



Friday 19th April 2024

A **Beyond** ACADEMY  
SCHOOLS TRUST

## Important Dates:



### **Year 5 visits to Guildhall Museum:**

5H & 5K Wednesday  
1st May  
5C & 5R Friday 3rd  
May

### **Year 6 residential trip:**

Friday 17th—Sunday  
19th May

### **Year 6 sleepover:**

Friday 17th—Saturday  
18th May

### **May Bank Holiday (school closed):**

Monday 6th May

### **Last day of term 5 and TAG day:**

Friday 24th  
May

### **First day of term 6:**

Monday 3rd June

**Please note: school will be OPEN as usual on polling day—Thursday 2nd May**



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## **This term's value**

This term, we will be focusing on the value of **personal responsibility**, which is taking ownership of your actions, decisions, words and thoughts. By having a sense of personal responsibility, we are able to reflect our strengths and areas to develop so we can avoid making future mistakes. Additionally, taking personal responsibility gives you an opportunity to build relationships that are based on trust.

Please refer to the posters attached with this newsletter for more details.

## **Welcome to our new staff!**

Three new Midday Supervisors started at Balfour this week and we give a very warm welcome to Mrs Brame, Miss Lee and Miss Harding. We are very proud of how friendly and welcoming our pupils have been to help our new staff settle in and we hope they enjoy being part of the Balfour team!

## **Tesco Stronger starts**

We are delighted that Balfour has been chosen as one of the current Tesco "Stronger Starts" and our outdoor play project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores! The stores taking part are:

- Strood- ME2 2DE
- Strood Express-ME2 2UW
- Whitegates Express-ME2 3PW
- Frindsbury Strood Express-ME2 4JD

**Stronger TESCO**  
Starts. *Every little helps*

To vote, you will need to make a purchase of any value within a store - you will receive one token per transaction. Please vote for us if you shop in one of the stores, and spread the word to friends and family who may be able to help. The more votes we get, the more money we will be given to buy new play equipment for the children.

## **Outdoor Play and learning**



It was lovely to see so many children and their families at our first Stay and Play event yesterday. Stay and Play will run every Thursday from 3:30pm –4:00pm, to give pupils the opportunity to play with their friends and siblings, promoting social and creative skills. We now need to look at providing some seating for the grown-ups!

We will also be introducing den-building at lunchtime from next week, to encourage teamwork, physical development, perseverance and communication skills. Our Play Committee: Frankie, Soraya, Beatrice, Tommy, Hudson, Enaya, Beth and Michelle, worked hard today to complete a risk/benefit analysis of the activity. This involved identifying the benefits and risks involved, before planning how to manage the risks and make sure the activity is safe.



## *Achievement Award*



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



3L: Enaya	3M: Henry	3P: Finley	3H: Yasemin
4H: Evan	4O'K: Brodie	4T: David	4B: Irede
5C: Laila	5H: Evie	5K: Lottie	5R: Jake
6K: Elleisha-Mai	6L: Helen	6Ma: Harrison	6Mo: Shanice