

21st July 2023

NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

Can you believe that we have reached the end of the school year? It does feel as though it was 'only 5 minutes ago' I was writing my first piece for the Balfour Newsletter. There have been so many fantastic things that have gone on across the school that I cannot possibly begin to list them all but for me, seeing our children share their learning and perform in our end of year shows and assemblies has really brought home how much the children have 'grown' this year and how much enjoyment that have had in their learning. Sometimes in the day-to-day life in school some of the small steps get overlooked but seeing at the end the importance of each of these and the impact on the children reaffirms why all of us here at Balfour love the role we play in all our children's lives.



Alan Gunn
Headteacher

As we rush into the summer break, there is excitement about next year's plans and possibilities for us all. I will be inviting you all into school in September so I can share these with you but wanted to give you a heads-up before the holiday so you can have some time to be ready. As part of the vision to ensure our learning is active, makes the most of our grounds and makes real connections we will be expanding our nature school provision. We will have two 'Forest School' trained members of staff working in the school with the plan that eventually all children will have nature school every week. This will mean learning outside all year in (almost) all weathers, so it will be crucial that children have wellies and waterproofs; please consider this when kitting out the children for school next year.

A newsletter would not be the same without a mention of school streets! I wanted to thank everyone who made last Friday's trial such a success. The calm, quiet atmosphere outside the school made a noticeable positive difference to how all the children felt about coming in to school. Can I just remind everyone to remind their children that although there is much less traffic, there will be some cars on the road along with bicycles, so they still need to follow the usual routines

when crossing the road. The plan is for works to be carried out during the summer, for there to be another trial day when we get back to school before the scheme is fully implemented.

I said at the start, this has been a whirlwind year, but it is one that I have enjoyed more than any other. All the staff, children and parents make Balfour such a special place and have all made me feel so welcome and supported this year. I could not be prouder of everyone and I feel honoured to be the Head at such a wonderful school.

I wish everyone a peaceful summer and I cannot wait to see everyone back in September

Thank you as always for all your support.

Alan

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2: 5/6/23 – 21/7/23

➤ First day back day for students – 5 Sept

Autumn Term 1: 05/09/23 – 20/10/23

➤ Half Term 23rd - 27th October

Autumn Term 2: 31/10/23 – 15/12/23

INSET days: 1, 4 September, 30 October, 2 January, 8 July

GOVERNORS



If you wish to contact the chair of governors, Kirstin Baker, the email address is: KirstinBaker@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk

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

Governors can also be contacted via the school office who will be happy to forward any correspondence, or to the clerk of governors, Kristina McCulloch: kristinamcculloch@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk

PROTECTION AGAINST MEASLES

Are your family protected against measles?

Check whether you and your children have had your MMR vaccines. Measles is now circulating in England and families are advised to check whether children, teenagers and adults are up to date with their measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, particularly before travelling this summer and before attending summer festivals where measles can spread more easily. Measles is a highly infectious disease which can lead to serious illness. MMR vaccine provides excellent protection against measles and is free on the NHS.

Children are offered the first dose of the MMR vaccine at one year and the second dose at 3 years 4 months, but they can be given with as little as a one-month gap between doses, depending on age.

To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccine, check their red book, or contact your GP practice. If anyone has missed one or both doses, contact your GP practice to book an appointment. It's never too late to catch up on your MMR vaccination. Families are advised to contact their GP practice to check they and their children are up to date.

For more information visit: www.nhs.uk/MMR

FAB UPDATE

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Summer is upon us and we can take a breather. It has been such a frantic end to the term, changing our plans multiple times for the summer fair, not knowing what the weather would throw at us. In the end what a 'storming' great day we had! It was so FABulous to see people hanging out (okay, I'll stop with the puns), having fun on the games and tombolas, enjoying the entertainment and the food and drink and although a bit blowy, the feel of the sun on our skin. We put a lot of love and effort into these big events and it really does mean so much to see so many people come.

But the most important reason it was great to see so many of you was that these occasions are there to raise money and I can say that revenue for the summer fair was in excess of £7.5K Profit numbers are still being calculated but it is an amazing achievement considering all that we feared would go wrong. Thank you all for supporting our mission.

The biggest thanks however goes to the 142 volunteers who helped set up, manned stalls, served food and drink and cleared away at the end. You guys are awesome. Thanks also to Miss Redfern and the orchestra, choir and samba band for entertaining us. Special thanks to the food team, the raffle team, our games guru and the core FAB committee.



That's it for now. Have a great summer everyone. We will be bringing you plenty of entertainment next term as usual and hopefully something different in September. Keep your eyes peeled on Weduc and WhatsApp.

FAB NEEDS YOU!

Do you have any skills that you think would come in handy? We'd love to hear from you. We have lots of places for parents just like you. If you have a background in anything, it doesn't matter; we are a diverse bunch at FAB and would gladly welcome you aboard. We are currently looking to fill the roles for: Vice-Chair, Website, Volunteer Coordinator, Food Team members and Activity Leaders.



Drop us a line anytime if you are curious or interested in ways you can help. There is no obligation to do more than that, we are a friendly bunch of parents just like you!

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

EVENTS FOR AUTUMN/WINTER 2023/24

- **Mystery Event**
A community get together
September

THE MYSTERY EVENT
?

- **FAB Quiz**
Always great fun and our only adult only event
October/November



- **Christmas Fair** - the winter version of the summer fair. Meet Santa and The Grinch. Drink mulled wine. December!

BALFOUR SWIM SCHOOL

The swim school is run for all levels and is priced very keenly to support the children of the school. In light of upwards pressures on costs we have been forced to increase prices slightly however these have been kept as minimal as possible.

Places are still available. Please email balfourswimmingschool@yahoo.co.uk if you're interested, or would like more information.



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.

RAISE MONEY WHILST YOU SHOP

There is a really easy way to raise money for the school while shopping online:

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.

STAY IN TOUCH

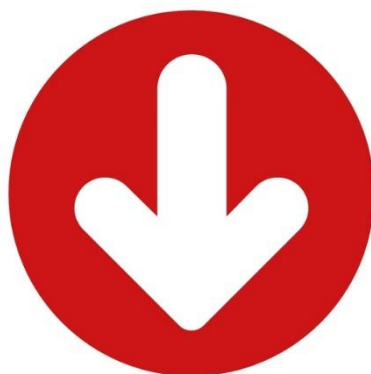
Follow us for the latest information on our events and meetings:

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

 Facebook: [Friends at Balfour](#)

 Twitter: [@FABatBalfour](#)

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



BALFOUR

B.A. Academy Clubs

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

START FROM SEPT 15TH, 2023



**FRIDAY
3:20-4:20PM**

OUR CLUBS:

- Friday - Musical
Theatre - All
Years

**BOOK NOW TO
AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT!**

**FULL TERM
BOOKINGS
AND
PAYMENT
PLANS
AVAILABLE***

*contact us for details

BOOK BEFORE THE 21ST OF JULY TO RECIEVE 10% OFF!!!!

07858 132199

ENQUIRIES@BA-ACADEMY.CO.UK

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Safe. Active. Together.

Every session promotes teamwork, togetherness, problem solving and the importance of being active.

Sessions will be delivered outside so that children can get lots of fresh air which provides vital vitamin D!

We have wet weather contingency plans for any days that the weather won't allow us to be outdoors.



Sessions at: Balfour Primary School

Dates: Fri 8th September - Fri 13th October 2023

Times: 15:20 - 16:30

Price: £45

Class: Y3-Y6

Additional Info: Dodgeball

How to Book...

Go to www.premier-education.com/parents and search for your child's school using our handy school activities finder.




Drama Club with Jeanette Austin (member of equity)

Monday and Tuesdays 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Would your child like to have the chance to have great fun, gain confidence and embrace their individuality? My Drama club encourages children to use their imaginations develop characters and find their voice!!!

They particularly enjoy the lesson on stage fighting as well as dressing in costumes to develop character building skills. We use puppets, film production and improvisation.

If you think your child might be interested, please contact me directly:

 07539641108

 jeanetteaustin@hotmail.co.uk

Monday classes:

11/09/23, 25/09/23, 2/10/23, 9/10/23, 16/10/23

Break for half term

6/11/23, 13/11/23, 20/11/23, 27/11/23, 4/12/23, 11/12/23

£96 for 12 sessions.

Tuesday classes:

08/09/23, 12/09/23, 19/09/23, 26/09/23, 03/10/23, 10/10/23, 17/10/23, 31/10/23

Break for half term

07/11/23, 14/11/23, 21/11/23, 28/11/23, 05/12/23 and 12/12/23

£112 for 14 sessions.

£56 for half a term.



**Albion in the
Community**



Balfour After School Club

Wednesdays from 13 September - 13 December (excl 25 Oct).
3.15pm - 4.30pm, £84.50 for 13 weeks.

**Years
R-2**

BOOK ONLINE NOW
albioninthecommunity.org.uk

Email: soccerschools@albioninthecommunity.org.uk for more information.

Brighton & Hove Albion After School Clubs delivered by Albion in the Community.
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To book visit:

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/activities/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-BPS-24>

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/activities/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-BPS-25>



Balfour After-School Autumn Cricket Club



Balfour After-School Cricket - YRS 3-6.
Autumn Term 2023, Tuesdays from Sept 5th
to Dec 5th. End of school- 4.45pm

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

PLAYING WHILE LEARNING PHYSICS AND SCIENCE. EXCLUSIVELY WITH YOUNG ENGINEERS!

NEW CLUB FOR KS1



Objectives:

- Encourage independent creative thinking
- Foster planning and time management skills
- Broaden knowledge of laws of physics and various natural phenomena
- Develop one's ability to analyze engineering processes
- Cultivate a sense of self-efficacy
- Expand interpersonal communication skills

Register your child today to explore the mechanical world around us by building custom motorized models!

In our awesome 75-minute sessions, we will learn about the science behind different machines, construct amusement park rides, robots, sports car..... and then play!

£14.00 per session



Step-by-step instructions



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Brighton & Hove Centre



01273 807328

b-hcentre@young-engineers.co.uk

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ALGO PLAY

Ages 6-10 (Primary School)

A revolutionary educational program that teaches children the fundamentals of programming and robotics, using an intuitive and straightforward physical coding language. AlgoPlay introduces the participants to the world of robotics through a hands-on and fun educational experience.



BRICKS CHALLENGE

Ages 6-10 (Primary School)

Learn scientific principles, famous scientists and the basics of mechanics whilst building kinetic models to spark students' imagination and develop critical thinking.



GALILEO TECHNIC

Ages 7-11 (Primary School)

Students will learn advanced subjects in classical mechanics with higher functionality and complexity.



ROBO TOYS

Ages 9-11 (Primary School)

Your fastest gateway to master robotics. Discover the advanced concepts behind every common automated machine through an unforgettable building and coding experience.

After-School Clubs - Holiday Camps - Birthday Parties - Workshops




Build Your Tomorrow. Today!

Book your child on to one of our incredible programmes today...



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Monday breakfast gymnastics start time 07.45am

10 week terms in school term time. Payment can be made in full per term or by standing order throughout the whole year. On top you will need insurance with BG and club affiliation fee.

Fully qualified and insured and DBS checked staff.

Uniform is available to purchase if wanted. Please see our website and re costs/term dates.

Trials: To book on to a trail please log on to www.starsgymclub.co.uk and click contact us.

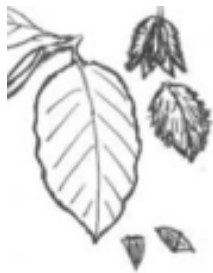
FREE holiday activities



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Balfour Eco Club The Wild Things



What

The Wild Things is a school club designed to encourage and excite children in all things related to the environment. Activities include:

- sowing, planting, growing and nurturing trees and plants for us and the local wildlife to share.
- designing and building new wildlife habitats around our school
- arts & crafts using natural materials
- learning woodland & bushcraft skills including whittling, making charcoal pencils, den making, climbing trees and lighting fires.

When

Wednesday 3:30-5:00, starting 6th Sept

£7:00 per session

Who

Year 5 and 6

[Due to the nature of our activities, the numbers are kept low. If your child is interested, please get back to me as soon as possible.]

Where

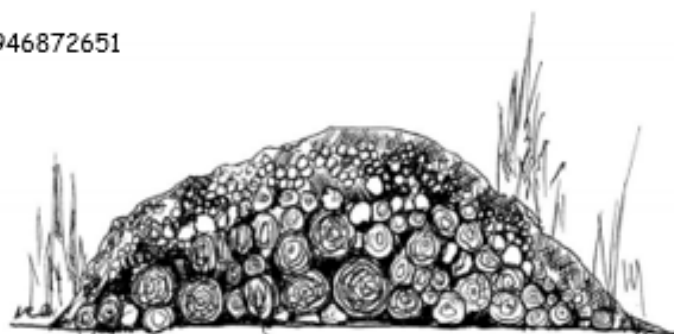
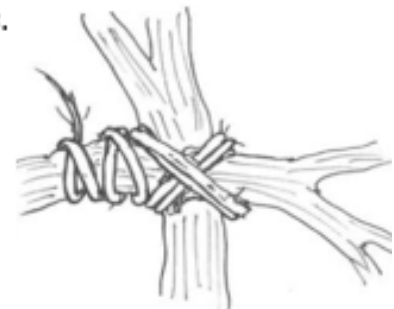
Outside in KS2 gardens (but we will be active in all the outside areas around the school in both KS 1 & 2).

Contact

Please contact Alex at Alexandrawitt@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Led by an experienced and qualified member of the Balfour staff with DBS, Forest School Level 3 & Outdoor First Aid. Additional qualifications include HCC Landscape Design, RHS Level 3 Hort, Permaculture Design, Woodland Craft, Horticultural Therapy, 'Teaching horticulture to SEND children' THRIVE

Ms Witt 07946872651





Holiday cycle training courses

Cycle training is held at Hove and Preston Park during the school holidays and is for children aged 9 to 15.

The dates and times are:

Level 1 & 2

Monday 24 – Thursday 27 July
10.00 – 12.30

Monday 31 July – Thursday 3 August

Monday 7 – Thursday 10 August

Hove Park only

10.00 – 12.30 or 13.15 – 15.45

Monday 14 – Thursday 17 August

Monday 21 – Thursday 24 August

Tuesday 29 August – Friday 1 September

10.00 – 12.30

Ages 9 –15

Cost per person is £40.00

Monday 24 – Wednesday 26 July

13.15 – 15.15

Monday 31 July – Wednesday 2 August

Monday 7 – Wednesday 9 August

Hove Park only

10.00 – 12.30 or 13.15 – 15.45

Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 August

Monday 21 – Wednesday 18 August

Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 August

13.15 – 15.15

Ages 11 – 15

cost per person is £45.00.

To book a place visit <https://cycling.envelope.host/courses/> or contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847 or email east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



Level 1 & Level 2 CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



Monday 24 – Thursday 27 July
10.00 – 12.30

Monday 31 July – Thursday 3 August

Monday 7 – Thursday 10 August

Hove Park only

10.00 – 12.30 or 13.15 – 15.45

Monday 14 – Thursday 17 August

Monday 21 – Thursday 24 August

Tuesday 29 August – Friday 1 September

10.00 – 12.30

Ages 9 – 15

Cost per person is £40.00

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.

Level 1 – Riders must be able to ride
independently with confidence and without
stabilisers.

Progression to Level 2 training is
dependent on meeting all level 1 modules
to National Standards Level.

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

To book your place visit:

<https://cycling.envelope.host/courses/>

or contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847

or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



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Level 3

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



Monday 24 – Wednesday 26 July

13.15 – 15.15

Monday 31 July – Wednesday 2 August

Monday 7 – Wednesday 9 August

Hove Park only

10.00 – 12.30 or 13.15 – 15.45

Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 August

Monday 21 – Wednesday 18 August

Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 August

13.15 – 15.15

Ages 11 – 15

Cost per person is £45.00.

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.

All children must have attended a level 2 course and show allow 3 months practice between levels. All trainees will be assessed on level 2 outcomes before progressing further.

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns