

Balfour Junior Academy Newsletter

Friday 22nd January 2021



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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Home learning



We have seen some excellent work this week from children who have been working hard during the live lessons and with the tasks that teachers have set. Keep up the good work everyone! Remember to also check out the assemblies and additional challenges and activities that are posted in the general channel. If your child finds that the notifications can be distracting while they are working, they can set their status to “Do not disturb” to stop them constantly pinging!

Free printing

Hazell and Hamletts Motoring have made an extremely generous offer to print school work for families who do not have a printer at home. If you send an email to connor@hmmotoring.co.uk they will print the work and deliver it to you free of charge (and COVID safe!) Thank you so much to the Hazell and Hamletts team for this amazing offer.



E-safety

The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of great advice and support for parents and carers, to ensure pupils are safe while they learn online. Click on the image of the laptop to visit a page on their website that explains how to set up parental controls offered by different Internet providers. If you have any concerns or questions about E-safety, no matter how small, please contact the school and a member of the safeguarding team will be happy to help.



RSPB birdwatch



Every year, the RSPB run the Big Garden Birdwatch, to encourage people to count and report the number of birds they see outside. This is a really fun activity to do, as well as being good for your wellbeing to connect with nature and a chance to increase your knowledge of identifying birds. Once you have signed up, all you have to do is count the birds you see for an hour then report back using the online form. There is a free bird identification poster to help you. Your involvement will help the RSPB to monitor bird numbers and increase their understanding of the challenges faced by wildlife in the UK. The Big Garden Birdwatch is open from January 29th-31st. You can watch our Teams assembly on Monday 25th January to find out more and we would love to hear about the birds you see!

Visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch> to sign up and find out more.

Pasta meals

Spice Fusion in Parkwood are currently running a project called Kitchen to Kids—providing ready-made pasta meals to families who need a little extra help during these difficult times. Please email or phone the school office by Friday if you would like some and they will be delivered on a Monday to be collected from school. If you would like to donate to the project to help keep it running, please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kitchentokids>

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Thank you to Spice Fusion and also Mrs Terry, for her contribution to the project and helping with deliveries.

Achievement Award			
Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!			
3L - Molly	3M— Veer	3P— Thisha	3Y— Oscar
4H - Darcie	4O'K— Zach	4T— Tobias	4W— Joshua
5C— Grace	5H— Henry	5Re— Ryan	5Ro— Millan
6K— Hollie-Rose	6L— Amy H	6Ma— Tia	6Mo— Seth