

# NEWSLETTER



**BALFOUR**  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 4th October 2024

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## Important Dates:



### Maths workshops for parents (9:00am)

Year 5—Monday 7th October

Year 6—Monday 14th October

### Harvest festival:

Monday 30th

September Friday 11th October

### Open Day for prospective parents and carers:

Wednesday 9th October 1:30pm

### Hello Yellow—wear yellow to promote positive mental health:

Thursday 10th October

### Parents' Evening:

Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October

### Parent coffee morning—Thursday

17th October



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## Year 6 trip to Chatham Dockyard

This week, Year 6 embarked on an exciting visit to Chatham Dockyard, an experience that has undoubtedly enriched their understanding of our local history. Throughout the day, our pupils were immersed in a range of engaging activities, each designed to bring history to life and foster a deeper appreciation for our local heritage. The experience of rope making, a craft integral to the dockyard's operations, allowed our pupils to experience the skills and trades from the past.

The exploration of HMS Gannet, Cavalier, and Ocelot proved to be a highlight of the visit. These magnificent vessels enabled our pupils to step back in time and gain a vivid understanding of naval history and maritime technology. The opportunity to walk the decks of these historic ships undoubtedly left an impression on our pupils. You can see some photos of the trip on Instagram!

## Upcoming events

We are looking forward to some events that are planned for this term and term 2. We will be holding a Halloween raffle in the next two weeks, to raise money for Friends of Balfour and provide a fun activity for the children to take part in. After half term, we will be running a Children In Need pop-up shop, selling a range of Children In Need merchandise to raise money for the charity.

We will also be organising school discos for term 2, there will be a disco for years 3 & 4 and one for years 5 & 6. More information about all events will be shared via ParentPay and on newsletters nearer the time.



## Parents' evenings

We will be holding two Parent Consultation evenings from **3.40pm to 6.00pm** on :

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

*(4 Tanner only: Friday 11th October and Thursday 17th October)*

You will have the chance to see your child's work and speak to their teacher. Appointments for both evenings will be face-to-face and held in school. Please ensure you have completed the reply slip and then return it to your child's teacher to book your appointment.

## Congratulations!

Well done to Noah in Year 3. He recently joined a football team called Invicta Allstars Under 8s. This week at his match he played on home ground at Balfour Juniors and he won man of the match! We are extremely proud of Noah's hard work, dedication and team work being part of this new team. He has demonstrated this term's value of resilience to be able to achieve this.



## Hello yellow

We will be supporting the Young Minds Hello Yellow campaign again this year, to raise awareness of the importance of promoting good mental health. We would like to invite pupils to wear yellow to school on Thursday 10th October, this could be yellow clothing or accessories. We will not be asking for donations for this event, as we already have some charity events coming up, but would still like to promote the message and will hold a special assembly on the day to promote positive mental health strategies.



## Achievement Award



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



3H: Carl	3L: Noah	3M: Niana	3P: Abdo
4H: Evelyn	4B: Ifeoluwa	4T: Luca	4O'K: Benjamin
5H: Tralee	5K: Ashna	5C: Aheed	5R: Florence T
6K: Pinky	6L: Tilly	6Ma: Eoghan	6Mo: Joshua

