



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary - 4th July 2025

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

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Weekly Words



You I think you are in for a treat with the end of year production, 'The Lion King'. Last Friday we had our first full run through of the play and the children were outstanding! Our Year 6 children's performances and preparation has been first-rate. Get ready to both laugh and cry on the 15th. The end of year production is one which really pulls the whole of the school family together. There has been work on the animal species in the African savannah, mask making in art, singing, bunting and African tribal pattern making and lots of superb speaking, listening and drama going on, alongside ALL our usual learning. EVERYONE in school, from the youngest to the eldest has a role to play. Please make sure everyone has their costumes in school this week ready for the dress rehearsal.

I wanted to celebrate our Year 4 class this week and their incredible success with their statutory multiplication tables check results. The children, in the June of Year 4, have to sit a government times table test of 25 randomly generated, online multiplication facts from any of their tables from the 2 to 12 times table. For every question the children only get 6

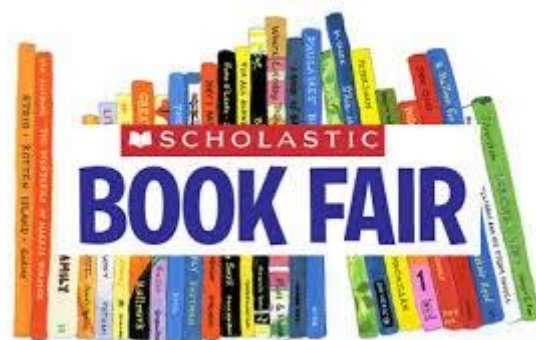
seconds to read, type and respond. Our current Year 4 absolutely smashed the test with everyone in the class getting 20 or above! The average score was 24 out of 25 and over 60% of the children got full marks. Why is this important? Well, fluency and automaticity in things like times tables makes the next steps of learning in Year 5 and 6 so much easier because the children just know the facts without having to get their fingers out or having to rote count the multiples. eg 4, 8, 12, 16 etc. A huge congratulations to the children and the staff who have taught these through our Mastering Number sessions. All their (and their parents) hard work on Times Table Rockstars paid off. Thank you for encouraging your child to learn these facts so efficiently. Keep up the great work in revisiting them so these facts move to your long-term memory! Year 3 are already getting to grips with these important facts.

School written reports come out a week on Monday and I wanted to say how incredibly blessed I feel to be headteacher of our school. My husband (who is also a teacher) in his previous role used to have to read and write reports for his whole year group of children at secondary school and it was in all honesty a bit of a toil getting through them! However, I was telling him what a joy it has been to read every child's report and hear the great things that each child has been doing in their learning and in their wider school life. What a privilege to read such wonderful reports!

Remember to bring your teddies in on Wednesday for themed lunch.

Mrs Gow

Scholastic Summer Book Fair - 3 for 2



Our **3 for 2** book fair is on until Tuesday after school. Every single sale raises commission for school to buy new class sets of reading books. You can pay for your books either with cash, online or using your phone/card at the fair <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1420321>

Balderstone Brambles - Nursery provision & spaces in school



We have been thrilled by the response and uptake to our new 2-year-old Brambles nursery provision. We are full for September, January and April starts, but have some space for **June** starts. Please see Mrs Gow as soon as possible if your child is two before June and you would like a place before we open the admissions more widely to the community. We are busy planning the most incredible transformation of our whole EYFS unit - it is going to be a breathtaking transformation! We shall be holding a transition session for our two-year-olds on Tuesday 8th July from 10am - 11am in school.

We still have lots of space in Year 1 (Year 2 from September) if you know of any family members, colleagues, friends etc who might be moving into the area or whose children are needing a new school family.

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Can you help?



Are you going anywhere by plane over summer?

If you are, and the airline is giving out free headphones that you don't need, please could you keep them unused for school? We'd love everyone to have their own headphones to use with the iPads for music activities. Please ask friend and family too. Although we love listening to their music compositions, it would make some music lessons a lot quieter!

Thank you!

Forest School



We all enjoyed toasted marshmallows and baked apples in Forest School this week with Year 6. There was time for exploring the brook too. This year group seem to love getting wet! Last Forest School next week, Year 6. Don't forget your kit!











Food for Life



How do you get the children to eat tomatoes? This week gardening club have been tasting the ones that we have been growing in the greenhouse - not quite enough to share with everyone yet! It was brilliant to see some children trying them even though they said they didn't like them.

And Miss Lee has been creating her own tomato sauce. Apparently it's delicious!

We're all looking forward to our teddy bear's picnic themed lunch this week. Don't forget your little friends!

Have a look at the menu below to see what else the children are enjoying at lunch time.

Menu					
Week 1	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Meat Choices	Chicken Curry Chicken & Potato Mashed Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Mashed Potatoes Vegetables & Dressing	Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Steaks Roast Potatoes, Mashed Vegetables & Dressing	Beefy Beef or Vegetarian Burger Mashed Potatoes Vegetables & Dressing	Golden Crust Pie or Vegetarian Pie Mashed Potatoes Vegetables & Dressing
Alternative Choices	Spiced & Fragrant Lamb Mashed Potatoes, Bread & Salad Dressing	Vegetarian Curry Mashed Potatoes Vegetables & Dressing	Spiced Chicken with Mashed Potatoes Vegetables & Dressing	Chicken & Potato Mashed Potatoes Vegetables & Dressing	Homemade Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Vegetables & Dressing
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Week 2	MEAT FREE MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
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Church and Community Corner



Our next All Age Worship with Communion is on **Sunday 13th July at 11am**. It would be lovely to share in the Communion service with those who were confirmed last month. Everyone is welcome and we'll be enjoying tea, coffee and refreshments in school after the service.



Keep in touch with the school family using the details below (or call into the school anytime to see us).

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