



Balfour Newsletter Easter 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Easter edition of the Balfour Newsletter.

You will be aware that at Sir Graham Balfour School our ethos is built upon the twin pillars of academic achievement and personal development. One way in which we foster the latter, is by an emphasis on community activities which encourage the students to support others less fortunate than themselves. Two recent events, both of which are covered in detail later in this newsletter, exemplify this approach.

Firstly, on Thursday 13th February, we held our 'Spinathon'. Opened by the Mayor of Stafford, students, staff, governors, parents and friends of the school, all participated in a marathon sponsored 'spinning' session on exercise bikes which ran continually for nine hours. In one day, we raised in excess of £4,000 to support Katharine House Hospice and Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

It was so pleasing to see the whole school community come together to support what I am sure you will agree, are very worthwhile causes. The determined, enthusiastic, support given by the students to help others, will live long in the memory.

Secondly, over half term, several staff and sixth form students visited our sister school, Sir Graham Balfour, Cambodia. All of the group had fundraised actively for almost two years to support the trip. They delivered some much needed resources and spent a significant amount of time in the school teaching a variety of lessons. All returned humbled by their experience, having learned valuable lessons about citizenship and brotherhood, with memories they will carry well into adulthood.

I do hope you enjoy reading more about these events and about a host of other recent activities, all which will give further insights into life at Sir Graham Balfour School.

Mr D Wright - Headteacher

Cambodia 2014 Trip

On the 14th February 2014, 12 students and 3 members of staff began their 10 day adventure to Cambodia. After a wet and windy run down to Heathrow; a small 8 hour wait at the airport and a 22 hour flight, we arrived safely in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh.

To get over our travelling and to adjust to the incredible culture change, we spent two days in Sihanoukville, Cambodia's beach resort. With the sun beating down and the warm waves crashing on the shore we found time to try the exotic fruits and meet the locals. In between the odd spot of sunbathing, our time was mostly spent playing beach games and making bracelets with some of the local street children.

As our time in **Sihanoukville** came to an end, we drove the 6 hour journey to Chi Phat- home of Sir Graham Balfour Cambodia. On arrival at the school, the entrance was lined with over 200 friendly and welcoming smiles clapping and cheering our onset.



Our time in the school and Chi Phat village was by far the most amazing experience that many of us will cherish for the rest of our lives. The students taught a range of lessons from English, Maths and Art. Some students painted their hands and crafted 'thank you' letters for the students back in England, whilst others made paper aeroplanes and learnt the timeless 'Head Shoulders Knees and Toes' nursery rhyme. To begin with, the 6th form

students found the experience challenging (overcoming the language barrier) but ended up leaving in awe of every young person, due to their resilience and determination to learn English and their gratitude for SGB Stafford's continued support and interest in improving their lives.

Whilst all of this was happening throughout the day, the nights were fun filled too! A trip to the local waterfall with some of the local children (still singing 'Old McDonald' and 'Head Shoulders Knees and Toes') provided a refreshing break from the sun and a time to learn a bit more about the History of Chi Phat itself. With all this in mind, the trip wouldn't have been the same without staying in the local jungle, battling off flying cockroaches, huge spiders and families of rats!





Saying our 'goodbyes' was a roller-coaster of emotions. Excited by what we had achieved but sad to be leaving the children who were so thankful for us being there, it was time to travel back to Phnom Penh and experience the exciting night markets and some of the devastating history of the Khmer Rouge.

S-21 and the Killing Fields were genocide camps where we witnessed the mass graves and holdings of

thousands of Cambodian people. Although extremely harrowing, to think that the people we had met had experienced this first hand and were now re-building their lives left us with an overwhelming sense of admiration and determination to continue helping the young people of Cambodia.

We would like to thank everyone that has partaken in any fundraising from non-school uniform days to Thursday donuts. The trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity and we really hope that you will all continue to support such a worthwhile cause.

Cambodia 2014 Team x



Tuesday 25th February - Home, looking very weary but excited over their recent trip. Another successful visit to our sister school!

World Book Day

On World Book Day, our love of reading was celebrated by staff sharing their favourite books with students. An Inter House Book Quiz also took place which was hosted by Mr Gilroy. All contestants made a worthy effort and Weston won the quiz overall.



As part of our World Book Day celebrations and following last year's successful visit, our DAC centre and English Faculty arranged for Author Curtis Jobling to visit school again.

Curtis is best known for his role as production designer of children's TV hit, *Bob The Builder*, where he visualised all of the programme's inimitable characters and sets, and *Raa Raa the Noisy Lion*. He is also the author of the popular "Wereworld series" teen books.

On the 7th March (the day after World Book Day) Year 7 were captivated hearing him talk about his work as an Author and Illustrator and about his love of Animation. Both Students and Staff found his talks hugely entertaining and many students returned at lunchtime to chat with him and have their books signed. The day was rounded off by a special workshop with a small group of students.

Young People's Social Care Conference

On Thursday 13th February we took Year 10 and Year 11 Health & Social Care students to the 'Young People's Social Care Conference' held at The New Vic Theatre in Newcastle-under-Lyme. It provided a wide variety of stimulus for our students as workshops were put on and built around 'dignity' within the workplace. Students were offered lots of advice for a possible career in Health & Social Care. The day also provided students with support in preparation for their coursework and any work experience they wish to pursue in the future. The conference was a fun, interactive, educational and inspirational visit for everyone involved.

Miss Deaville and Miss March



Futures Day - 21st March

Futures Day 3 took place on Friday 21st March with our Year 9s having a fun filled day working with the The Happy Puzzle Company and Car Racing with Jaguar. Our Year 10s spent the day in the English Department reciting and analysing poetry. Other activities included:

Year 7 - Conkers Visit

On the 21st March the whole of Year 7 went on a trip to Conkers to gain hands on experience in the heart of the National Forest. The aim of the trip was to allow the students the chance to explore the concept of sustainability, which was delivered by the team at Conkers who make sure their sessions are in line with the National Curriculum.

The students were given a brief introduction to the National Forest, how it had come to be and why it was so important. The groups, led by their ranger, carried out two activities during the course of the day. The first was Shelter and Fire Building, which gave the students a chance to work in teams to build shelters using the trees around them and then to build their own fire which they had to try and keep alight. The second was an activity called Cans, Compost and Paper where students were able to make their own recycled paper.



Year 7 visited Conkers:
The Making Paper Challenge

The feedback from the trip was encouraging and it was great to see all the students getting stuck in and enjoying themselves and we are hoping to run the trip again next year.

Year 8 - Sports Relief Activities

On Friday 21st March, in line with Sport Relief, the Year 8s were lucky enough to partake in an Olympic style event. Each student was placed into 1 of 6 countries prior to the event and asked to turn up in their countries colour to enhance the unity on the day. The teams were separated through their PE groups as they are frequently asking to play the other half of the year, each team was then further split into a group from the girls, boys and mixed.



On arrival the students were separated into their teams and asked to sing their respective anthem, obviously for team GB this wasn't an issue but it proved rather challenging for the other 5 (Germany, South Africa, Australia, USA and Canada). After the anthems the students competed against all of the other Nations in a round robin structure for basketball, ultimate Frisbee and football. With the competitions being highly competitive the day was shaping up to be a very good one. 150 very excitable children all fully engaged and participating well, as you can see by the photos. After each round of play the scores were added to the leader board which was displayed on the screen in the sports hall. It was pleasing to see how interested everyone was and the competition unfolding.



After lunch we continued with the Olympic theme and ran an indoor sports hall athletics event. Each of the teams had their own area and they were encouraged to make as much noise as possible when the events were in play. The events were

varied and consisted of things such as relays, egg and spoons and even hockey dribble. Each team had to send four representatives for each event. Points were added to the earlier totals to give us an exciting end to the tournament.

Australia were far too strong for any other team on the day, winning comfortably, they were closely followed by Great Britain. In third place was the South African team with a very disappointed leader (Mr Trenbirth!) followed by USA, Germany and lastly Canada. The day was fantastic was credit to the year 8s. Every single child did their very best and really got behind their team, it was incredible to see.



Year 11 - Crash, Heart Start and the 'Great Egg Drop'.

Year 11s took part in a carousel of activities including:

Crash - A hard hitting presentation designed to highlight the dangers of driving and how to keep safe as both a passenger and as a young driver.

Heartstart Award - West Midlands Ambulance Service training programme in basic First Aid.

The 'Great Egg Drop' - All students worked within the Technology department investigating ways of protecting eggs from sudden impact. Groups of up to 4 had to solve this problem, making a device that would stop the egg from breaking at various heights. There were some innovative and unusual designs submitted by the Y11 students. The marking criteria was



1. Aesthetics... did it look good?
2. Design... could you easily get to the egg after the fall to see if it was intact?
3. Durability... did the egg survive the fall?
4. Teamwork



Spinathon

Thursday 13th February yet again showed what a fantastic school we have, made possible by our students, staff and wider community. Our annual big fundraising event - 'Spinathon' raised an amazing £4100.00 which was due to be split between Katharine House Hospice and the Ronald McDonald House, at Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool. Such an amazing achievement!



The day started with an official opening by The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Angela M Loughran, members of MoD Stafford came along (who had kindly donated use of the bikes) and Debbie Rushbrooke from Katharine House. The school hall had been transformed to house 15 Spinning Bikes which all cycled for 9 hours from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. Spinners included parents, students, staff and members

of the community, (even Parkside Year 6 took their turn and came along to join in!) with each participant spinning a minimum of 15 minutes and raising well deserved funds for our two very worthwhile charities.

Presentation of Cheques:

Picture 1: Jan Thomas, House Director The Ronald McDonald House Alder Hey, Liverpool, Matthew Cope, Thomas Kiesslinger, and Miss Debbie Poole, Assistant Headteacher.



Picture 2: Lorna Hulse, Debbie Rushbrooke, Fundraising Representative Katharine House, Miss Debbie Poole, Assistant Headteacher and Petulia Handley.

Eco Schools

Well done to Debbie Hill and her Eco Club, their entry; Collaborative Colleges on Important Environmental Issues' for the 'No Planet B' exhibition held in St Chads Church during February half term received one of three 'Highly Commended' awards. They were rewarded with a £25.00 cheque that will help fund materials for SGB Eco Club.



We have also now received our order of 'paint your own birdhouses' and various seeds courtesy of our collection of Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers. Eco Club continues to run on a Wednesday after school and anyone is welcome to attend



Sir Graham Balfour has taken on the challenge of working towards an Eco-Schools status and the ultimate Green Flag Award.

This process involves various challenges and hard work, which the school is currently doing, but to make them official and get the recognition the school deserves, we need to put together an Eco-School committee and tick the correct boxes.

In order to do this, we as a school need a committee (we can re-name this!) which includes students, teachers, non-teachers, parents, governors or anyone from the wider community.

The first step is to make the whole school aware of this particular programme and we need to conduct an Environmental Review of the school.

This committee will meet up once a half-term to ensure that we are making the correct progress.

Please let me know if you are interested. Let's make a difference! Mrs D Hill

Big Tree Plant

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their February half term to help plant trees in partnership with The Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

In total we planted over 700 trees/saplings that will encourage wildlife to our grounds. We were also very fortunate to receive a number of established fruit trees which have been planted to produce our very own orchard at the rear of the building. All of the children involved have received a certificate in recognition of their efforts.



Birmingham Children's Hospital Fundraising

On Friday 7th February students took part in a big balloon release in aid of World Cancer Day. The brainchild of Charlotte Jones, a Year 11 student at the school, staff and students were able to purchase a balloon and add a personal message in aid of this very worthwhile charity.

Charlotte also organised a cake sale in school, money raised from both events were due to be donated to the Oncology Unit at Birmingham Children's Hospital. On 19th March, Charlotte and Lauren Poyser visited the hospital to present their fundraising cheque and have a tour of the facility.



Rotary Young Chef

Sir Graham Balfour School was extremely proud to enter the Stafford Rotary Knot Young Chef competition, held at Stafford College on the 10th January 2014.

The competition was divided into two categories (Years 7/8 and Years 9/10) and students from 4 of the Stafford secondary schools along with Stafford College took part. Following internal heats at Sir Graham Balfour the following students represented our school; Christian Willatt - Year 10, with his Spicy Chicken Noodles and Chocolate Mousse with Berries and Serafina Evans - Year 8, who cooked Five Spice Gammon with Noodles and Pak Choi followed by Chocolate Orange Delight.



The standard was extremely high and all of the students produced the most fantastic dishes. I am extremely pleased to announce Christian was 'Runner Up' in his category but the overall winner who was put forward to the District Semi Final Competition at Wolstanton High School was Lucy Spencer - Year 7 with her dish

of Moroccan Turkey Meatballs, Citrus Cous Cous with Spicy Tomato Sauce followed by Blushing Pears. Lucy was actually representing Stafford College, but very kindly was dressed in her Balfour uniform!



From the Semi Final Lucy went on to progress to the Final but sadly was pipped at the post by a Year 9 and Year 11 student who will now compete at the Regional Final, but considering Lucy was the youngest competitor, it is a fantastic achievement. Well done Lucy!

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LITTLE CHEF: Youngsters battled it out in a bid to be named top chef in a healthy eating cook-off. The 12 competitors, aged 11 to 17, had 80 minutes to plan, prepare, cook and serve a main course and dessert for two people costing no more than £10, in the district final of the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Young Chef competition yesterday. Judging the competition were head chef, Jon Ford, and Amanda Rushton, owner of David's Brasserie in Trentham. They were joined by Peter Marengli and Geoff Hillman from the Rotary Club of Stoke-on-Trent. A Rotary Club spokesman said: "Having only just over one hour for the cooking part of the competition means that the young people need to be well prepared and thoroughly organised in order to succeed." Right are Lucy Spencer, aged 11, from Stafford, and Amanda Rushton. Picture: Ben Warburton



Rotary Young Photographer

Well done to Pippa Spencer, Year 10, who was awarded 3rd Place for her colour print 'Coral Bay Sunset' and in the mono print category Pippa was also awarded 2nd Place for her print 'Look' and 3rd place for her print 'Victorian Trellis Walk'.

Pippa will be awarded her prizes at a presentation evening due to be held at Weston Road Academy in May.

Good Food Show Stafford College

On 14th March 2014, Year 10 Food Technology students attended the Stafford College Good Food Show. Other schools from Stafford attended, and there were 75 students altogether! The students were given an introduction to the Hospitality and Catering department by Jason Smith. Mr Smith said that the



Hospitality and Catering industry was the largest in the world. After that it was all "hands on"! They took part in the following workshops: Cocktail making (non alcoholic !), Thai Curry, Cake Pops, Silver service, Fruit tasting, Gueridon and Flambé cooking and Layered desserts. The favourites were the Thai curry and layered dessert workshops. Then a large buffet lunch was provided, with student spot prizes for success and effort. All the students thought the day was very worthwhile, and several hope to attend Hospitality and Catering courses in the near future. Mrs S Dean - Food Technology

Year 8 Mastermind Science Quiz

The Year 8 Science Mastermind quiz is now in its third successful year and takes place during Science and Engineering week. On Thursday 27th March, Mr Simmons, Head of Science with our team of 4 students attended Weston Road Academy to compete against other schools in the district. The 4 students involved were; Tyla-Reece Astbury, Eleanor Gorwood, Ebbeny Stockley and Joseph Shilabeer

There were questions on Biology, Chemistry and Physics and students needed to demonstrate that they knew the taxonomic groups of a variety of animals; the sequence of the planets and the chemical symbols to name just a few of the topics. The last round made it clear that our team did know how to drop an egg from a great height without it making a mess on the Lecture Theatre floor. The Theatre was packed with students eager to participate and their enthusiasm certainly helped to make things run well.

Despite our best efforts in a closely run race Stafford Grammar managed to hold the trophy aloft for the second time. The lunch that was provided made up for any disappointment felt by our team and all agreed that a good time was had by all. Well done team and I hope that we will have even more success next year.

Year 9 Careers Fair and The Skills Show

Our annual Year 9 Careers Fair took place on Thursday 23rd January, with over 25 stands promoting careers across a wide spectrum, all of the feedback was extremely positive. We also had a number of Universities in attendance which was of benefit to our Sixth Form students who also came along.

The Skills Show - Year 10 recently were given the opportunity to visit 'The Skills Show' at the County Showground. Organised by Mrs Metcalfe the afternoon was an opportunity to explore job options and see what career paths are available to them after Balfour. An extremely informative event for our students.



Helping Hands Project

We are continuing to work in close partnership with Parkside Primary School and have arranged for our Cambodia 2014 team to deliver a presentation about their recent trip to their pupils on Wednesday 9th April 2014.

We have also visited Tillington Primary School and worked with their school council using computers to research Cambodian Culture and also made some very colourful painted handprints from poster paint. We have also been approached by Cooper Perry School at Seighford to work with our students which we are planning do so, very shortly. However, due to the time constraints of the exam season, the demands on our older students and the fast approaching end of year, we will be hosting a Cambodia afternoon at the end of June when we hope to invite all of the Feeder Primary School Councils to Sir Graham Balfour School. Pupils will be able to see the DVD from our trip this year, meet some of the team and take part in some games and activities. The grand finale to our fundraising year will be our Big Walk for Cambodia due to take place on Wednesday 9th July, all of our Feeder Primary Schools are invited to participate, more details to follow shortly.

We would also like to thank the students of Tillington Manor Primary School who after spending time with our Cambodia 2014 team decided to hold a cake sale with all proceeds going to our Cambodian School. They raised an amazing £82.47!



Valentines Disco

A Valentines Disco took place on Tuesday 11th February for our Year 7 students and Primary Years 5 and 6. All proceeds were destined for Cambodia 2014 trip, despite not having the numbers we had hoped for the event still went ahead and proved to be very successful. The feedback the following morning from our Primary Schools was extremely positive.



District Parliament Meeting

Friday 28th March saw the first gathering of the Stafford Schools District Parliament Representatives. It was an opportunity for students to meet, discuss, share and compare practices from their own schools with others in the district. It was also a great opportunity for students from different schools to talk and get to know each other.

For the first meeting SGB was joined by Weston Road and Walton High Schools. All of the students agreed they had found the experience really productive. Areas of discussion included uniform, academic subjects, student social areas, July Activity Week, rewards and discipline systems and charity fundraising. The future aim is to meet regularly once a term with set criteria for each meeting.



SGB BE Festival

The Brainchild of our Year 10 male students, the BE festival is due to take place on Thursday 30th April 2014, from 6.00 pm onwards, Students along with staff will be performing, well worth the £1.00 a ticket, with all proceeds going to Cambodia. Refreshments will be available on the night.

Onatti Theatre Company Visit

On the afternoon of 13th November 2013, 3rd December 2013 and the 13th March 2014, the MFL Department welcomed the Onatti Theatre Company to school to perform to Year 9s. This theatre group specialises in performing plays in French, German and Spanish by native speaking professional actors, and tours schools around the UK and Ireland. The first play entitled "Mon père ne me comprend pas" was in French, the second, "La habitación de Mateo" was in Spanish and the most recent 'Erster Eindruck' in German. All three plays were highly amusing, and although some of the dialogue was challenging, all pupils agreed that they understood the storylines, were moved by the drama and enthused by the plot. They all enjoyed them, especially as the actors often included members of the audience within their performances.



Well done to those who got involved, Oli Parry, Molly Cager, and especially Will Bishop, who acted superbly not only in the French and Spanish plays but also conversed in German in the third performance. We hope to repeat this next year!

London Marathon



On 13th April, Mr. Critchlow (Maths) will be running the London Marathon for Henshaws Society for Blind People - a charity based in the North of the Country who provide expert care, advice and training to anyone affected by sight loss, right where it's needed most. He is running in memory of his Uncle Tom, who

died in November and who spent the last 20 years of his life totally blind and thus never saw any of his Grandchildren.

This time last year Mr Critchlow hadn't done ANY running, except for the ice-cream van! Previous attempts at running included an 8 mile run promptly followed by him passing out in Sainsbury's in search of food afterwards! Since then he's adopted a much more sensible training plan to enable him to meet his goal. If you are interested in sponsoring Mr Critchlow please contact him via email: rcritchlow@sirgrahambalfour.staffs.sch.uk or by visiting: www.justgiving.com/RichardCritchlow any donations - regardless of how large or small, will be gratefully received.

Stafford Half Marathon

Four members of Balfour Staff ran the Stafford Half Marathon recently. Coming in first and getting an outstanding time of 1 hour and 40 minutes was Miss Ouchatar. Three English teachers followed behind, Miss Poole, Miss Brown and Mrs Giles. They would like to thank everyone who supported them and especially the Balfour students who acted as stewards around the course; some had jelly babies! A very impressive display all round - well done Balfour Ladies!

Stafford Railway Building Society

Well done to Tom Lewis, Year 9 who has been awarded the Stafford Railway Building Society Award for a 'piece of outstanding work'.

Tom was nominated by Mrs Owen - Head of Expressive Arts for a piece of work called "Pictures to an Exhibition". He was given a homework task which involved researching any aspect of the scheme of work they were focusing on.



Tom chose the Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky and the Russian architect and painter Viktor Hartmann and he produced an absolutely stunning Powerpoint linking paintings with music he felt represented the particular style of each piece.

As well as receiving a certificate to recognise his achievement, Tom was also presented with a £25.00 cheque, an additional £25.00 was also awarded to the Expressive Arts Department for their nomination, which will be spent on equipment.

Fire Fighter Awards

Congratulations to Shannon Tinkler who rose to the challenge to be awarded 'Best Student' on the Student Firefighters Scheme based at Stafford Fire Station. The course, run in partnership by Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service and Staffordshire Youth Service, combines practical scenarios and training with discussions and workshops. It aims to provide vital life skills, such as communication, teamwork and self-confidence by employing the Fire Service's principles of leadership, teamwork and discipline.

The course runs one day a week over twelve weeks and gives the students the opportunity to secure a BTEC Level 2 qualification which is equivalent to a Grade C GCSE. The scheme culminates in an awards ceremony where Shannon was awarded 'Best

Student' for her dedication and enthusiasm throughout the course. Overjoyed with her achievement Shannon is determined to join the Fire Service as a career in the future.



Duke of Edinburgh 2014

This academic year we have another 12 candidates undertaking the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, made up of Year 9 and 10 students. The new team consists of:

Amber Bringham

Will Hollis

Georgia Proctor

Matthew Cope

Jack Harvey

Eirlys Walker

Kirsty Graham

Megan Lawrence

Abby Walklett

Matthew Higgs

Eve Meara

Damon White

On Saturday 8th March all of the candidates undertook their First Aid Training, for which they received a certificate and on Futures Day in March some of the students were fortunate to undertake some training in the Peak District with Mr Mason and Miss James.



Our Silver Group; Anya Elliman, Cara Hawkins, Matt Porter and Pippa Spencer, will be undertaking their expedition in partnership with Walton Open Award Centre for their practice and Stafford Grammar School for the assessment weekend. Whilst our other group have been undertaking their award with WOAC ; Chloe Preston, Shabnam Shariff and Laura Beswick.

News from the PE Department

District Football:

Our Year 8 and Year 10 boy's football teams have continued to have success in this year's district cup football competitions. Our Year 10 team have managed to progress through to the semi-finals after a 5-0 victory over Wolgarston in the quarter finals. A special mention goes to Josh Furze who managed to score a "hat trick." Our Year 8 team have additionally progressed through to the semi-finals of the competition after a 6-1 victory over Windsor Park. Good luck to both teams in their respective semi-final. In addition to the achievements of our Year 8 and 10 football teams, the PE department are happy to announce the arrival of our new Balfour football kit which is modelled below by our Year 11 team.



The School Games Finals:

Congratulations to our Year 10 Basketball and Dodgeball team who both performed exceptionally well in the recent Staffordshire School Games finals at Fenton Manor Sports Complex. The Basketball team performed extremely well, finishing runners up in their group. This meant that the boys then progressed through to the semi-final and played against Blythe Bridge High School. The game was extremely exciting with both teams scoring a selection of outstanding baskets. However, it was Blythe Bridge who progressed through to the final, winning the game 15-14. In the third and fourth place playoff, they boys managed to maintain their belief and finished the competition in third place. The Dodgeball team additionally performed superbly throughout the day and finished as runners up. They performed exceptionally well during the round robin tournament and managed to progress through to the semi-final. After successfully progressing through to the final, the boys finished as runners up and were extremely proud to take home the silver medal.

County Finalists:

Congratulations to our Year 10 girls Basketball team who recently competed in the county cup final. The game was extremely competitive with both teams creating and scoring a number of excellent baskets. However, unfortunately, after an impressive performance from the team, the girls were beaten by 34 points to 16. The girls should be extremely proud of their achievements and the title of county runners up.



Primary Sport:

The PE department would like to thank all of our neighbouring primary schools for their attendance at the Monday afternoon sport sessions. A number of students from Years 1-6 have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports and activities including Trampolining, Gymnastics, Handball and Table Tennis. The PE department have been extremely impressed with the progress of all of the students that have attended and it has been an extremely enjoyable experience for all involved. Once again, I would like to thank the "Balfour leaders" who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills during all of the sessions. The leaders include Chloe Bishop, Tommy Kiessler, Alice Tiso, Ria Williamson-Smith, Sophie Berry, Adele Moss, Harriet Alpress and Ebby Stockley.

Thank you, The PE department.



**Have a wonderful Easter
and we look forward to
welcoming students
back on
Monday 28th April 2014**