



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary Newsletter 19th January 2024

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

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



This has certainly been a chilly week. We seem to have had every form of icy, snowy weather possible. At first the snow was nothing but fun, with snowballs, snowmen and excitement, However, as the week has gone on I think we have all had enough of slipping and sliding on the ice, spending 15 minutes defrosting the car and not being able to run around on the playground! A huge thank you to the staff team for our concierge drop of service this week and for all your patience with arrangements. We have worked amazingly well as a staff/parent team to keep school running despite the weather. I know that the car park has been a nightmare this week and I am sorry that we are not able to grit the area. I met with the Parish Council and have also contacted Lancashire Highways again to reinforce how desperate we are for gritting and grit bins on our lanes around school. Seemingly, our school is on a 'B' route so we should be gritted after all the important roads, but it seems that the important roads are never finished!

It was joyous to have our whole school family having fun and playing out in the snow together - staff and children all together. The children made some incredible snowmen and even a snow unicorn! There was some wonderful team work, sharing and creativity in action. We had lots of problem solving to do to make our snowy structures stick together too! One of the most special things about our school is seeing our children looking after one another and enjoying each others' company.

In worship this week we have been thinking about listening and how we need to spend time enjoying some quiet time. We thought about how busy and noisy our lives can be and how important it is to have moments of relaxation and peace in our day. This might be the time when we can listen or talk to God.

I received a letter from the Minister of Education today to congratulate our school on our outstanding Phonics results. Our phonics teaching and phonics screening test results put us in the

top 1% of schools nationally. This is testament to our staff expertise, the commitment of so many of our parents to reading at home and the love of learning of our children.

Stay warm this weekend.

Mrs Gow





1 - Just joy!





2 - Mrs Gow having too much fun!





3 - Best use of playground equipment award - clever use of the tyre!



4 - Best construction award - brilliant joining technique - shame about the scarf!



5 - Winner of the jolliest snowman competition! The girls dyed his eyes green with leaf sap!





6 - Happiest team award!



7 - Best perseverance award - the unicorn's head and ears kept falling off but they didn't give up or moan once.





8 - Best dressed snowman (love his specs)



9 - Longest armed snowman!



10 - Cutest snowman!



11 - Most realistic award!



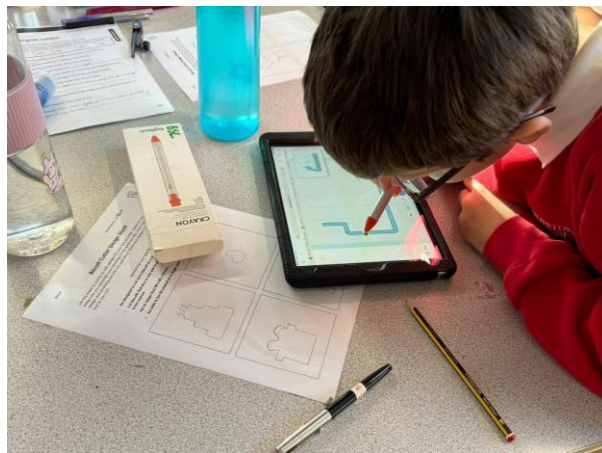
12 - Smiliest snowman award!

3d printing success!



Fox class have made some amazing progress with their venture into 3d printing and CAD. They have become experts in using Tinkercad app and have designed their own keyring and also started to

make their own special occasions cookie cutters. What an amazing piece of tech to have in our small school.



Forest School fun - Feed the Birds



We found out all about birds in Forest School this week. We built a nest for an osprey (one of the largest birds that visit the UK) and made bird feeders that are now hung up on the field and Forest School area, just in time for this cold snap! We used different bird calls in our game, found deer footprints and icicles down by the brook and enjoyed a hot chocolate to keep warm! Remember to take part in the RSPB Birdwatch on the weekend of 26th – 28th January. <https://www.rspb.org.uk>

Thank you to Abdullah and Charlotte for some more wonderful Hidden Nature photos. Keep sending them to me!









Let's Go Sing 2024



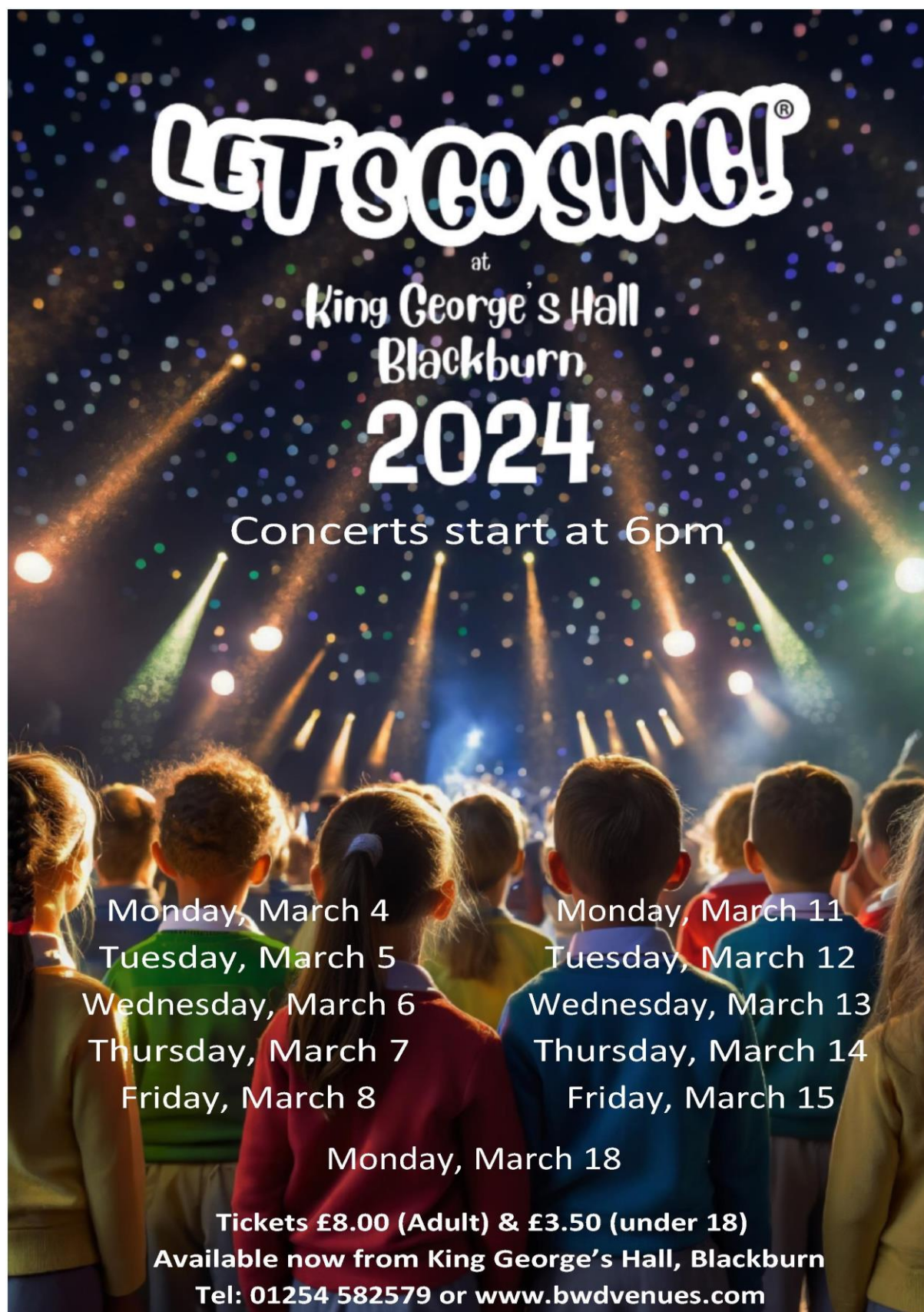
This year, Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in the Let's Go Sing concert on Monday 4th March at King George's Hall.

It is a fantastic experience and the children are working hard to learn the songs. This is part of our music curriculum so it is essential that all children attend. It is not optional. The concert gives the children the opportunity to sing with 300 other children on a big stage in front of a fantastic audience.

We will be leaving school at 1.45pm on the day and will travel to King George's Hall by coach. FOBS are kindly covering the cost of the coach to King George's Hall but please could you still go on Parentmail to give permission for your child to take part. The concert will begin at 6pm and will finish about 7.10pm when your child will need to be collected from the hall.

Please come along and support us. Tickets are available now from King George's Hall box office (01254 582579) or online at www.kinggeorghall.com. Tickets are £8.50 for adults and £4 for Under 18s and are on sale now. There is a small booking fee per ticket. 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.

This is always a really special event and the children get so much from the opportunity to perform in a live concert.



LET'S GO SING!®

at
King George's Hall
Blackburn
2024

Concerts start at 6pm

Monday, March 4	Monday, March 11
Tuesday, March 5	Tuesday, March 12
Wednesday, March 6	Wednesday, March 13
Thursday, March 7	Thursday, March 14
Friday, March 8	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

Flourishing Friday award winners this week



A huge congratulations to the following pupils who were chosen for their hard work and love of learning this week:

EYFS Raeis - wonderful settling in to EYFS

Year 1 Amirah - amazing problem solving in maths

Year 2 Adah - wow detail in your writing

Year 3 Danyal - patience, care and concentration in embroidery

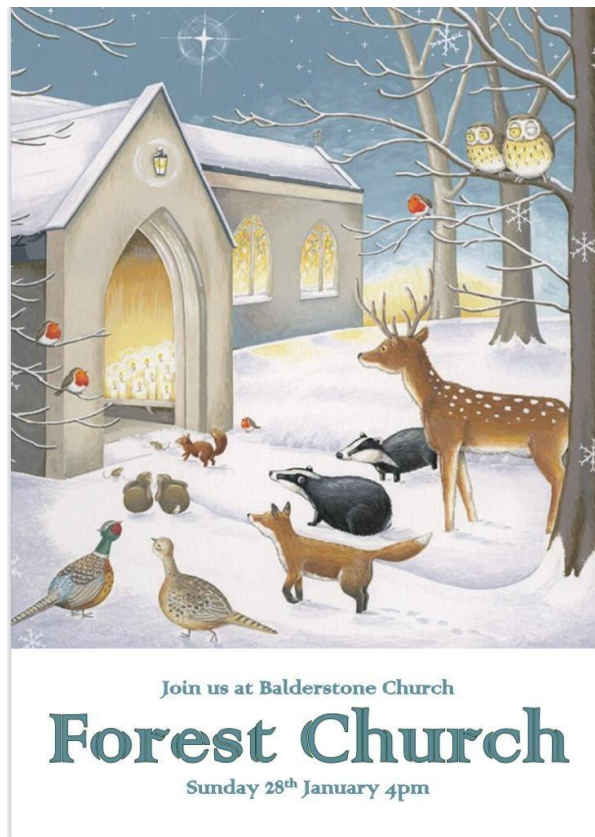
Year 4 Abdullah - compassion, thoughtfulness and sewing skills

Year 5 Abbas - Wonderful sense of humour and STEM work

Year 6 Matilda - enthusiasm for all of school life!

Community and Church news



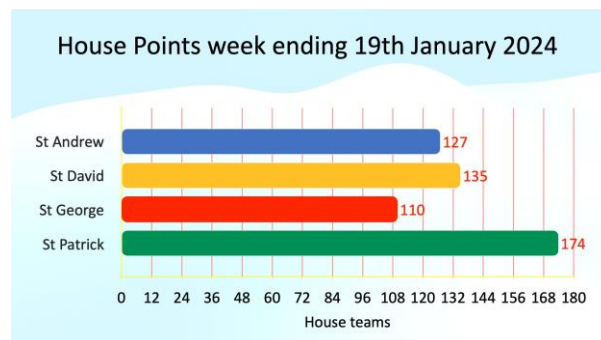


13 - Come and join us for this month's Forest Church

House points this week



Congratulations St Patrick on your excellent win this week. Wonderful results this week.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

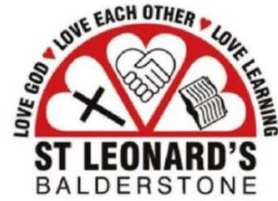


Save the date - in-person Parents' Evening Wednesday 21st February 2024. (more details sent out soon)



Next Friday - 26th January our Celebration worship will be held at 2.30pm instead of in the morning, as we have Zoolab creatures coming in to school in the morning and I don't fancy doing a worship whilst holding a centipede!

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