



'Shaping lives, building futures to be the best you can be.'

News

A real humbling week this week in school, celebrating so much success.

This week, we had the pleasure of taking 4 of our Choir children to The Royal Albert Hall in London to perform on the stage with the Rose Learning Trust Choir. They were amazing! Many of the staff were teary eyed with pride. Well done to Advika, Lamar, Sophie and Melody - a great performance to be proud of girls! We also got to listen to musical talent from across the United Kingdom, with jazz bands, orchestras, Irish bands, rappers, Irish dancers and tap dancers, singers and percussionists - the talent from musical children on the stage was phenomenal. What an amazing experience for all involved! Thank you to all for dressing spotty today and raising monies for Children in Need. We will update you next week when the monies have been finalised.



Attendance

Attendance – 93.9%

Highest Class – Crimson and Blue with 96.6%

Children with 100% – 353

Just a reminder that we can administer medication that is prescribed by a UK doctor where the dosage is 4 times per day. Please bring medication to the main office to complete a form and we can administer it at the time you specify. If your child has medication that is 3 times per day then the doctor would recommend to take this before school, after school and before bed.

Does everyday really matter?

Yes – the learning that children access during school is catered for their full week and therefore if they miss days it means they're missing learning. When children return to school after being absent, they then have to catch up on the learning that they have missed out on to 'fill in the gaps' to ensure that they have accessed that full unit of work. It is a child's right to access their

education, please click the images below that explains this further and the impact poor attendance and lateness has.



Reading at BCPA

This week, children have read 518 times at home and returned their slips to school. Well done to those of you that have read at home. **The winning class this week is:** Ruby class with 110 reads, with Purple class following them closely with 96 reads and Green class with 74 reads.

Please return books everyday and Monday is the day for changing.



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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Gingerbread*

Safeguarding
Gingerbread is the national charity for single parents. They provide free support services for single parents. Click on the picture to visit their website for more information.

Assemblies



Our British Values Assembly focus this week is - **Mutual respect & tolerance.**

A new robot called Digit, designed to be human-like and that is capable of lifting and moving items, is being tested in warehouses of the online retailer, Amazon. Have a conversation with your child; Are there some jobs robots could never do?

On Thursdays we have our Safeguarding Assembly; here is the theme this week - **kindness.**

This week all children in school listened to a story about kindness and met our new friend the Kindness Kitten. It opened up lots of thinking about how we can be kind, why it is important to be kind to others and what we can do if we see anyone not being kind. Ask your child about the story and all the things they have learned.

Friends of Balby Central

Thank you to Friends of Balby Central for our Halloween Disco's. Please ensure you are following the Friends Facebook group to keep up-to-date with the fundraising events on offer. Click on the icon to take you to our page or search for Friends of Balby Central - there are 2 groups, one for general and one for fundraising for your children.



In December, we will be having a Christmas raffle to raise further funds for school - watch this space for more information about ticket sales. There are some fabulous prizes to be won!

Letters around the world

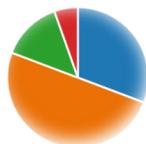
Our children in Reception have been sending letters, work and gifts to schools around the world and we are beginning to see responses arrive. The children are so excited when a package arrives and the children we are writing to are also very excited. Mrs Gilson has been working hard to form these links and we are grateful for yet another opportunity for our children. Well done Reception! This response came from Canada...

Hello Balby Central, we received your envelope this morning. Totally explored by the children. They loved the drawings you sent us! You have inspired us to read the Gingerbread Man in our writing lessons! We can't wait to write back!



Parent Voice

Statement: I know where to ask for help if I need support with my child at home.



Your response: 134 of you responded.

30% of you strongly agreed / 50% of you agreed.

13% of you disagreed / 5% strongly disagreed.

Our response: On the gate every day you can speak to either Mrs. Wiltshire or Miss. Parker. They have many ideas to help and know where to signpost you to should you require support. Please ask to speak to them.



We have many support staff in our school and could not do what we do without them. Thank you to all our support staff, your hard work and dedication is appreciated.

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Could mould in your home harm you and your children?

Yes, if you have damp and mould in your home you're more likely to have respiratory problems, [respiratory](#),



[infections](#), [allergies](#) or [asthma](#).

Damp and mould can also affect the immune system. Click on the picture for further information from the NHS.

During the winter months, mould will become worse and this can have an impact on children's and adults' health - particularly asthmatics.

Click on the image for a useful link to Doncaster Council's website – this also offers advice on what to do if you're in a rented property and are experiencing mould problems.

What to do to avoid mould in your home.

Try to reduce humidity levels - dehumidifiers can help with this.

Ensure air flows freely through the house.

Where possible, use a vent in the kitchen and bathroom

Fix holes in the roof, walls or plumbing

Clean bathrooms with mould resistant products

Landlords have a responsibility to fix mould issues.

For more information click the link.

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/helping-tenants-with-damp-and-mouldy-housing-england/>



City of Doncaster Council

When is Santa Visiting?

Tickhill & District Lions Santa Sleigh December 2023

Balby
Saturday 16th : Dominion
Sunday 17th : Woodfield Plantation
Bawtry & Austerfield

Monday 18th : Park Road, Cheyne, Madison, Richmond, Cavendish, Westwood, Lime Tree, Oak Tree, Sycamore, Martin Lane, Ingham, Grange

Tuesday 19th Austerfield / Bawtry East (All of Austerfield followed by Bawtry) Harewood, Brantingham, Eshton, Rydale, Dalton, Sandbeck, North/South Ave, Central, Station Rd, Peakes, Russet, Queens, Gresley, Stirling
Tickhill / Loversall /Wadworth

Wednesday 20th : Sunderland St, Meadow Dr, Lumley, Lancaster, Castlegate, Lindrick, Worksop Rd, Rotherham Rd and Westgate

Thursday 21st: (Shorter route for 2023) Dadesley, Wilsic, Westfield, Saffron, Wong Ln, Crown, King Edward, Pinfold, St Mary's

Friday 22nd: Common Lane (New route for 2023!) St Leonard's, Northgate, Common Ln, Langdale, Wheatfield, Rye Croft, Pasture Way, Airedale, Alderson, Oval, Beech, Walnut

Saturday 23rd : Loversall (from 4pm) and Wadworth (from 5pm)

Water bottles

Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school daily. Whilst the heating is on, children do get thirsty and it is important that they have their own bottle. We will always offer children a drink but it is much easier and more accessible if it is in an individual bottle.



What to do in Balby

Balby Community Library

NEW!

Board Games Club

Friday Afternoons
1pm - 3pm

We have a range of board games to play. Meet, play and make friends. Free. Refreshments available.

Grown Ups Only!

Balby Community Library

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 16th November
11am-2pm

Festive Tombola
Christmas Tree Lucky Dip
Guess the Snowman Name and More...

Santa's Buffet with
Cake and Mince pies

Free Entry

TTRS

Mrs Hemmingway is looking for TTRS champions. Please encourage your children to login and complete the set challenge for their chance to win a Rockstar Trophy for the week. Well done to Anjali and Nawaz for winning this week.

