BALFOUR JUNIOR SCHOOL



Friday 2nd February 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 we continue to work with OPaL to develop our play provision, we have introduced small world play at lunchtime this week. This develops imaginative play and encourages good social and speaking & listening skills, as well as being lots of fun and helping pupils to have a happy and productive lunchtime. Next term we will be introducing art and craft activities. Thank you to everyone who has donated toys and other items so far, you can see the difference they are making! If you have any toys or art and craft materials you no longer need and would like to donate, please bring them to the school office.



A big well done!



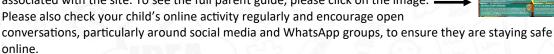
A big well done to Charlotte in Year 3, as she will be walking 100 miles throughout February to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Through completing this amazing achievement to help others, Charlotte is showing our school's values, including resilience, kindness and personal responsibility. If you would like to support Charlotte, you can donate by following this link. https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/charlottes-giving-page-262906

Online safety

We will be focusing on keeping safe online next week, as it is Safer Internet Day on 6th February. We also ensure that we teach pupils about online safety continuously and share information with parents and carers regularly to keep this important topic at the forefront of what we do.

Please be aware of MyLOL, which is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. With no credible age-verification system and concerns about inappropriate content and encouragement to privately message strangers, there are safety concerns associated with the site. To see the full parent guide, please click on the image. Please also check your child's online activity regularly and encourage open



Polling Day 2nd May

Please note that the school will be open on the upcoming polling day on Thursday 2nd May, and all pupils should attend school as usual. We have worked with Medway to arrange for a portable polling station to be delivered to the front of the school, which means we are able to operate as usual on the day with no impact on our security and safeguarding procedures. All polling staff and voters will be restricted to the car-park area with no access to the school building or site.



Achievement Award



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

3L: Phoebe & Evelyn	3M: Sama	3P: Akain	3H: Beth
4H: Aisha	40'K: Florence S	4T: Stanley	4B: Dayana
5C: Mustafa	5H: Soraya	5K: Shian	5R: Olivia
6K: Star	6L: Stacio	6Ma: William	6Mo: Ibrahim