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Our Worship Focus

This half term our worship focus is
Courage

“Be strong and courageous;
do not be frightened or
dismayed, for the LORD your
God is with you wherever you
go.”

Joshua 1:9

Our Prayer this week

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against
us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.

Amen



Dear Parents and Carers

I think the children and staff surpassed themselves this year with their World Book Day Costumes! The outrageous Evil Pea and Supertato in Early Years caused chaos as the children arrived but lots of fun. Thank you to everyone for making such an effort.

Miss Ward has reported that Year 6 performed beautifully at the Victoria Hall Recorder Festival last Wednesday. This annual event provides the children with the opportunity to perform in a large venue as a team. Congratulations Year 6 and thank you for representing the school so well.

Our netballers had a great afternoon at Keele last Wednesday and achieved second place. Well done!

It's Red Nose Day on Friday and information on this year's theme is on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Thanking you for your support.

Mrs Lowndes, Headteacher



Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:

Nursery	Georgia
Reception	Ava, Ethan, Ivy Thomas, Thorley
Year 1	Ember, George F, Lillian
Year 2	Coren, Evie
Year 3	Heidi, Rosie
Year 4	George, Myles
Year 5	Edie, Leah
Year 6	All of Year 6

Headteacher Award

Children can be nominated to receive a Headteacher's Award from Mrs Lowndes which recognises something special that has been achieved. This could be related to their work, behaviour or attitude to the school community.



This week Mrs Lowndes presented the
Headteacher Award to:

Indie in Year 1 for amazing writing

What's on?

Week commencing Monday 1st March

Monday	Hockey after school activity (KS2)
Tuesday	Girls' football after school activity Year 3 and 4 production
Wednesday	Year 6 Recorder Festival at Victoria Hall Creation Club after school BeeActive After School Activity (EYFS)
Thursday	
Friday	Red Nose Day



SCHOOL LUNCHES w/c 11th March Week 1

A copy of the menu is available on the school website, please see link below.

[School Lunch Menu](#)

Special Diets

If your child requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition you will need to register with Edwards and Ward at the following link: edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/

MORNING BREAK AND PACKED LUNCHES FROM HOME

May we please remind you that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and any snack or packed lunches must not contain items containing nuts. We have several children in school who are anaphylactic and carry epipens.



MOBILE PHONES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please can I remind you that the use of mobile phones on school grounds is not permitted. Please refrain from using your mobile phone at drop off and pick up times. Do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to put your mobile phone away.



Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

We're celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday and to do our bit and raise money for Comic Relief we are asking the children to dress up in something that represents their animal side – it could be something really simple such as a headband, or a piece of animal print clothing, a mask, face paint, or even a onesie or animal costume – all for a £1.00 donation.

We will be using Red Nose Day as a learning opportunity to help our pupils explore the issues facing young children across the world and how the money we raise can help. There will be assembly in the afternoon focussing on Comic Relief and activities for the children to enjoy.

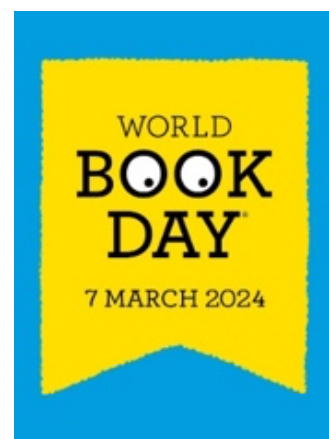
We really appreciate your support.

World Book Day Competition: The results

What creative children we have in school! There were some incredible and extremely imaginative designs.

The winners are:

Nursery: Louis
Reception: Daisy
Year 1: Vinuli
Year 2: Albie
Year 3: Tannah
Year 4: Sophie
Year 5: George
Year 6: Siyan



Public Health Agency – Guidance on infection control in schools

We have recently seen a number of children absent from school due to illness. The attached guidance from the Public Health Agency may be of interest to you. It details the recommended treatment and period that children should be kept away from school for a number of common infections and illnesses.

SAFEGUARDING

At Baldwins Gate Primary School we have a moral and legal duty to keep all our children safe from harm. Harm which can hinder the development of a child can be physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and sexual abuse.

Where we have concerns in any area we will talk firstly to the child. If we have cause to be concerned, we will make our concerns known to the First Response team at Staffordshire County Council. It will then be their responsibility to investigate further.

Please do not be offended in any way if a member of staff approaches you or discusses a concern with you. Equally if you have any concerns or require any support, please speak to your child's class teacher or one of our safeguarding leads.

We are all committed to giving the children the environment and safety in which to learn.

Mrs S Maude



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Designated Staff - Looked After
Children
Lead Professional for EHA
(Early Help Assessments)

Mrs L Lowndes



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Mrs F Boulton



Chair of Governors
Nominated Governor for Looked
After Children

PARENTS' EVENING – SUMMER TERM

A note for your diaries. Parents' evenings next term will take place during the week commencing Monday 15th April. Information will of course be sent out nearer the time.

PE KIT ON PE DAYS

Please ensure that your child wears their school PE kit to school on PE days. Our PE kit consists of:

- White t-shirt
- Navy school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy or black shorts
- Navy joggers

Hoodies and any other t-shirts are not permitted. Thank you.

Eggtastic Easter Hamper Fundraiser Thank you for all the lovely donations.

Mrs Riley is struggling to
resist all the chocolate in her
office!

Information on how you can
purchase tickets for the raffle will be provided this week.

School Lunches – Price Increase in April 2024

The school meal price from 1st April will increase to £2.95 per meal.

PARKING

Parking continues to be an issue outside school. Yellow **zig-zag lines** outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is **strictly prohibited**. You must NOT park on the zig-zag lines or leave cards unattended on the roundabout to drop off or pick up children from BUZZ club. Could I also stress the importance of not parking in the GP surgery car-park. Staff need to gain access to the surgery throughout the day. Please park safely and with consideration for our neighbours.



My Nametags – School Fundraising

The lost property box is bursting with uniform and other items, all unnamed. We have signed up with My Nametags to promote labelling uniform and support school funds. Each time a parent orders online using the link below or inputting our School ID on the website, the school receives commission.

The link is: [MY NAMETAGS LINK](#)

You can order online at www.mynametags.com but please insert the school's ID at the checkout page.

School ID: 32061

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SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

A reminder of the school's policy with regard to sickness and diarrhoea. A child who has sickness or diarrhoea whilst at school is to be collected immediately and **kept away until 48 hours following their last case of sickness and/or diarrhoea**. If a child reports that they have had sickness and/or diarrhoea whilst at home, the school will contact the parent. If the parent confirms that this is the case, they will be asked to collect their child immediately.

This 48 hour rule is essential in order to protect other students or staff from contracting a bug. Unfortunately, this may mean that a student misses a school event.

Half Term Holiday Club

The feedback on the half term holiday club run by VIP Education was extremely positive. Thank you for taking the time to respond.

VIP will be running an Easter Holiday Club at Baldwins Gate.

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB
@ BALDWIN'S GATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
25TH MAR 2024 - 5TH APR 2024
EXCLUSIVELY FOR BALDWIN'S GATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
OPEN TO AGES 3-11!
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FROM 08:00-17:00 EVERY DAY!
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Payments for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound

The total outstanding balance today stands at £766.23

Breakdown:

Dinner money	£324.68
BUZZ	£379.55
Nursery Wraparound	£62.00

Please check your ParentPay balance today and clear any outstanding balance.

Payment for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound must be paid for in advance on a Monday morning.

Services provided by Baldwins Gate Primary School are no different to those provided by any other business in that meals and other services must be paid for in advance and on demand. Most parents and carers understand that they cannot take their child to McDonald's and expect the provision of food or services without paying.

Please check your ParentPay account regularly and ensure your balance is not outstanding. Chasing outstanding money owed to the school causes considerable extra work for office staff and embarrassment for all concerned.

If you require any assistance with ParentPay, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Riley in the office. She will be only too happy to help.

TAX FREE CHILDCARE PAYMENTS

A number of families pay for Nursery Wraparound and BUZZ using the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme. For every £8 you pay into the TFC online childcare account, the government will pay in £2.00 to use to pay your provider. It can sometimes take 10 days for payments to reach school. Would you please bear this in mind and process payments in advance to avoid your ParentPay account going into arrears. Thank you.

Information on the Tax-Free Childcare scheme is available at the link below:
<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

SCHOOL TRIPS – SUMMARY

We are introducing a rolling programme of trips so this list should prove useful for everyone by providing information on trips that your child will access as they progress through school.

The list will be updated on a regular basis.

Year Group	Date	Trip	Cost	Deadline date for payment
4	5 th October	River Study	£20.00	
3	15 th November	Stone Age Workshop	£15.00	2 nd October
N/R	22 nd November	Theatre, Crewe	£13.00	6 th November
All	21 st December	Whitmore Church	-	-
1	23 rd January	Nantwich Museum	£15.00	9 th January
6	6 th March	Recorder Festival	£5.00	23 rd February
All	21 st March	Whitmore Church	-	-
4	10 th to 12 th April	York	£165.00	4 th March
2	16 th April	Trentham	£15.00	2 nd February
EYFS	24 th April	Blue Planet	£20.00	1 st March
3	24 th April	Chester Zoo	£23.00	1 st March
3	1 st to 3 rd May	Standon Bowers	£156.00	4 th April
5	8 th to 10 th May	PGL Boreatton Park	£209.00	4 th April
1	22 nd May	Lakemore Farm Park	£10.00	8 th April
6	26 th to 28 th June	Llandudno	£170.00	31 st May

Fundraising for our school and how you can help

In addition to supporting the various fundraising events organised throughout the year, Baldwins Gate Primary School (School Fund) is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

We use our School Fund to support trips, resources and fun things for the children, such as the recent pantomime.

You can find our easyfundraising page at: <http://efraising.org/ELorNbEQrU>

Thank you so much!

Sign up, shop, and earn us a FREE donation everytime

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Girlguiding
Tern District
Loggerheads & Ashley

Rainbows
For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.

Brownies
For ages 7 to 10

Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.

Guides
For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!

We meet in Loggerheads on Mondays.
Spaces currently available in Brownies & Guides
(waiting list for Rainbows).

On-going membership cost to attend is £10 per month.

Please contact us:

terndistrictguiding@outlook.com or

Girlguiding.org.uk