

Balfour Junior Academy Newsletter

Friday 8th January 2021

Happy New Year!



Important Dates:



Last day of Term 3 —
Thursday 11th February

Chinese New Year—
Friday 12th February

Half term break —
Monday 15th February –
Friday 19th February

Shrove Tuesday—
Tuesday 16th February

Lent begins—
Wednesday 17th
February

First day of term 4—
Monday 22nd February



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balfour_junior_academy

We will be regularly sharing school news, details of upcoming events and dates for your diary as well as celebrating excellent learning.

We hope that you were all able to enjoy Christmas, despite the restrictions that were in place over the festive period.

Since Christmas, there has been the news of the latest round of partial closure of schools with the announcement on 30th December that our school would only be open for children of 'critical workers' and those classed as vulnerable.

We have done our best to respond to the rapidly changing circumstances at very short notice and to keep you as up to date as possible. The staff have worked incredibly hard to prepare for the new term and have everything in place to ensure the pupils both in school and working from home have the best possible experience in these uncertain and challenging times.

The current situation aside, it has been great to see some of the children back in school and to chat with them about their Christmas. We are also really delighted to see so many pupils engaging with the online lessons.

We hope that we will soon be able to return to some level of normality but until then, we hope you all stay safe and well.

★ Superstar of the Month! ★



We are very proud of Luca in Year 5 and are delighted to share his fantastic kickboxing achievement.

Luca attends a kickboxing club at TKO Elite Gym in Chatham twice a week and he has been a member for just over a year.

He received this award via a zoom presentation night, for his hard work and dedication to the club.

Kickboxing is a great way to develop confidence and self-discipline and learn important skills. It's a brilliant way for children to improve their fitness and mental health as well as have fun.

Well done Luca!

Remote Learning

Our Online learning will continue to take place through Microsoft Teams. Please contact us if there is anything we can support you with accessing the online lessons or work. Did you know that you can use an Xbox or PlayStation to access Teams? We will be sending out some information about how to do this as an alternative method of accessing remote learning.



Microsoft Teams

Wellbeing

The Anna Freud Centre is a mental health charity, dedicated to supporting children and their families. They have some excellent resources on their website, including brilliant suggestions for self-care strategies. Please visit www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/ for more information.

Achievement Award			
Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!			
3L - Anekan	3M— Aamir	3P— Samuel	3Y— Harriet
4H - Biraj	4O'K— Luca	4T— Scarlett	4W— Kris
5C— Isla	5H— Rowan	5Re— Lauren	5Ro— Fleur
6K— Natania	6L— Taya	6Ma— Phoebe	6Mo— Evie