# BALFOUR JUNIOR SCHOOL



Friday 9th February 2024

A Beyond ACADEMY

# **Important Dates:**



First day of term 4: Monday 19th February

Osborne Book Fair: 4th and 5th March

Scholastic Book Fair: 13th - 19th March

World Book day vocabulary parade (dress up as a word): Thursday 7th March

**Book week exhibition** for parents (After school): Friday 8th March

**Sports For Champions** Athlete visit: Thursday 21st March

Last day of Term 4 and TAG Day: Thursday 28th March

Please note that school will be OPEN on Thursday 2nd May and all pupils should attend as usual

### **Table Tennis Tournament**



Well done to our enthusiastic table tennis team, who took part in the Mini Youth Games tournament yesterday. They were polite and friendly to the other competitors and showed great resilience to bounce back when the timetable for the day was changed. The team demonstrated great sportsmanship and had lots of fun participating in a sporting competition. Thank you to Mrs Riley and Miss Murphy for taking the team and to Miss Johnson for helping them to practise during lunchtimes.

### **Book week**

We are very excited that Book Week is coming up next term, including World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We will be celebrating with special lessons, a competition and fun activities. The vocabulary parade, when pupils dress up as a word, was such a success last year that it will be coming back! We would also like to invite parents and carers to pop in after school on Friday 8th March to see an exhibition of the wonderful work the pupils will produce throughout the week. More details and ideas for the vocabulary parade will be shared on the reading newsletter also attached.



### **STEM** ambassadors

Pupils in Year 4 and Year 6 enjoyed some science enrichment this week, with visits from STEM ambassadors



(STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Year 4 deepened their understanding of sound through the use of speakers, decibel meters and seeing how sound waves change when they spoke into a microphone. Year 6 completed a range of experiments to explore static electricity and practise scientific skills such as observation, recording results and drawing conclusions. Well done to all pupils, who joined in with enthusiasm and showed great respect to our visitors and thank you to Mrs Atkins and Mr



Astle, our science leads, for organising such great learning experiences.

# **Anti-bullying strategy**

We revisit our anti-bullying strategy each term, and also included information about online safety this term as part of Safer Internet Day. The school's definition of bullying is: the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online. This week in assembly we discussed how we can all help to prevent bullying, the importance of letting an adult know if it happens and the different ways we can ask for help.

### **Concerns and complaints**

If you have concerns or anything you would like to discuss, please ensure you contact the school in the first instance. We would always prefer to help and support when problems are small instead of waiting for them to become more serious. Our complaints process is very easy to follow and can be found on the school website.

Congratulations to the following pupils, who have been nominated for awards by their teachers. The Values Award is given to pupils who have demonstrated the value of integrity this term and the Headteacher's Award recognises the pupils who have shown exemplary behaviour and attitudes to their work all term. Well done to everyone who has received an award!

# **Values Award**

3 Lowry - Willow

3 Morisot - Sama

**3Picasso** - Theo

3 Hunter - Esha

**4 Hopper -** Armanae

4 O'Keeffe - Florence T

4 Tanner - Bella

**4 Bowling** - Lilly-Rose

5 Cassatt - Jimmy

5 Hockney - Ronika

5 Kapoor - Oliver

5 Rousseau - Liv

6 Lempicka - Woody

**6Kandinsky** - Anekan

6 Marc - Annael

6 Mondrian - Tyler

# **Headteacher's Award**

3 Lowry - Amelia

3 Morisot - Dexter

3Picasso - Edward

3 Hunter - Seth

4 Hopper - Chloe 4 O'Keeffe - Emily

**4 Tanner** - Mehvish

4 Bowling - Abdullah

5 Cassatt - Jack H

5 Hockney - Mimi

5 Kapoor - Harrison

5 Rousseau - Evelyn

6 Lempicka - Karanveer

6 Kandinsky - Jagveer

6 Marc - Atifa

6 Mondrian - Lola

