



Balfour Junior Academy

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Friday, 23rd February 2018

Dear Parents and Friends



We have the Scholastic Book Fair in school next week (Monday 26th February - Thursday 1st March). The Book Fair will be open each lunch time and after school (except for Tuesday) in the hall. Money raised as a result of the Book Fair enables us to buy books for the school.

This year, we have decided not to celebrate World Book Day. Instead we had the author John Dougherty visit (Monday 19th February). He ran a whole school assembly which included reading extracts from his books, questions and even singing songs, and then he ran an interactive Greek Legend Storytelling session with Year 3. The visit was enjoyed by both staff and pupils alike! Please do see Mrs Kirk, our Literacy co-ordinator if you have any queries.

Mrs Constable has submitted entries that a group of children completed for a poetry competition for Mother's Day organised by the Pentagon Shopping Centre. The children's poems will be displayed anonymously on the Pentagon Facebook page from Wednesday 21st February and the public can vote for the winning entry. The poem with the most 'likes' by 8th March will be the winner. As a school we can win a donation of £100 if we have the best school entries and the winning entry will be giving £25 in gift vouchers for themselves and their Mum. All Parents and Friends can be involved in voting for the winner. If your child was one of those involved they would have brought a letter home just before the Spring break so you will know if your child took part. We wish all our applicants the very best of luck!



Mrs Dowding will be having an operation and will be absent from school for a few weeks. Her class will be taught by Mrs Bailey, an experienced and well liked regular teacher at Balfour. I know that you will join with me in wishing Mrs Dowding a speedy recovery.



Just to remind you: we are unable to accept the old £10 from 1st March 2018 as they are no longer legal tender.

This week's achievement award winners are.....

<i>Hollie-Rose Freeman-Roach</i>	<i>Amelia Kindred</i>
<i>Amelia Callaghan</i>	<i>Anouk Mbagyi Beroro</i>
<i>Caoimhe Bold</i>	<i>Finley Quarrington</i>
<i>Phoebe Wright</i>	<i>Finley Ryder</i>
<i>Alfie Furlong</i>	<i>Phoebe Peasley</i>
<i>Tamzin Quick</i>	<i>Elliot Wilson</i>
<i>Bennie Beard</i>	<i>Gurjeevan Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Aja Molodecka</i>	<i>Jaypreet Dhillon</i>
<i>And Mr Baldwin for his amazing acting skills.</i>	

With very best wishes

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