



Balfour Junior Academy Newsletter

Monday 18th May 2020

Important Notices

- We will add confirmed dates into this column as and when we are able to.
- Newsletters will come out every other Monday for the time being.

Messages via Schoolcomms will continue as usual.

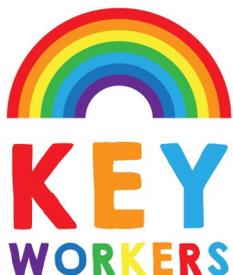
Dates for your diary:

25th-29th May—Half term

1st June—First day of term 6

22nd July—Last day of term 6

Thank you



Welcome to the first of our regular newsletters!

We intend to send newsletters out every other Monday for the time being— to keep you updated with important messages, offer support and advice and share positive news.



Microsoft Teams

Hopefully you are familiar with how to access the work being set on Microsoft Teams, but please remember that if you have any problems logging in or if there is anything you are not sure about then please call the school office or email your child's teacher. The school office remains open so there is always someone available to answer your questions and offer help.

We are able to keep track of how much pupils are accessing Teams. The following percentages show the digital activity for each year group for the past 30 days:

Year 3	77%
Year 4	74%
Year 5	84%
Year 6	80%

A HUGE thank you to all of the staff who are busy setting and marking work, chatting to pupils and taking part in battles and projects. Well done to all our wonderful pupils and families who are working so hard to continue their learning - keep it up!

Times Tables Rockstars



There are battles taking place each week, between classes and even pupils versus teachers! See the schedule posted each week on Teams for more details of upcoming battles.

Wellbeing

Childline have some lovely activities and games in their "calm zone" to help with stress and anxiety. Please follow this link to see what is available www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone The Balloon game is especially soothing, as you can sit back and watch your worries gently float away!



Good News

Wilber Walks 10 Miles!

We have been really inspired this week by the amazing fundraising efforts of Wilber Turpin, the brother of Alexa Turpin in Year 6. Although walking doesn't come easily to Wilber, he has walked an incredible 10 miles to raise money for the NHS. So far, over £5,700 has been raised for this worthwhile cause. If you would like to donate, please visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elizabeth-turpin. An enormous well done to Wilber and his family!

