

# NEWSLETTER



**BALFOUR**  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 8th November 2024

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## Important Dates:



**Armistice day - 2 minutes silence:**  
**Children may wear their scout/brownie etc. uniforms to school if they would like to**  
Monday 11th November

**Children in Need day:**  
Friday 15th November

**Coffee Morning:**  
Thursday 21st November

**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:**  
Wednesday 18th December



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## Anti-bullying week

Anti-bullying week takes place next week, from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November. The theme for this year "Choose Respect" and will focus on empowering everyone to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

While we regularly discuss and promote our anti-bullying strategy, next week there will be special assemblies and a particular focus on promoting positive behaviour, kindness and respect. On Tuesday 12th November, pupils are invited to wear odd socks to school to raise awareness of anti-bullying week and the message we are promoting.

## Mini Youth Games

Our basketball team had a brilliant day at the Mini Youth Games basketball tournament on Thursday. They played 8 games in total, winning their first game, and showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Well done to the pupils, who always make us so proud with their exemplary behaviour and attitudes, encouraging each other and showing respect. Thank you to Miss Johnson and Mrs Riley, who have given their time to train the team and for taking the team to the tournament, these amazing opportunities wouldn't be possible without you!

## Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who has visited our Pudsey shop this week; the merchandise will be on sale until Friday 15th November. Pupils may wear something spotty or Pudsey themed on Friday 15th November, for a donation of £1 which may be paid in cash or via ParentPay.

We will also be holding a Pudsey Bear raffle. To enter your child into the raffle you will need to pay via ParentPay ONLY (no cash for the raffle please). Each entry will cost £1.00 and you may enter as many times as you like. Everyone who pays will be entered into a random name generator and the computer will select a winner. The raffle will close at midday on Friday 15th November and the winner will be announced that afternoon.

## Breakfast and After School Club

If you make use of the MFSE breakfast or after school club, please remember that there is no available parking on site for parents and carers. There have recently been some occasions of parents or carers using the car-park when staff are arriving and inconsiderate parking and driving. Please park outside the school and ensure you walk your child/ren to the door to ensure they arrive safely and are left with a member of MFSE staff.

## Young Minds mental health support

If you or someone you know is struggling with their mental health, the charity Young Minds can support you. Their website has a wide range of resources and tools to support both young people and parents and carers, including topics such as anger, loneliness and grief. There are details of helplines available in case you need urgent help or support. Visit Young Minds at [YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)



## Achievement Award



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



3H: Dylan	3L: Louis	3M: Sapphire	3P: Tara
4H: Hidaaq	4B: Elijah	4T: Marty	4O'K: Ire
5H: Mason	5K: Lilly-Rose	5C: Shelbie	5R: Yavuz
6K: Jimmy	6L: Enki	6Ma: Jasper	6Mo: Mason