

NEWSLETTER



BALFOUR
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Thursday 21st November 2024

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



INSET day—no pupils in school: Friday 22nd November

Scholastic book fair in school: week beginning 25th November

Disco Year 3 & 4: Thursday 5th December

Disco Year 5 & 6: Friday 6th December

Christmas lunch & jumper day: Wednesday 18th December

Year 3 pupils Christmas Carol performance to parents: Wednesday 18th December 9:15am and 2:00pm

Last day of term 2 and TAG day: Friday 20th December

First day of term 3: Friday 3rd January



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Inter-Trust hockey tournament

Our hockey team played exceptionally well today, when they took part in a tournament with 3 other Beyond Schools Trust schools. They played against Warren Wood, Phoenix and Chantry primary schools and were overall winners of the tournament! The team won one match 5-0, won one 4-0 and drew their last game 1-1. The team were fantastic ambassadors for the school through their polite and sensible behaviour and amazing team spirit. Thank you to Mrs Riley and Mr Burke for taking the children to the tournament and to Warren Wood for hosting it!

Astrodome

Year 5 enjoyed a brilliant learning experience on Tuesday, when the Astrodome came to visit. The Astrodome is a travelling planetarium, in which pupils can see projections on the all-round 4K projector, depicting stars, planets and constellations. Each class was also able to explore the artefacts that were on display, including moon rock, mars rock and a folding lunar buggy. The children in 5 Cassatt told us it was really cool and they remembered a lot of facts about space!



Scooter track



We are delighted to have introduced scooters to our play provision this week. Our pupils had told us that they don't always have flat places to ride their scooters because Chatham is so hilly! Our play committee completed a risk assessment and we agreed the rules we need to follow to use the track safely. They then did a great job of explaining what they had found to the rest of the school in an assembly. Thank you to the play committee—Kyren, Astrid, Enisha, Mason, Stanley, Freddie, Michelle, Lorenzo and Enaya for your great work. We also really need a few more scooters for those children who don't have their own. If you have a scooter at home that you no longer use, we would love any donations.

Scholastic book fair

The book fair will be visiting school next week! Pupils will have the opportunity to visit the book fair either at lunchtime or with a parent/carer after school. The book fair will be available for you to visit after school on the playground, or in the hall if it is too cold or wet. The school will receive free books from Scholastic, based on how many we sell—the more we sell, the more free books for our pupils!

Children in need raffle

Congratulations to Amithran, Edward, Susannah, Amelia and Lola, who were picked as the winners of the Children in Need raffle last week! Thank you to everyone who entered, all proceeds have been donated to the Children in need charity.

Achievement Award



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



3H: Martin	3L: Leyla	3M: Sophia	3P: Dexter
4H: Dylan	4B: Tasnimah	4T: Rion	4O'K: George
5H: Zlata	5K: Henry Ba	5C: Armanae	5R: Leo
6K: Laila	6L: Elija	6Ma: Victor	6Mo: Lettie-Anne