

NEWSLETTER



BALFOUR
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 20th September 2024

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



Maths workshops for parents (9:00am)

Year 3—Monday 23rd

September

Year 4—Monday 30th

September

Year 5—Monday 7th

October

Year 6—Monday 14th

October

Pre-love book sale:

After school on

Thursday 26th

September

Harvest festival:

Food may be donated

between

Monday 30th

September Friday 11th

October

Hello Yellow—wear yellow to promote positive mental health:

Thursday 10th October

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

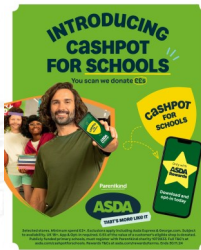


Author visit

We enjoyed a wonderful visit from author Nicholas Sayer yesterday. Nicholas worked as a commercial diver for many years and was inspired to dedicate his work to spreading the message about how we can keep our seas and oceans clean, as well as reducing single-use plastics. Nicholas read his book to us and answered questions about his career and the environmental work he does now. Our children were exceptionally polite and sensible and asked relevant and insightful questions—it's clear that they know a lot about marine life and conservation! Thank you to everyone who bought a copy of his book; all proceeds will be donated to the Beluga Whale Sanctuary.



Asda cashpot



Please remember to sign up for the Asda's Cashpot for Schools initiative. It's very quick and straightforward and once you've signed up you don't need to do anything else other than show your rewards card when you shop at Asda.

Please make sure you select the correct school as you cannot change your choice at a later date. You may find it easier to search via our postcode: ME4 6QX. The money we raise will help Friends of Balfour to fund projects such as new play equipment, visitors to school and reducing the cost of trips and visits.

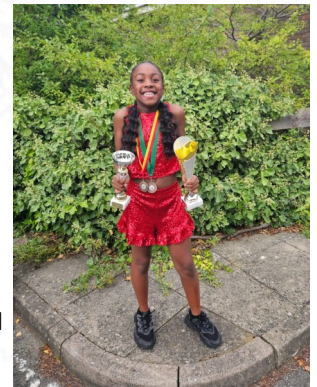
Snacks and drinks

If your child brings a snack for playtime, please remember that it must be fruit, vegetables or breadsticks ONLY. We recognise the important part that a healthy diet plays in a child's wellbeing and their ability to learn and achieve effectively. Please do not send your child to school with any other food for a breaktime snack as they are not permitted.

Pupils should also have water only in their water bottles. Juice, squash and flavoured water should not be put in water bottles please, but can be included in a packed lunch (with the exception of fizzy drinks) Children can refill their bottles with water if they need to and we encourage them to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Congratulations!

Well done to Armanae in Year 5, for her wonderful achievement at a dance competition recently. Armanae won one trophy for best performance and presence on stage and one trophy for 1st place in a choreographic competition. Performing at such a high standard takes a lot of hard work and dedication, and is a brilliant example of resilience, which is our value for this term. We are so proud of you Armanae!



Achievement Award



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



3H: Harrison	3L: Isabelle	3M: Alicia	3P: Elliott
4H: Albert	4B: Holly	4T: Jenson	4O'K: Willow
5H: Karina	5K: Poppy-Ann	5C: Junie-Blue	5R: Hazel
6K: Eddy	6L: Tilly	6Ma: Adam	6Mo: Rayan