

Central News

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News

After our [Picture News](#) Assembly this week, our children came to us to challenge the presentation we had been sent to deliver. We are happy that they did! They highlighted that the PowerPoint about fashion was aimed mainly at girls and all the mannequins were female orientated. They wrote a very well-worded email and sent it to the company. They have replied and the response will be shared with the children next week. Well done!

Year 5 Author Visit - Phil Shepherd

The Incredible House on The Hill

The children in Year 5 were incredibly lucky to spend the day with Phil Shepherd.

They constructed some amazing art work to illustrate their poems. The poems were shared in Pitch Assembly on Tuesday morning and were very well written and entertaining.

Well done Year 5!



Celebration for Henry

Henry had an 8 week trial at Doncaster Rovers Academy, which started towards the end of last year. It came to an end last weekend and he has now been offered a contract to play in the Doncaster Rovers Academy. Well done Henry, we are incredibly proud of you!



Year 2's - Attendance Incentive Award

We are so proud that over half of Year 2 won the movie afternoon for their attendance in January. The children had a great time with a film, popcorn and treats and we congratulate them on their high attendance.



Choir

Rehearsals continue Thursday this week for Young Voices.

There will be no choir in week 1 after the holidays. More children will be able to join mid February.

Assemblies this Week

Picture News

New BBC television program, Style It Out, focuses on sustainable fashion and will give promising designers the chance to show case at London Fashion Week.

Challenge Project! We will be purchasing a mannequin for each year group to design their own outfit made from recycled materials – get thinking what you could create, the children were very excited that we could all be designers – have a look at the slides to see the full project in Assemblies

Question to ask: Is fashion important?

Safeguarding

This week our safeguarding assembly focused on keeping safe, assessing risks and thinking about the people who help us in our families and the wider community. The children thought about the things they can do to keep themselves and others safe - ask them to share their thoughts and ideas with you.

Question to ask: What risks are there in our community?

Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 93.5%
Children with 100% - 366



Class Attendance this Week:

Rainbow	92%
Sapphire	93.3%
Emerald	88.4%
Purple	96.6%
White	93.2%
Crimson	94.6%
Scarlet	93%
Violet	96.6%
Ruby	98.6%
Blue	89.2%
Indigo	91.3%
Yellow	92.3%
Green	93.3%
Red	95.3%
Orange	95%

Our children in **Year 4**, who achieve over 95% attendance between 5th and 29th February, will enjoy afternoon tea as their reward - make sure you're all in school and on time!

Don't Be Late and Miss the Gate!

Next week we will be continuing with our Early Bird calls for children who arrive at school late. If your child is late, please expect a phone call from Miss Parker at 8:00am every morning. If your child continues to be late then we will provide you with an alarm clock. If your child's lateness improves after 2 weeks then the Early Bird calls will not continue.

Being on time for school every day is very important - if your child is 3 minutes late every day for two weeks then that is one whole phonics session or handwriting intervention that they have missed!

Don't forget the school gate closes at 8:50am.



Safeguarding

As the nights are darker it is especially important to keep our children safe on the roads. Please take the time to talk to your child about ways they can keep safe. The link on the picture explains how to cross roads safely.

- Find a safe place to cross
- Stand on the pavement near the kerb
- Look around for traffic and listen
- Let traffic pass and look again
- If no traffic - walk across the road, do not run
- Continue to look and listen whilst crossing.



Things you need to know

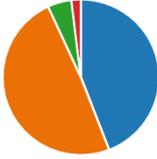
Please see important upcoming events below - should you require further information, please see your child's class teacher .

Whole School	Early Years	Year 1	Year 2
<p>Tuesday - E-Safety Day</p> <p>Thursday - School closes to all children at 3.15pm.</p> <p>Monday 19th February - School opens at 8.40am for all children.</p> <p>Monday 19th February - Young Voices.</p>	<p>PE Day - Friday</p> <p>Wednesday 9:00 -10:00 & 1:00 -2:00 Story Sack Session</p> <p>Thursday - 1:00 - 2:00 Story Sack Session.</p>	<p>PE Day - Monday</p>	<p>PE Day - Tuesday</p> <p>Thursday - Fire Engine visit to school.</p> <p>Monday 19th Feb 10.00 - 11.00</p> <p>Samba Performance</p>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>PE Day - Monday</p> <p>Tuesday - some children attending the dodgeball competition</p>	<p>PE Day - Friday</p> <p>Tuesday - some children attending the dodgeball competition</p>	<p>PE Day - Thursday</p>	<p>PE Day - Tuesday</p>

Parent Voice

We said:

I read Central News weekly and find it informative about what is happening in school.



You said: 103 Responses

44% Strongly agree

49% Agree

5% Disagree

2% Strongly disagree

We are really pleased that most who answered are finding Central News useful - we aim to communicate as much as we can each week.

Signs of Spring Survey

The Royal Society of Biology is working in partnership with the Field Studies Council to invite everyone to look out for ten [Signs of Spring](#) across the UK - bluebells, bumblebees, butterflies, daffodils, damselflies and dragonflies, frog spawn, hazel catkins, ladybirds, snowdrops and the first cut of the lawn.

Click [to add your sightings to our survey](#).



World Book Day, Thursday 7th March 2024

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024 @BALBY CENTRAL

Bring a Book to Life

Due to the phenomenal success of last year, we are once again running a competition for all children in school. We would love to see how creative you can be at home and we want you to bring a book to life!

Using cereal boxes, shoeboxes and any other unused boxes, choose a favourite story and recreate it inside. We will have a range of prizes for the winners in 4 categories- EYFS, (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (Y1/Y2), LKS2 (Y3/Y4) and UKS2 (Y5/Y6) All entries need to be brought into school on Thursday 7th ready for judging.

World Book Day Non-Uniform Day

Come dressed as a word to develop your vocabulary! This world book day we would love to see you dressed as a word! What new words can you teach your teachers and your friends? We can't wait to see your creativity!

