



Friday 13th September 2024

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



Year 5 meet the teacher: Monday 16th September 9:00am

Year 3 meet the teacher: Friday 20th September 9:00am

Medway test (Year 6 pupils only)
Tuesday 17th and
Wednesday 18th
September

Open Days for prospective parents and carers:
Tuesday 1st October
9:00am
Wednesday 9th
October 1:30pm

Year 6 trip to Chatham Dockyard:
Thursday 3rd October

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Congratulations!

A huge well done to Evelyn and Sophia in Year 4, who ran a lemonade stand to sell homemade lemonade to the community and raise money for the RSPCA. They created a business plan, researched all the costs and Evelyn created posters and designed a wonderful flyer which they both helped deliver to the surrounding roads. This marketing tool (along with a Facebook post) was very successful in getting people to come along and support the cause. The girls worked hard making their own homemade lemonade from an old family recipe and baking delicious crispy lemon cake. With all their cake and lemonade sales plus online donations from people further afield, the girls managed to raise a whopping £149 on the day. Well done Evelyn and Sophia, we are so proud of you!



Author visit



We are delighted that author Nicholas Sayer will be visiting Balfour on Thursday 19th September, to talk to the children in assembly about his book "Not a Drop in the Ocean". Nicholas worked as an offshore commercial diver for over 10 years, which allowed him to see below the surface of the world's oceans and see the significant impact being caused to our beautiful marine life by plastics. This is why he feels so strongly about the use of single-use plastics and wanted a way to help get the message out there in an exciting, fun, and open way. Signed copies of his book will be available on the day for the reduced price of just £5. If you would like your child to purchase a copy,

please send £5 cash in a named envelope or wallet on the day.

School communication

If you need to report your child's absence, please use Studybugs to let us know. Absences should be reported each day along with the reason. ParentPay is used by the school to send information out and is our payment system for school meals and trips and visits. Please do not send us messages on ParentPay, as this inbox is not monitored daily. You can email the school office on office@balfourjuniors.org.uk, call us or drop in to speak to office staff.

New adventure playground.

We are very excited to have unveiled our brand new sections of adventure playground this week and our pupils have enjoyed trying out the new equipment. This has been funded by Friends of Balfour, with money raised through TAG days, specials events such as discos and fayres and other FoB events. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to make this possible, including staff and volunteers who run the events and the parents and carers who support us with donations and taking part in FoB activities.



Achievement Award



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



3H: James	3L: Arthur	3M: Kayla	3P: Hugo
4H: Sophia	4B: Umair	4T: Chimdi	4O'K: Kierti
5H: Leona	5K: Tommy	5C: Zara	5R: Maria S
6K: Joseph	6L: Joey	6Ma: Emily	6Mo: Arthur