

Central News

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News

As we break for half term, please ensure you all stay safe and make memories as a family! Make memories for you and your child to smile about over the holidays, to enrich all your lives and give you all something to reflect fondly on. Enjoy and stay safe.

Parent Voice

We said: I follow the school social media platforms (X and Facebook).



You said: 94 Responses
40% Agree
60% Disagree

We share work that is completed by your children on Facebook and Twitter. Have a look and see if you can see any work belonging to your child or any photos of your child.



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[Facebook link](#)

X - search @balbycentral

Science Week - Help!

During science week, the children will be tasked with creating a marble run where the marble has to be on the move for the longest amount of time possible. We are asking for every child to fetch in a cardboard box (a shoe box is ideal) and other crafting materials like boxes, containers and tubes that they may wish to use. Please do not buy anything as every day recyclable items will work wonderfully. Can all items be brought in on the first week back after half term.



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. It is a day that is designed to raise awareness about ways in which we can keep safe online and when using technology. As a school, we routinely learn about safety through our Gooseberry Planet and computing lessons. During discussions, it was very clear to see that our children are very knowledgeable and know the steps to take to protect themselves and others. Keep an eye out for our weekly guides that provide tips, and highlights risks of popular devices and apps that your children may have access to. Click the photo for more information.



Choir

We go to Young Voices on the first Monday back. Please ensure comfortable shoes are worn and the children have a packed tea and drinks.

Assemblies this Week

Picture News

45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome.

Ask your child: What makes someone inspirational?

Safeguarding

This week we have been learning about rights and responsibilities. We have thought hard about the things we are responsible for and how we can be good citizens by taking responsibility for different things at different times in our lives.

Ask your child what they thought their responsibilities were and how they can be responsible citizens.

Attendance

Attendance this Half-Term: 93.8%
Children with 100% this Half-Term: 222



Class Attendance this Week:

Rainbow	89%
Sapphire	92.2%
Emerald	91.9%
Purple	95%
White	91.3%
Crimson	93.6%
Scarlet	94.2%
Violet	93.8%
Ruby	96.1%
Blue	93.9%
Indigo	96.1%
Green	95.3%
Yellow	94.1%
Red	95.6%
Orange	94.6%



Next half-term we are running an exciting new attendance incentive! Every child who is in school every Monday and Friday between Monday 19th February until Monday 25th March will receive an Easter treat, and there will also be a prize draw to win even more treats!



Safeguarding

There are a lot of things to think about when you're a parent. And it's really important to understand what your child needs. That's where the Graded Care Profile can help you and your family. You can look at things like health, food, clothing, hygiene, emotional care and the support you give your child (depending on their age) for things like play, school and friends.

The following picture link will provide you with more information and links to additional reading.



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Things you need to know

Please see important upcoming events below - should you require further information, please see your child's class teacher .

<p>Whole School</p> <p>8.02.24 All children break for half term</p> <p>9.02.24 Training Day for staff</p> <p>19.02.24 All children back to school</p> <p>19.02.24 Young Voices</p> <p>22.02.24 NO CHOIR</p>	<p>Early Years</p> <p>PE Day - Friday</p>	<p>Year 1</p> <p>PE Day - Monday</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>PE Day - Tuesday</p> <p>19.02.24 10.00am Samba Performance - parents invited - please complete the form to communicate attendance.</p>
<p>Year 3</p> <p>PE Day - Monday</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>PE Day - Friday</p> <p>22.02.24 Kingswood Parent Meeting 3.30pm in the hall.</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>PE Day - Thursday</p> <p>22.02.24 Puberty Talk - School Nurse</p>	<p>Year 6</p> <p>PE Day - Tuesday</p>

Lego at it's best... Well done Kody



Blake!

Kody Blake has worked so hard to build his design and explain each part. What an achievement!

World Book Day, Thursday 7th March 2024

Do not forget to dress as a word - can anyone guess your word?

Sandford Road Roadworks

As you will be aware, construction work on the Sandford Road Active Travel Scheme has been underway since the Summer months. This is progressing well and will soon move on to the next phase, with the road closure on the Southbound lane to re-open on Friday 16th February. Work on the Northbound lane will begin on Monday 19th February 2024 - our first day back after half term.

This next phase will include; reducing the width of the central island between Woodfield Road and Weston Road to make room for the new cycle lane, resurfacing of the carriageway along the full length of the road and upgrading street lighting and traffic signals.

To undertake the phase of works safely and efficiently there will be a closure of the Northbound lane of Sandford Road between Weston Road and Balby Road. However the section between Woodfield Road and Balby Road will be open for access, including turning points until the resurfacing is complete. Whilst the road closure is in place, diversions will be along Balby Road and Tickhill Road.

The road closure is in place from Monday 19th February for approximately 6-8 weeks (weather dependent) and will affect transporting your child to school. Please ensure you allow extra time for travelling to school so that your child is on time. We have many families and staff that travel to school from this direction and the road works need to be taken into account for your child's arrival time. The school gate closes at 8:50am and any child who arrives after this time will be marked as late, including if they travel from this area.

Activity for over half term...

REMAKE LEARNING MEXBOROUGH POP-UP EVENT

TAKING PLACE 12TH-15TH FEBRUARY

Join us for the Remake Learning Mexborough Pop-Up Event this February Half Term!

Four days of **FREE learning events and activities** designed to inspire curiosity, and spark passion for all ages!

With everything from **digital Lego**, exciting **science and technology activities** and **ukulele lessons**, to a **court room experience** for those aged 16 and above, and lots of **stay and play** and **tuneful chatter** sessions for our littlest ones, there's something for everyone!

Events are taking place at some of your **favourite community venues** across **Mexborough and Denaby**, including the Family Hubs, libraries, youth hubs, Fox Gallery, Mexborough Business Centre and more!

REMAKE LEARNING COMMUNITY FUN DAY
MEXBOROUGH LIBRARY
MONDAY 12TH FEB 2-5PM

Meet exotic animals and learn about their care with Reptile Rendezvous, make bookmarks and print your own bags, and learn about Mexborough's history! All ages welcome and free snack bags available for the little ones

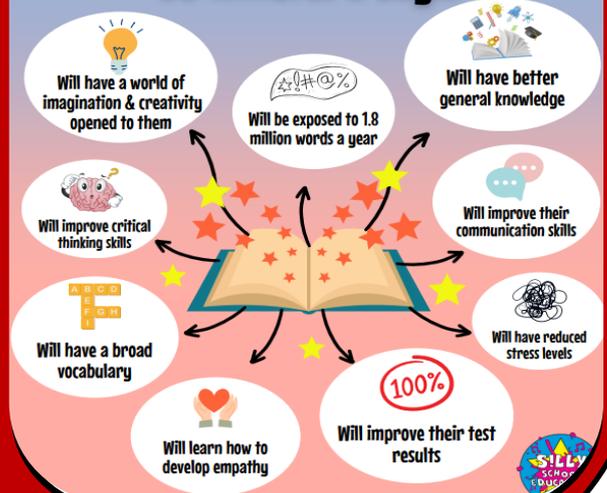
FIND THE FULL LIST OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:
remakelearningdays.org/doncaster-uk

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Reading with your child

20 is plenty!

Children who read for
20 minutes a day...



Keep yourself safe in a fire...

This week, Miss Allison and Miss Parker took part in Safer South Yorkshire training where they learnt about minimising risks of fires in homes. Some of the things you could think about in your home to minimise the risk of a fire starting is:

- Checking your smoke alarms are working at least once a week
- Not smoking indoors
- Disposing of cigarettes correctly or emptying overflowing ash trays
- Not smoking E-Cigarettes indoors
- Not leaving lit candles unattended
- Not overloading plug sockets or extension cables
- Cleaning your kitchen regularly because a build-up of fat or grease could cause a fire
- Not leaving appliances running unattended or overnight such as dishwasher/washing machine/tumble dryer
- Don't leave your phone or any devices charging overnight
- Avoid deep oil cooking

Did you know?

There's 2 accidental fires a day due to unattended candles.

Every 6 days someone in the UK dies from a fire caused by a cigarette.

Just two breaths of lung inhalation can kill an adult.

If a fire is caused by hot oil do not pour water on it.

Get out.
Stay out.
Call 999.



Other Risks to look out for

- No working **smoke alarms**
- Blocked or cluttered **exit routes**
- **Unable to open** windows and doors
- **Missing or poorly fitted** internal doors
- **Unable to make themselves safe** or **appropriately respond** to alarm activation
- **Unable to call 999** or alert the **emergency services**

Electrical

- **Overloading** sockets
- **Worn, damaged** or **poorly repaired** leads and equipment
- Plugs & sockets **scorched** and/or feeling warm
- **Unsafe charging** of electrical equipment
- Plug in air fresheners
- Electricals not to British Standards



Chair Too Close to Gas Fire

