



Important Dates:



Registration for the Medway Test 2021 closes— 5pm on Tuesday 29 June

Year 5 author visit— Monday 5th July and Tuesday 6th July

Rainbow TAG Day— Friday 9th July (more details to follow)

Balfest Year 6 Leavers' Festival— Friday 9th July

Summer Reading Challenge begins— Saturday 10th July

Last day of term 6— Thursday 22nd July



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Balfour Junior Academy Newsletter

Friday 25th June 2021

Summer reading challenge

This year's theme - 'Wild World Heroes' - will inspire children to explore ways of helping to save the planet. The Challenge focuses on taking action for nature and tackling real-world environmental issues, from plastic pollution and deforestation to wildlife decline and nature loss. Through taking part in the Challenge, with **free packs from public libraries or online**, children will be able to join six fictional characters - 'wild heroes' - to help solve some of these threats, learning about the importance of the environment while helping to restore nature levels in the neighbourhood of 'Wilderville'.

To find out more and sign up, please visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

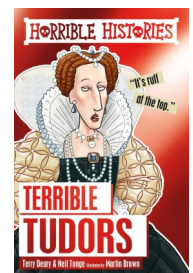


PE kit

This year we have had a change of routine in place — for the children to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. We would like to keep this change in September due to the many benefits we have seen in school, including a lot less lost property, increased participation in PE lessons and more time during the lessons for the children to be active. If you need to buy new PE kit for next year, please ensure it is plain blue or black and in line with the school's PE kit requirements. Bright colours and patterns are not suitable for PE kits.

Year 5 author visit

We are so excited to be welcoming Neil Tonge, author of some of the Horrible Histories books, to visit Year 5 on the 5th and 6th July. The children will have the opportunity to enjoy a workshop with Neil and learn more about the Tudors while having lots of fun.



E-safety

If your child enjoys playing games online, including through consoles such as the X Box, it is vital that parental controls are used to stop them from seeing or hearing anything that could be scary or inappropriate. Please visit his website for step-by-step guides to setting controls on consoles, smart phones and social media. www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/



What a Superstar!



Phoebe in Year 5 has been playing netball for only a few weeks, and has already won this trophy for great teamwork and perseverance!

Phoebe usually plays Wing Attack or Wing Defence and has been working hard on her footwork as well as taking part in matches.

She really enjoys netball as she is so good at it and likes the skills involved in the game. We're sure she has a bright netballing future ahead of her!

Congratulations Phoebe!

Achievement Award

Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!

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| 3L— Ariya | 3M — Levis | 3P— Alexandru | 3Y— Arley |
| 4H— Louie | 4O'K— Shae | 4T— Harley | 4W— Benji |
| 5C— Joshua | 5H— Olivia-Mai | 5Re— Kaarthika | 5Ro— Riley |
| 6K— Millie | 6L— Loic | 6Ma— Eve | 6Mo— Seth |