# BALFOUR JUNIOR SCHOOL



Friday 19th January 2024

A Beyond ACADEMY

## **Important Dates:**



Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February

#### **Parents Evening:**

Tuesday 6th February (in person) Thursday 9th February (video calls)

Last day of Term 2 and TAG Day: Friday 9th February

First day of term 4: Monday 19th February

## Osborne Book Fair in school:

4th and 5th March

World Book day: Thursday 7th March

**Sports For Champions** Athlete visit: Thursday

21st March

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





#### **Outdoor Play and Learning**

As part of the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) programme, we are increasing the different play opportunities available to all pupils at lunchtime. We have already successfully added music, dressing up and our outdoor reading area and would like to extend this further. To help us achieve this, we are looking for donations of the following items:

- "Small world" toys such as cars, dolls, action figures, puppets, sort toys and play cooking equipment
- Wellies in all sizes
- Work uniforms and old clothes, hats and scarves
- Blankets, cushions and beanbags
- Old bedsheets or large pieces of material
- Camping roll mats or yoga mats
- Playhouses and pop up tents
- Arts and crafts materials such as colouring books, pens, paper, pipe cleaners, foam shapes
- Card and board games
- \* Books, comics and magazines.

If you, or anyone you know, have any items you can donate, please bring them to the school office. All donations will help contribute towards continuing to make lunchtimes even more fun and exciting!

#### **Mini Youth Games**



A team of swimmers took part in the Mini Youth Games swimming tournament today and did the school proud through their participation and brilliant attitudes. Some individuals were especially successful - one of our boys placed 5th out of 88 in the freestyle and one of our girls placed 7th out of 63 in the butterfly. At lunchtime the children were able to race against an Olympic swimmer (who gave them a 10 second headstart) and one of our boys beat him!

Thank you to Mr Kirk and Mrs Riley who took the children to the tournament and to the parents and carers who were able to attend to cheer the pupils on.

#### Friends of Balfour

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas FoB events such as the discos and Christmas Fair. We raised just over £2,000 for Friends of Balfour across all events. This money is going to be used for new play equipment for all pupils to enjoy. Thank you to the wonderful FoB parents, who work very hard to organise and run the events and to the school staff who come along in their own time to help and have fun with the children



# Achievement Award

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

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3L: Thomas	3M: Millie	3P: Charlotte	3H: Anthony
4H: Emily	4O'K: Susanna	4T: Maia	4B: Mia
5C: Dominic	5H: Ava	5K: Mark	5R: Coby
6K: Scarlett	6L: Nell	6Ma: Jackson	6Mo: Barry