



Important Dates:



Last day of term 5—
Friday 28th May

Wednesday 12th May—
Year 6 weights and measures

Half term break—
Monday 31st May –
Friday 4th June

First day of term 6—
Monday 7th June



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Balfour Junior Academy Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021

ActivAll workout walls

We are very excited to have recently taken delivery of two brand new ActivAll workout walls. ActivAll is a high impact reaction wall, designed for fitness, health, and fun. It combines movement, action, coordination, and problem-solving, ActivAll is acknowledged as a unique inclusive fitness tool, giving everyone access to exercise regardless of ability, age, or fitness.

We are sure that the children (and staff!) are going to really love using them during PE lessons and lunchtimes!

To see the ActivAll workout walls in action, visit us on Instagram at: **balfour_junior_academy**



Royal Mail stamp design competition



We are delighted to be taking part in the Royal Mail Heroes stamp design competition. The competition is designed to honour the “everyday heroes” who have done extraordinary work during the pandemic, to support the people in their communities. The stamps will feature designs created by children, to honour their own heroes. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs and the final stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they are printed and issued.

For more information about how your child can take part, please click on this link :

www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/pdf/en_Heroes_Letter_For_Parents.pdf

Entries should be sent in to your child’s teacher to pass on to Mrs Gandon by Monday 24th May at the latest. Thanks you to Mrs Gandon for organising the competition and we can’t wait to see if any of our amazing Balfour pupils make it through to the regional finals!

Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Payne’s friend Erica, who has very kindly donated a brand new keyboard to the school for the pupils to use during music lessons. We know that it will make a big difference to the children to have this fantastic resource available to them!



Home Reading

Success in reading has a direct effect on progress in all areas of the curriculum and is crucial in developing children’s self-esteem, confidence and motivation. The children should still be bringing reading books home on a regular basis, to complete their home reading. The aim of this is to motivate children and parents to read together, to give children extra practice at reading skills, to give children access to quality texts which will increase their enjoyment of reading and to emphasise its importance. Please remember that we expect children to read at home for 20 minutes each day and ask that an adult signs their planner when this has been completed