



Air Balloon Hill Primary School

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Hello,

We have had some fantastic entries for our art competition. The children who have submitted an entry have all clearly put a lot of thought and effort into thinking about what makes Air Balloon special to them.

There are lots of creative ideas around our vision and values and expressions of how Air Balloon supports children in achieving their goals. There are also quite a few stars and, would you believe it, hot air balloons!

The children have used a range of mixed media so when we do carefully select the works of art that we plan to professionally reproduce and display around the school, they will demonstrate a wide range of artistic talents.

We also plan to share all the artwork on the website, and in a special book that will be displayed in the foyer and libraries, so that everyone can appreciate the efforts that the children have made.

Enjoy your weekend,

Tim Browse

Next Week in School

Wednesday

- ~ Mars Class Assembly - 8:55am - Parents Invited.
- ~ Mercury Class - Pavement Professors - 9:15am - 12:00pm.



Thursday

- ~ Pegasus and Sirius Class Assemblies - 8:55am - Parents Invited.
- ~ Mars Class - Pavement Professors - 9:15am—12:00pm.



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Best Class Attendance of the week

This weeks winners are:

- Year 2/3 Hall:** Joint winners Neptune and Star Class both 100%
- PE Hall:** Asteroid 100%
- Dining Hall :** Mars Class 96.55%



Attendance for the week = 94.82% that's 2.1% below our target of 97%.

In-Service Closure

Friday 8th February 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019
Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Future Dates for your Diary

Class Assemblies

Endeavour Class Assembly
Wednesday 30th January

Aquila & Aurora Class Assemblies
Thursday 31st January

Earth Class Assembly
Wednesday 6th February

Phoenix & Capella Class Assemblies
Thursday 7th February

All assemblies start at 8:55am



Team Points

- 1st - Rowling (30) 2nd - Dixie (28)
- 3rd - Brunel (25) 4th - Banksy (7)



Up-to-date contact Details

Please make sure you keep us updated with any changes to your contact details. It really is essential that we are able to contact you if we need to - this is especially important if your child is on our walk-to-school alone list.



Translations

Our newsletter is available to read on the school website (<https://www.abhps.com/newsletters/>) which can be translated into over 100 different languages using the button at the bottom of the page.

If you would like any school information in a different format, for example Braille, audiotape, large print, computer disk, or community languages, please contact Mrs King in the school office.

Wanted

Do you have any board games you no longer use? If so we would welcome any donations for the classrooms for wet play. Please hand any donations in to the school office. Thank you.



FAB Reading Prize

Could you be the winner of the FAB Family Film Day?

If you read 3 times or more with your child every week for a whole term, you could be the winner of a voucher worth £25 for your family to visit a local cinema.

FAB have offered to pay for the vouchers as a reward for all the hard work parents and carers do to support Air Balloon children's reading.

All parents & carers have to do is record the reads in their child's yellow reading record and they will be entered into a prize draw at the end of term. Best of luck!

Mrs Hennessy- Standards Leader of Reading

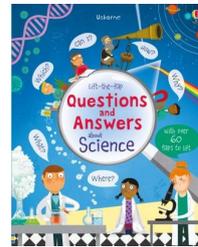


After School Activities

All clubs are running next week **EXCEPT** Wednesday Netball.

Library News

Our Book of the week is **Question and Answers about Science** one of our new Lift and flap series from Usborne.



An appealing, lift-the-flap book that answers children's questions about science in an accessible, fun way. Inspired by the sort of questions young children ask, this is a great book to dip in and out of, with lots of quirky and interesting facts.

A huge thank you to Samuel in Orion class who has donated a beautiful book called **How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear** by Jess French and Illustrated by Angela Keoghan for the National Trust. Children (and adults!) can learn about thirteen different habitats - gardens, hedgerows, heathlands, woodlands, highlands, wetlands, the coastline, freshwater, oceans, savannahs, jungles and mountains - and simple everyday ways to protect them.

Bikes and Scooters

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school please can they store them correctly in bike/scooter racks and not leave them on the floor



School Facilities for Hire

Did you know that parts of the school are available to hire during evenings and weekends?

FOR HIRE

The school halls, field, climbing frame, pavilion and ball court (including toilet facilities) are available to hire until 10pm during the week and on Saturdays and Sundays/Bank Holidays.

If you know of a local community group who may be looking for a new place to meet, or a sports club who would like to hire our ball court or school field, please contact Rachel Bowyer, our School Business Manager, for further information.

Lost Property

Brendan in Earth Class has lost his sweatshirt, if found please return to his class.



Boxes of Tissues



Now that we are coming to the point in the year where we have a lot of runny noses and sneezes, we would be very grateful for any donations of boxes of tissues that can be distributed among the classrooms to help keep the bugs at bay!

Are you stopping in the middle of the road?

Do you drive your children to school or pick them up in the car at the end of the day? If so, then this is for you...



Please find somewhere safe to pull in and park to let your children out of or into the car. Please don't just stop in the middle of the road or on the zig-zags - **it's DANGEROUS.**

Please remember that it is not only your children's lives that you are putting at risk but other people's children as well.

School Meals Supervisory Assistants - bank staff

We are looking to recruit **bank** staff members to our teams of dinner ladies and playmakers to supervise the children during the lunch period ensuring that the children enjoy safe and happy lunchtimes.

The need to be available to work at short notice is essential for this role. In addition to providing cover for planned absences, you may receive a phone call in the morning asking you to work at lunchtime the same day.

Our dining hall team, under the direction of the Kitchen Manager, work in our dining halls supervising the children with their hot dinners or assisting the children with packed lunches. Duties include setting out tables and benches, laying out cutlery, mugs and drinking water and ensuring that the dining environments remain clean and safe making sure that any spills are cleaned up promptly. Staff working in the packed lunch hall assist children with their packed lunches as required.

Our playmakers, working under the direction of the Deputy Headteacher, supervise the children in our play areas which include a Scrapstore Playpod, a climbing area and an active trail as well as provision for traditional games. Playmakers are expected to interact with the children while continuing to be vigilant, ensuring safe play, and often work with an individual class or year group building a rapport with the children and their class teacher.

The ability to work as part of a team is essential to the role and we are looking for individuals who are prepared to support our kind and caring ethos towards both the children and other members of staff. You will be joining an established team of friendly, hardworking and dedicated lunchtime staff committed to ensuring that the children enjoy lunchtimes and stay safe.

We are looking for people who are able to work between the hours of 11.30am - 1.30pm, Monday to Friday during term time.

The post attracts a salary on the BG2 scale, currently £8.75 per hour before deductions.

If you are interested in applying for a position on our bank staff, please obtain an application pack from the school office.

Air Balloon Hill Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check is required for this position.

We particularly welcome applications from underrepresented groups including, ethnicity, gender, transgender, age, disability, sexual orientation or religion.