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News

We are trying to promote independence, kindness and cultural capital in school.

This week we have promoted these by the following:



Independence and cultural capital

This week, 8 children from Year 5 and 6 volunteered to attend online training with Picture News <https://www.picture-news.co.uk/> looking at ways in which they could lead assemblies. They were very enthusiastic and will start leading our Monday British Values Assembly. Pupil led assemblies are to encourage our children to learn about current affairs and learn about themselves, others and the world in which they live. Our first job following the training was to name the team, they decided they would like to be called Assembly Ambassadors. We plan our assembly each Friday to deliver the following week. The Assembly Ambassadors will also be meeting and greeting children as they come into the hall, choosing music and collecting questions and learning from the reflection of the week. Wish them luck for their first assembly and they will share next week how they felt about their new role in school. Well done to all these children!

Kindness

Doncaster launched 'Choose Kindness' on Saturday 23rd September. It is a city-wide movement which champions the power of kindness and celebrates the rich diversity of our local people and communities. Balby Central Has signed up to Doncaster Council's pledge to Choose Kindness. We pledge to:

- Embed a culture of acceptance, tolerance and respect within our school
- Encourage empathy and respect among all our learners, staff and parents
- Protect the mental and physical wellbeing of all our learners and staff
- Challenge instances of unkindness (where appropriate and safe to do so)
- Embed kindness in our policies and procedures



Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 93%
Highest Class - Blue Class with 97.6%
Number of children with 100% this week - 366



Home visits and when we do them

When children are absent we carry out home visits, this could be on the first day of their absence if no reason has been reported, or at any time during their time off school. We usually carry out visits to see how the children are and to enquire if you need any support with anything. Home visits are a really important part of attendance monitoring and it means that Miss Allison and Miss Parker are out in the community getting to know families. All children receive home visits and it isn't anything to worry about!

Ready

Be ready for school, be on time and dressed appropriately with the items you need for the day.

Respectful

Listen to others, use appropriate language, look after the building and objects within. Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Safe

Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others. Be in the right place at the right time.

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Safeguarding - Online Safety

This week our safeguarding information focuses on online wellbeing. There are lots of things that can affect children's wellbeing when accessing the online world. Click on the picture for more support and information about this.



Can you help?

Our children are making the most of playing with natural objects in the playground and we think you can help. If you go out with the children this weekend, could you collect some natural objects? Stones, leaves, shells, feathers, acorns, conkers and pine cones etc - the children are having great fun making games or completing art work so please help us allow this to continue.



Friends of Balby Central Primary

This week we had a fantastic meeting with Bev, who is leading our Friends of Balby Central fundraising group. It was great to hear all the ideas from discos, to Christmas and summer events. Today Bev had organised a coffee morning for parents to attend and raise monies for MacMillan - thank you Bev, your efforts do not go un-noticed and we are lucky to have you as part of the team at BCPA.



If you would like to be involved in fundraising for school and helping the children purchase items to make their days more enjoyable please speak to Bev. Any help is much appreciated and many hands make light work.

The bread and butter thing.

Introducing The Bread and Butter Thing



- * **Save** over £20 a week on your shopping
- * **New hub opening: 2pm, Monday 25 September**
At The Central Family Hub, Welcome Way
Doncaster, DN1 3LE



The Bread and Butter Thing offers weekly groceries at a fraction of high street prices. We're opening our new Doncaster Central Hub on Monday 25 September

For £8.50 we offer roughly £35 worth of food each week including fresh fruit and veg, chilled food for the fridge and cupboard staples such as pasta and cereal. We get our supplies from the stuff that you hear about in the news going to waste: it comes from supermarkets, factories and farms.

Step 1 - Text 07860 063304 with your full name, postcode, and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: DONCASTER CENTRAL

Step 2 - Select the size of order you want to receive: Family - £8.50 (this is our top seller). We also offer Individual - £5, or Large Family - £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.

Step 3 - We'll send you a text every Saturday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10:00AM the next day. We'll deliver your order to the Doncaster Central hub on Monday at 2pm.

Step 4 - Collect and pay for your goods from Central Family Hub (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and we also accept Healthy Start Vouchers).

Everyone who signs up before 29 December 2023 will get their first order free.

[Click here for more information](#)

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Bags in school

On Monday next week, every child will bring home their reading book in a new reading book bag. Please ensure that these bags are brought into school each day to protect and keep your child's book safe. If these bags are lost, there will be a £1 charge added to your ParentPay account for a replacement. Please do not send backpacks to school with your child - there is very limited space for storage in school.

Can we also please encourage you to read at home with your child at least 3 times a week and complete the reading slip sent home.



Enter the writing competition

500 Words is the UK's most successful children's writing competition and has now opened for submissions and will run until Friday 10th November 2023.

This year, the two age categories will be **5-7 year-olds** and **8-11 year-olds**.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Click the picture for more information



Struggling with meal times?



Are meal times always a battle?

Is your child a really picky eater?

Would you like your child to eat a healthier diet?

Come along to our 'One stop shop' on Monday 2nd October at 8:45 in the family room.

Ask questions and get information on how to make meal times less stress and more enjoyable.

Any further questions contact Mrs Wiltshire at school.



Reading at Balby Central Primary Academy

This week the children have read 411 times, this is a great start and we hope to see even more next week. Well done to Ruby class, who are the winners again this week! We are very proud of your efforts.