

Balfour Primary News

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NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

During the most recent lockdown we set the children a challenge to propose representatives for our four school houses.

We wanted the children to recommend house representatives that were young people from around the world who have inspired them, have made an impact nationally or globally, and who also hold the values that they feel are important to them.



Simon Davies,
Head teacher

We had some fantastic entries and the final winners are shown below. For the next academic year, each class within a year group will represent a different house. We hope the new representatives facilitate discussions, build a sense of community and foster a friendly, competitive spirit along the way.

Our goal is for the new house representatives to inspire the children and show them that anything is possible, even at a young age.



JOSHUA BROWN SELECTED FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE SCHOOL DISTRICT - UNDER 11'S BOYS



In September, Joshua trialled with over 300+ other boys from Brighton & Hove and was selected and has Captained the team on several occasions!

Recently, Joshua was playing in the semi-final of the Danone FA National Cup against Lewisham (who have won the National tournament 3 out of the last 5 years) and the game went to extra-time and then penalties - unfortunately Brighton Boy's lost. However, this was the culmination of several weeks of national competition when we travelled as far as Plymouth for one game – we came away with a 3-2 win after extra-time and Joshua was captain that day.

We also played away to Southampton and beat them 2-0 during a 5 round cup-run! The final is being played in a premier league stadium and we missed it by a penalty shoot-out so it was a disappointment for Joshua and all the parents but well done Joshua! A fantastic achievement!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

→ [Can be found on our website.](#)

TERM DATES FOR 2021/2022

Summer Term 2: 08/06/21 – 23/07/2021

➤ Summer Holidays 26 Jul – 1 Sept

Autumn Term 1: 06/9/21 – 22/10/21 **Autumn Term 2:** 2/11/21 – 17/12/21

➤ Half term: 25 Oct – 29 Oct

➤ Winter Holidays: 20 Dec – 3 Jan

INSET days 21/22: 2 Sept, 3 Sept, 1 Nov, 4 Jan, 6 June

GOVERNORS

Dear Balfour Families,

The Balfour governing body would like to thank Simon and his staff for their continuous efforts during such a turbulent year. Everyone has shown commendable resilience, ensuring learning continued - at home and at school - with the same creativity and enthusiasm. We would like to wish all the staff, pupils and families of our Balfour community a safe, sunny and restful summer.



Warm regards,

Claire Cornthwaite
Chair of Governors

If you wish to contact the school governors for any reason, their email address is: balfour.governor@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



What have we been up to in school this month to diversify and decolonise our curriculum?

Reception - We had a fantastic dress up day to celebrate our 'Around the World' topic. This was a great opportunity to celebrate and discuss different outfits, flags and landmarks whilst addressing any potential stereotypes. The children loved showing off their outfits during our year group parade!

Year 1 - We have been learning about the similarities and differences between being a firefighter in 1666 when the Great Fire of London happened and today. We talked about the first woman firefighter on record called Molly Williams. She was a slave in New York City and became a member of Oceanus Engine Company No.11 in about 1815. We have several girls in Year 1 who have said they would like to be a firefighter when they grow up!

Year 2 - In Year 2 we have continued our learning about Mary Seacole for our Nurturing Nurses topic. We have been making fact files with lots of incredible facts about her life. We have also been looking at photos of her statue in London and wondering why it took so long for her outstanding contribution to nursing during the Crimean War to be recognised, as Florence Nightingale's statue was put up many years ago. We have also continued thinking about migrants who came to the UK on the Empire Windrush and how many of them joined our NHS.

Year 3 - In Year Three, we have been studying the history of Brighton and how it developed into a seaside town. During the sessions, we have looked at Sake Dean Mahamed who was known as the "Shampoo Surgeon" of Brighton. He played in a key part in the development of Brighton as a health resort after Richard Russell had advertised the seawater cures. He is well known as a famous non- European immigrant into the United Kingdom during the 1700s.

Year 4 - We've continued to explore the themes of racism and stereotypes through our reading text, 'Secrets of a Sun King'. We've also continued to discuss the issues around the Black Lives Matter movement and the killing of George Floyd through class assemblies. The most recent assembly focussed on British Values and mutual respect, which we linked to the recent events surrounding the England football players and the importance of equality and tolerance.

Year 5 - In year 5, we have been exploring performance poetry before going onto write our own. We have enjoyed looking at Valarie Bloom and Benjamin Zephaniah, who I recently saw described as 'one of the coolest poets for children' and our children would very much agree!

We have also been discussing fast fashion in our Global Citizenship lessons where we considered the human costs around the world associated with clothing production. We looked at the motivation for various roles within different international brands in employing people with low pay and dangerous working conditions

We listened to One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the recycling women of the Gambia. This is an inspiring true story of how one African woman began a movement to recycle the plastic bags that were polluting her community. Linking with our topic, we went on to discuss the part we can all play in creating a more sustainable future for everyone.

Year 6 - Our topic this term is Amazing Americas and we have been looking at both North and South America. We have looked at a range of different areas in America focusing on climate, population and landmarks. This has allowed us to discover the diversity across this continent.

PUPIL PREMIUM UPDATE

Thank you so much to those parents who have made contact with me regarding the possibility of being able to claim for Free School Meals. Two more families have been successful in their application. If you think you could be eligible, please use this link to fill in your details. <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/free-school-meals>

Our [Pupil Premium Strategy](#) has been updated and you can see this [on our website](#).

If you have any questions over the summer break, or you need any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch, as I will regularly check my emails.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break and next year, we are looking forward to working with more of our families.

Sandra Mulholland, Deputy Headteacher

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INCLUSION

With the lovely long summer holiday upon us, please find some information that may be helpful over the summer break!



The July AMAZE newsletter with ideas for summer fun, as well as other information
<https://amazesussex.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Out-of-Amaze-BH-July-2021.pdf>

Brighton and Hove's Holiday Activities and Food programme
<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/haf>

The Schools Wellbeing Service (BHISS) are offering a range of activities to support mental health and wellbeing over the summer

Advice Line

The SWS consultation line will be available throughout the summer to offer advice, guidance and just a person to talk to. We can also refer you to different activities taking place within communities to support wellbeing.

Please email SWSConsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Or call 01273-293481 leaving your name, your child's name, and a contact number
 A Primary Mental Health Worker will call you back within 48 hours (week days only)
 This is not a crisis line - if you require immediate support you need to contact your GP, call CAMHS duty care on 03003040061 or go direct to A&E

Activities for children and young people

Ready for School – transition workshops for parent/carers and young people. These will be virtual. Please email the SWS Consultation Line to book a place.

Creative transition group – this is an art therapy session that will be offered virtually on Wednesdays 10.00 -12.00 (for 4 weeks). This is aimed at young people who are anxious or nervous around the transition from Year 6 to Year 7.

To register for any of these activities please contact the
SWSConsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Families

SWS are offering Walk and Talk sessions on a Monday and Thursday at East Brighton Park and Knoll Park. Please contact the SWSConsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk to book a place.

FAB UPDATE

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Well, it's been a strange 2020/21 to say the least. As we approach the end of the school year, we can look back at some of the difficult times we've gone through as families. But we can also look at what we've managed to achieve despite everything.

Highlights have included raising raised a lot of money for the school despite events being cancelled; installing fantastic new playground equipment (more on this below); and bringing the Circus to Balfour next week!

Going into the summer, there's some uncertainty about what September will bring. But whatever the situation, FAB will continue to work hard to find ways to support the school and its children, and to enrich their young lives. That's our mission – and with your continued support and generosity, we will make it a success.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

SUMMER RAFFLE



The draw for the summer raffle took place on Thursday evening and despite starting a few minutes later than billed was a great success. The audience on Facebook Live has grown from the Christmas Raffle and we have hopefully learnt some lessons since then to make it an enjoyable event (mainly due to the enthusiastic young team). Being given the moniker 'Raffle Man' by some kids on the way home is something I will never forget!

These are strange times though and normally the draw takes place at the Summer Fair, but despite this we raised in excess of £1,900 thanks to the generosity of the parents and our sponsors. There are always so many of those little stubs to put in the drum and it is fun to read out the names that pop out. There were a lot of great prizes to be won so congratulations to all the winners and in particular to Tara C, Bryony G, Secil C and Mario N for bagging the main prizes! Once again, thank you to everyone who took part and we look forward to doing it all again at Christmas.

END OF AN ERA

I hardly know how to begin describing all that Amanda Flint and Ben Goode have done for FAB and for the school – or to adequately thank them for it.

Amanda and Ben are stepping down as Chair and Vice Chair of FAB respectively. They've both been actively involved with FAB for as long as their children have been at the school, and in their current roles for four years.



Countless summer fairs, fireworks displays, Easter egg hunts, pub quizzes, class tea towels, raffles, cake sales, and much, much more... and all the money these activities have raised. None of this would have happened without them.

On top of all that, they both found the time and energy to teach at Balfour Swim School! And to show me the ropes as I took on the role of chair.

Put simply, their contribution to the school has been immense. So thank you, Ben and Amanda, from all of us. You'll be missed.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Despite the lack of events this year, FAB still had big ambitions. One of our aims has been to raise enough money for new playground equipment for KS1.

Well, with everyone's help and generosity, we did it! The equipment is installed, and the children are loving it. Thanks to all who helped out and contributed.



RAISE MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP

There are two REALLY easy ways to raise money for the school while doing your shopping:

1. Easyfundraising

Join for free at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsatbalfour/

Then when you shop online, go to easyfundraising.org.uk, find the retailer you want, click through and shop in the normal way. The retailer will automatically make a donation to your cause when you check out.

There's a Donation Reminder you can download so you don't forget. That's all there is to it. There are no catches or hidden charges to you or the school. Just more money to help enhance the children's education.

2. AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices,

same service. But Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of all eligible purchases to the charitable organisation of your choice.

Just make AmazonSmile your default for your Amazon purchases – go to: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

100 CLUB

The Balfour 100 Club is open to all Balfour parents, carers and staff and costs just £5 per number per month. You need to sign up for at least a year.



Half the monthly takings are given out in prize money; the other half is used for the benefit of the children at school.

Join anytime to help the school raise much-needed funds. To sign up, or for more information, please email fab100club@gmail.com.

GET INVOLVED

If you'd like to be added to our committee email list, drop us a line at info@friendsatbalfour.org. You'll be kept informed of committee meetings, and contacted if we need a little help from time to time.

STAY IN TOUCH

Follow us for the latest information on our events and meetings:

 Website: <http://friendsatbalfour.org/>

 Facebook: [Friends at Balfour](#)

 Twitter: [@FABatBalfour](#)

We also have private Facebook Group pages for each year group.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD Heroes

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



The Summer Reading Challenge 2021 launched on Saturday 10th July across Brighton & Hove Libraries. The theme this year is World Wild Heroes and it is a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment!

Developed in partnership with WWF, the world's leading independent conservation organisation, Wild World Heroes will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet.



The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local staffed library, then read six books of your choice to collect special stickers and other incentives along the way – all for FREE.

Children can also sign up online on the Summer Reading Challenge website. It is free to access and a place for children to rate and review their books and work towards their reading goal. You can sign up here: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Stories, fact books, audio books, graphic novels and poetry- they all count towards the challenge. Children can also borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks from Brighton and Hove libraries. More information: <https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-arts/libraries/borrow-electronic-books-and-audiobooks>

You have all summer to collect fun rewards as you read and complete the challenge, either online or at your local library. Pre-schoolers can participate in their own mini-Challenge.



Level 1 & Level 2 CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



10am – 12.30 each day

Week 1 – Monday 26 – Thursday 29 July

Week 2 – Monday 2 – Thursday 5 August

Week 3 – Monday 9 – Thursday 12 August

Week 4 – Monday 16 – Thursday 19 August

Week 5 – Monday 23 – Thursday 26 August

**Week 6 – Tuesday 31 August – Friday 3
September**

Level 1 is where you
will learn to control
your bike.

Level 2 is where you
start with real traffic, but
sticking to quiet roads.
Places are limited and on a
first-come first-served basis.

Levels 1 & 2 together is £30
per person.

To book your place, please
visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events/standardticketbookingprocess

Ages 9 – 15



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Level 3

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park and Hove Park



1.15 – 3.15 each day

Week 1 – Monday 26 – Wednesday 28 July

Week 2 – Monday 2 – Wednesday 4 August

Week 3 – Monday 9 – Wednesday 11 August

Week 4 – Monday 16 – Wednesday 18 August

Week 5 – Monday 23 – Wednesday 25 August

Week 6 – Tuesday 31 August – Thursday 2
September

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 3 training costs £25 per person.

To book your place, please visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events/standardticketbookingprocess

Ages 11 – 15



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- Games-Based Learning
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Balfour After-School Cricket - YRS 3-6.
Autumn Term, Tuesdays from Sept 7th. End of school- 4.45pm (4.30pm after half-term)

A cricket club centred around games-based learning with the emphasis on FUN! We take an ecological approach to coaching that encourages children to be creative, expressive and to problem-solve. ECB qualified Level2 coach and All-Stars Activator with vast experience of coaching at Primary level. Enhanced DBS. First-Aid Qualified.

Please text message Dom Ashton for info
07894 332 867



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Community**



Balfour Primary School

Wednesdays from 15 September - 15 December (excl 27 October)
3.15-4.15pm, £68.25 for 13 weeks

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Wednesdays booking link

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-BPS-13>

BALFOUR AUTUMN TERM

B.A. ACADEMY AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

*From the week commencing 13th September.
15:20- 16:20*



FRIDAY - MULTI-SPORTS- KS1
FRIDAY - MUSICAL THEATRE - ALL YEARS

Our teachers provide high energy, fun classes and are all DBS checked, Safeguarding trained and First aid trained.

OUR CLUBS

Here's a little bit about them...

Multi-Sports

Why do one sport when you can do more? Come on down to our multi-sports club to for an action packed sports experience including sports such as ultimate frisbee, netball, tag rugby and more.

Musical Theatre

Whether your child likes singing, dancing or acting this club will give them the chance to perform their hearts out. Attendees will work towards an end of term performance that will be showcased during the final session.

Don't miss out! For more information about how to book, collection times and what to bring visit our website:

<https://www.ba-academy.co.uk/balfour>

or

SCAN THE QR CODE

QUESTIONS?

Don't hesitate to get in touch at enquiries@ba-academy.co.uk.





Runner Beanz

Monday

3.15pm – 4.30pm

Years R, 1 & 2

Runner Beanz ... lots of 'running around'; active, pulse raising activities; focus on different sports each week, the pirate game, space invaders, free play & large wall apparatus!!



Full Of Beanz

Wednesday

3.15pm – 4.30pm

Years R, 1 & 2

Full Of Beanz ... full of a range of fun, exciting and pulse raising activities; team games, space invaders, sports skills, music, large wall apparatus, free play & much more!!



Jumping Beanz

Thursday

3.15pm – 4.30pm

Years R, 1 & 2

Jumping Beanz ... theme based, fun physical activities; using a range of equipment, music and activities, themes include Circus, Jungle, Dinosaurs & Space!!

Physical activity clubs that boost confidence and self-esteem, help to develop physical, social and language skills and encourage co-operation and consideration!

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Balfour Primary School Key Stage 1 Hall

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For more details contact ... Debbie May
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