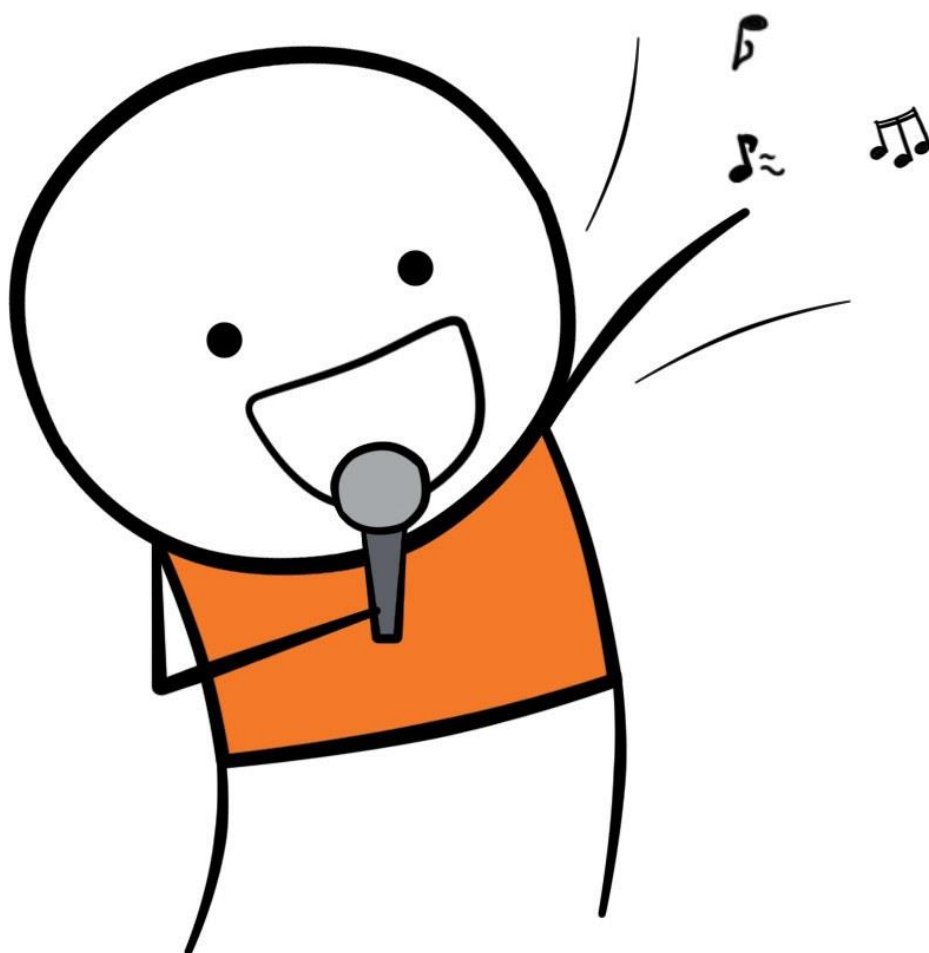
Ah that's so lovely to hear!! I'm glad y'all liked it so much! Do they have a favourite species? If y'all would like any additional support or a visit, we've got a whole programme of workshops and exercises so please do drop me a message :)



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Let's Go Sing



LET'S GO SING!

at

King George's Hall
Blackburn

2024

Concerts start at 6pm

Monday, March 4
Tuesday, March 5
Wednesday, March 6
Thursday, March 7
Friday, March 8

Monday, March 11
Tuesday, March 12
Wednesday, March 13
Thursday, March 14
Friday, March 15

Monday, March 18

Tickets £8.00 (Adult) & £3.50 (under 18)

Available now from King George's Hall, Blackburn

Tel: 01254 582579 or www.bwdvenues.com

1 - Make sure you book your tickets asap, year 3/4 parents. It's always an amazing evening.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the best concert you'll ever attend! Year 3 and 4 are singing at King George's Hall on Monday 4th March. Tickets are available now from King George's Hall box office (01254 582579) or online at www.kinggeorgeshall.com.

We will be on raised seating on the right-hand side of the stage as you look towards the stage from the audience. In order to see the children, we recommend you book tickets for the seats in the middle or on the left-hand side as you look towards the stage, either in the balcony area or on the tiered seating in the stalls.

We know you'll love the concert, come along and support us!

Stars for the Half-Term



A huge congratulations to the following pupils who were chosen as this half-term's Stars: These children have shone our Christian Values ALL half-term

EYFS Isla - you make such a difference in our EYFS classroom

Year 1 Asiya - wow progress

Year 2 Abu-Bakr - having a kind soul!

Year 3 Aisha - wonderful attitude to learning

Year 4 Poppy - superb work and positive mindset

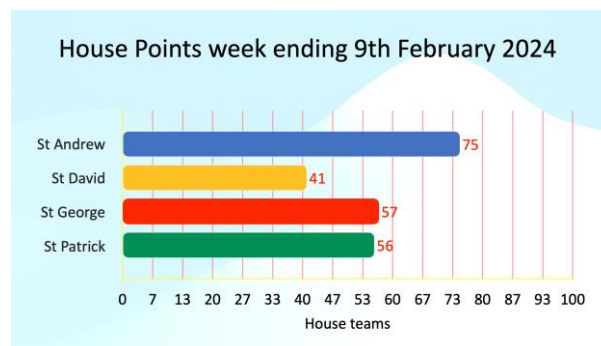
Year 5 Abbas - progress award

Year 6 Khadijah - effort and enthusiasm for learning!

House points this week



St Andrew - you superstars!



Church and Community News



All age worship this Sunday!

Come and join Mrs Gow this Sunday from 11am as we explore more about Jesus with Rev Barbara. There will be fun, crafts and fellowship.

Ceilidh - come along for some dancing fun



United Benefice Ceilidh

Our United Benefice Ceilidh will be held on Saturday 23rd March at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm, with dancing to Frolicking Pete and The Fumbling Fingers Band. Tickets, costing £15, include a potato pie or cheese and onion pie supper, courtesy of Sandersons Bakery, but please bring your own drinks. To buy your tickets, please contact any of the following: Corinne Seedall (07483 212328 / 01254 812920), Gaynor Dockerill (07563 262784), Grace Eastham (01772 877076) or Rita Gorman (01254 812566). Everyone welcome!

Safeguarding section



I am sure that lots of our children will be spending time online this half-term. Some of our parents came along to our joint Internet Safety briefing with Lancashire advisor Nigel Kirkham. Here is the information leaflet that Nigel put together to make sure that we, as parents and carers, stay up-to-date and ahead of the social media curve! There is a whole Dropbox of information for your reference: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/l29ruzkrkfbuj1y/AAA7hA_0mke-bhfgDU-qbDk2a?e=1&dl=0

<http://tinyurl.com/kjwff9o>

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Council

Useful links (for the most up-to-date local information please visit:
<http://www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk/online-safeguarding/parents-and-carers.aspx>

	www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/ http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/ www.youtube.com/ceop
	https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/ www.childline.org.uk/Explore/Bullying/Pages/Bullying.aspx
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	https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting https://nationalcollege.com/library?q=&sortBy=most-viewed&hide-coming-soon=0&phase-id=14
	https://play.adeptly.ai/internet-safety-en

Keeping Healthy



Our local health protection team have asked us to share this information about the 'Think Measles' campaign, as measles cases are surging in the local area at the moment.

Think MEASLES

Parents and Carers

Phone: 01772 537065

Email: sakthi.karunanithi@lancashire.gov.uk

Your ref:

Our ref: SK

Date: 25 January 2024

Dear Parent or Carer

As you may have seen in the news recently, the number of measles cases is increasing across the country. **Measles is a serious illness, with one in five children who get the disease having to be admitted to hospital for treatment, so if you or your child have not had your MMR jab, it is vital you come forward.**

A new national NHS measles catch up campaign is being launched to contact all parents of children aged from six to 11 years contacted encouraging them to make an appointment with their child's GP practice for their missed MMR vaccine.



months by your GP. **If you are unsure if your child has had both vaccinations, please call your GP to confirm or to book an appointment. Older children and adults who have not had two doses of MMR can also ask their GP surgery for a vaccination appointment.**

The initial symptoms of measles:

- Resemble a cold with runny nose, cough and a slight fever
- Eyes become red and sensitive to light

As the illness progresses, children may develop:

- A high fever
- A raised red rash that usually begins on the face and spreads downwards to the neck, trunk, arms, legs and feet
- Small white spots inside the cheeks and lips

For some people, measles can be very serious if it spreads to other parts of the body, such as the lungs and the brain. Problems can include pneumonia, meningitis and seizures (fits).

If you think your child may have measles:

Lancashire County Council

PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD

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- Call your GP or NHS111 – **do not attend your GP practice or any other healthcare setting (e.g. A&E) unless told to do so as measles spreads very easily.**
- Avoid close contact with babies, pregnant women and anyone with a weakened immune system. These people are at increased risk of severe disease from measles.
- Stay off nursery, school or college for at least 4 days from when the rash appears.



For more information about measles, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

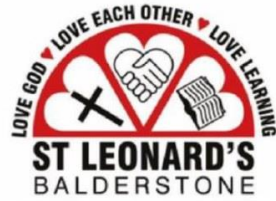
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr Sakthi Karunanithi", is written in a cursive style.

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Director of Public Health and Wellbeing



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**A small school
with a big heart**

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applications.**

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