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News

We have had a fantastic week in school with lots of learning opportunities created for our children.

We have had sporting activities, singing activities, attendance awards, family learning and all of this on top of the learning for the children. Here is a round up of this week.

Year 5 and 6 Basketball Competition



Year 5 and 6 children visited
Campsmount this week to
participate in the basketball
competition. They played so
well and, whilst they didn't
win, they were great
sportsmen and women we were very proud!

Well done to all who
participated!

Year 1's - Attendance Incentive Award

We are so proud that over half of Year 1 won the craft afternoon last half term. The children had a great time and we congratulate them on their high attendance.







Choir

Choir are working hard towards the Young Voices concert in February. Rehearsals will now be every Thursday lunch as well as after school, and also on a Friday lunch in Miss Wales' classroom.

Family Learning

We had a great family craft morning this week with AFCL Facebook. The families enjoyed making puppets together with their children and are looking forward to taking them home to put on puppet shows. If you are interested in joining our Story Sacks course, which is running for a further 5 weekly sessions, please contact Mrs Wiltshire at school.



Assemblies this Week

Picture News

Reading Book v Virtual Print

A study from the University of Valencia in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading on a screen.

Question to ask: Is an e-reader better than a book?

Safeguarding

This week in our safeguarding assembly we have learned about banter.

Sometimes the things we are saying that we find funny can really upset someone. Please take some time to talk to your children about the importance of using kind words when talking to other people.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 94.5% Children with 100% - 379

Class Attendance this Week:

Rainbow	91.4%	
Sapphire	95.3%	
Emerald	91.4%	
Purple	97.3%	
White	93%	
Crimson	94.3%	
Scarlet	96.9%	
Violet	93.9%	
Ruby	99.3%	
Blue	93.3%	
Indigo	93.3%	
Green	98.6%	
Yellow	93.5%	
Red	92.8%	
Orange	93.3%	

This week we were superheroes!
Our Year 1 children who had excellent attendance
in December were rewarded with a superheroes craft
afternoon this week!

We made superhero masks, sand magnets, keyrings and even designed our own capes!

Here are our pictures of our attendance superheroes!



Well done everyone!





Learn more about banter and bullying, click the pictures below.





After School Clubs

Thank you for your support with the clubs this half term. Please remember that the clubs finish at 4.15, with the Maths NTP for Year 5 finishing at approximately 4.25pm.



Things you need to know

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

Whole School	Early Years	Year 1	Year 2
25.01 Choir @ lunch Choir after school	PE Day - Monday	PE Day - Monday	PE Day - Tuesday
26.01 Choir @ lunch			
26.01 Trust Choir @ Hatchell Wood			
26.01 With Me in Mind drop in for the children 12.15			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
PE Day - Monday	PE Day - Friday	PE Day - Thursday	PE Day - Wednesday

Parent Voice

We said: I have spoken to my child about keeping safe during dark mornings.



You said: 125 responses

48% Strongly agree 44% Agree 5% Disagree 3% Strongly disagree

Thank you to all the parents who have spoken with your children, this is very important and we urge you to have this conversation.

Road Safety

We have received reports of children not looking as they cross the roads on the way to and from school at the beginning and end of the school day .

Near misses were reported twice last week. Please talk to your children about how to cross the road safely. We really do not want to hear of an accident involving our children.

Do you have chronic pain or fibromyalgia?

Are you fed up of feeling alone and finding that people just do not understand?

You are not alone.

Peer groups for fibromyalgia and chronic pain are available and there is a list of events in January that you can access in many areas in Doncaster. Click here-for more information

How do we spend the picnic money?

We said: Please choose your preferred choice for us to spend the money raised from the Summer Picnic 2023.

You said: 201 responses

12% Reading books

55% Wet playtime resources

33% Outdoor reading sheds



Thank you to all the parents who voted.

Are you interested in learning new skills?

Adult, Family and Community Learning Doncaster are offering many courses for you to engage in.



Click <u>here</u> to download the timetable of courses and book your places.

You could complete courses such as:

Community Courses

Volunteer Passport

Family History

Family Learning

Story Sacks

Fun with Phonics

Healthy Families

Digital IT Courses

Using Devices and Handling Information

Creating and Editing

Communicating

Being Safe and Responsible Online

Maths

Introduction to Maths

Functional Skills

English

Introduction to Studying English

Functional Skills

English as Speakers of other Languages

Conversational English

Introduction to English Speakers of other Languages

English for Speakers of other Languages

Inclusivity at our school

Following on from last week's parent voice, we want all families and children to feel like they belong at our school and that we are inclusive and welcoming to all. We are working really hard on the Anti-Racism Award and are leading the Anti-Racism Network for the Rose Learning Trust.

We promote this through our key values Belonging, Curiosity, Pride and Achievement.

Children have access to weekly Jigsaw lessons which encourages collaboration and inclusivity of all. During dinner times and playtimes, play buddies are used so children know they have a safe person they can go to. Weekly assemblies teach children about our world and what this means to be part of Balby Central Primary Academy.