



Important Dates:



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

Parent consultation day

Friday 26th February—

Last day of term 4—

Thursday 1st April 2021



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Balfour Junior Academy Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021

Happy half term!

Well here we are at the end of another term and what a term it's been! Throughout all of the challenges we have faced, we have been so impressed with the hard work and resilience we have seen from our amazing pupils. Thank you so much to all of the parents and carers who have been so supportive, many of whom have been juggling working from home and home-learning as well as day-to-day life! Thank you as well to the Balfour staff team, who have pulled out all the stops to ensure our provision has been of a very high standard, especially whilst battling against the ice and snow this week.

We are very much looking forward to hearing news of when we will be able to fully re-open and can't wait to see you all back in school. We will keep you updated as soon as any announcements are made after half term

Parent consultations

On Friday 26th February, we will be holding parent consultations via video call using a system called School Cloud. This will be an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about how they have been doing with their learning at home or in school this term and help us prepare for when school fully reopens and we welcome everyone back. You can book an appointment with teachers at <https://balfourjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and a guide to booking appointments has been sent out via ParentPay today.

Happy Chinese New Year!



Today we celebrate the start of Chinese New Year 2021. We wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Ox!



In a world that could do with hearing some positives at the moment, we aim to bring you a heart-warming news story each week!



More than 80 UK universities have been working together to help hedgehogs, thanks to the British Hedgehog Preservation Society's Hedgehog Friendly Campus campaign. Staff and students have been installing hedgehog-crossing signs and nestboxes, organising litter-picks and taking surveys, and the campaign may roll out to schools and colleges in future.

Well done to the following pupils, who have been nominated for awards by their teachers. The Values Award is given to pupils who have demonstrated the value of **respect** this term and the Headteacher's Award recognises the pupils who have shown exemplary behaviour and attitudes to their work all term. Well done to everyone who has received an award!



Values Award

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| 3Lowry - Libby | 5 Cassatt - Sienna H |
| 3 Morisot - Sara | 5 Hockney — Chester |
| 3Picasso - Simrat | 5 Rembrandt - Celine |
| 3 Yeats - Amara | 5 Rousseau - Aneesha |
| 4 Hopper - Darcie | |
| 4 O'Keeffe - Kevin | |
| 4Tanner - Tobias | |
| 4 Warhol —Ranveer | |



Headteacher's Award

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| 3Lowry - Harley | 5 Cassatt - Chloe |
| 3 Morisot - Harley | 5 Hockney - Luca and Connie |
| 3Picasso - Thisha | 5 Rembrandt - Muhammed |
| 3 Yeats - Niko | 5 Rousseau - Yaqub |
| 4 Hopper —Anjshanan | 6 De Lempicka - Blake and Sophie |
| 4 O'Keeffe - Ash | 6 Kandinsky - George and Isabelle |
| 4 Tanner - Evie | 6 Marc - Lottie and Max |
| 4 Warhol - Diya | 6 Mondrian - Jacob and Evie |