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 Balby Central Primary Academy

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Balby Central News

We are very proud this week to have sent you our recent Ofsted Report. Please take time to read through the report; leaders are available each day on the gate if you would like to discuss it.

We have had a busy week going to different events. These experiences are really important to us, to give children opportunities wider than school to showcase their knowledge and skills.

At our staff training this week we have worked with other schools in the trust looking at writing and how our children are developing stamina to write for different purposes.



Year 4 have zip-wired, climbed, completed a sensory night-line walk, enjoyed a camp-fire, been energetic with Aero ball and have successfully made their own beds! Well done to the children who attended for their 'have a go' attitudes! Thank you to the staff who attended the visit too and made our first residential this year possible. Children have shown great spirit and bravery in overcoming heights and other personal barriers.

We will share photos of their experience next week.

Music for Youth Festival

Well done to choir for their participation in the Music for Youth Festival last Saturday at Don Valley. The judges commented on the harmonies and tuneful singing. We are hoping to learn some new music soon to present next year at the festival.



Spelling Bee—local competition

On Tuesday evening a group of children took part in the local **Spelling Bee** competition against other schools across Doncaster. We are proud of the achievements and resilience of these children in Year 6 who represented our school. Test yourself at spelling a selection of the words from the competition ...



petticoat awry colonel fortuitous pylon
citizen obedience aisle trespass

Red Nose Day

Today we celebrated Red Nose Day. The theme was "Dress funny to raise money" We raised **£314.64** from your very kind donations which will be sent to the charity and go towards helping others across the UK and overseas. Thank you for your support.



Attendance

Class Attendance this Week:

Rainbow	93.2%
Sapphire	93.3%
Emerald	85%
Purple	95.5%
White	93.5%
Crimson	90%
Scarlet	86.6%
Ruby	92.6%
Violet	95.4%
Blue	96.5%
Indigo	97.5%
Yellow	89.6%
Green	94.1%
Orange	96.6%
Red	93.3%

Whole School Attendance - 92.8%
Children with 100% - 380



Don't forget we are still running our Easter attendance incentive! Every child who is in school every Monday and Friday this half-term will receive an Easter treat, and there will also be a prize draw to win even more treats!



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>Thursday - Choir after school</p> <p>Friday - Trust Choir - Lakeside.</p> <p>Friday - Don Valley Festival@ Sir Thomas Wharton 5pm.</p>	<p>PE Day - Friday</p>	<p>PE Day - Monday</p>	<p>PE Day - Tuesday</p>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>PE Day - Monday</p> <p>Thursday - attend in PE Kit Cross Country trials</p>	<p>PE Day - Friday</p> <p>Art Visit to Hill House - for a small group of children.</p> <p>Thursday - Year 4 attendance incentive afternoon</p> <p>Thursday - attend in PE kit— Cross Country trials</p>	<p>PE Day - Thursday</p> <p>Ukelele - Wednesday</p> <p>Thursday - attend in PE Kit Cross Country trials</p>	<p>PE Day - Tuesday</p> <p>Thursday - attend in PE kit Cross Country trials</p>

Parent Voice

The Statement: I am aware when my child is taking part in themed weeks in school e.g. Science Week, Mental Health week.

Number of responses: 147

You said: 69% agree

We respond: We will update you prior to the events so that you are aware.



● Strongly Agree	44
● Agree	57
● Disagree	39
● Strongly Disagree	7

Assemblies this Week

Picture News

Story: Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. **Talk to your child:** Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?

Safeguarding Assembly

Keeping safe online advice and support.

Talk to your child about a situation online where they would tell an adult about something and why they would do this. Remind them how to keep themselves safe and how online safety is important to do what they can to keep themselves safe.

Safeguarding

This week, the safeguarding information is for supporting you as parents and carers to talk to your children about extremism and radicalisation. The link will take you to a number of resources and information to help in developing your own understanding and also on how to support children and young people. Click on the picture below for further information.

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Pitch Assembly and incentives—what we do

Each week we hold our **Pitch Assembly**. Classes have one minute to pitch why they are the best class in school. Children choose what to present in the assembly and confidently share their learning. We regularly share learning through music, drama, physical education and other subjects. A big focus for this assembly is on developing long term memory by sharing key vocabulary and building speaking and listening skills.

Children, who have been chosen for **individual awards** from each class, are celebrated within the Pitch Assembly. Each winning child is presented with a coloured T-shirt to wear with pride. We then praise children around school wearing their t-shirts throughout the week. The song Heroes is played around the building on Friday and children share their achievements with leaders as they receive recognition and treats for their achievements.

Reading Heroes chosen based on attitudes to reading, reading at home or continued effort with reading. They receive a badge, book mark and get to wear a yellow T-shirt celebrating them as 'Reader of the Week.' **Attendance Heroes** can be chosen for a variety of reasons, for good or improved attendance, being in school on time and being a good role model to others. They wear the green t-shirts and enjoy a milkshake and receive a sticker, pencil and certificate.

For excellent learning children are chosen to wear the blue T-shirt which says **I have received an award for my work**. They share their learning with Mrs Cooke or Mrs Hemmingway and receive a pen or a pencil and a sticker. Each child will also visit our book collection to choose a book of interest to keep.

Our final coloured t-shirts are purple and are awarded to children displaying consistent **Ready, Respectful, Safe** behaviours. As a group the children enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Cooke or Mrs Hemmingway and are praised for being positive role models to others.

We are very proud of our children who continue to shine each week. Look out in the coming weeks as we will be giving parents an opportunity to come and watch a pitch assembly and see the great learning in school. This week we are going to introduce live voting in the Year 4,5 and 6 assembly for the best class of the week - we can't wait to see the results!



Wet Playtimes

You voted to spend monies raised on wet play equipment for the classrooms for your children to use when they have to stay in due to the weather. Each class was given a budget to spend and have begun buying their chosen items. Thank you for your support with this - the children are very happy.



Parents Evenings

Please log on to School Cloud to book your meeting. Teachers will be speaking to you next week if you have not yet booked one.

Tuesday 26th March	Wednesday 27th March
<p>Emerald Sapphire Rainbow Crimson - Mrs Hodgson Violet - Mr Short Ruby - Miss Giddings Indigo - Mrs Blundell Yellow - Miss Wales</p>	<p>White - Miss Shaw Purple - Mr Smith Scarlet - Miss Bouttell Blue - Mr Butterfield Green - Mrs Hogarty Red - Miss Talbot Orange - Miss Henry</p>

Packed Lunches

As the weather is beginning to improve, children from **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** will be given



the opportunity to eat their packed lunches in the picnic area outside. Children are able to choose to eat with their friends in the hall or outside in the picnic area in these year groups. If eating outside, children should bring a coat.

Cross Country Trials

On Thursday, all children in Years 3,4,5



and 6 will need to attend in PE kit. All children will compete in the trials in preparation for the Hill House Cross Country Competition. Please bring a change of footwear in a bag, as it may be muddy on the field. Good luck everyone!

Robin Hood Music Festival



Four children were part of The Rose Learning Trust Choir competing at the festival on Thursday evening. Mrs Cooke attended and proudly shared the news that the choir were given first place by the adjudicator judging the choirs. A proud moment for all schools who form the choir!

Reading

Well done to all our readers at home this week

1st place Ruby 101

2nd place Scarlet 79

3rd place Red 66