

Blakesley Hall School

Newsletter

Spring Term 11/12

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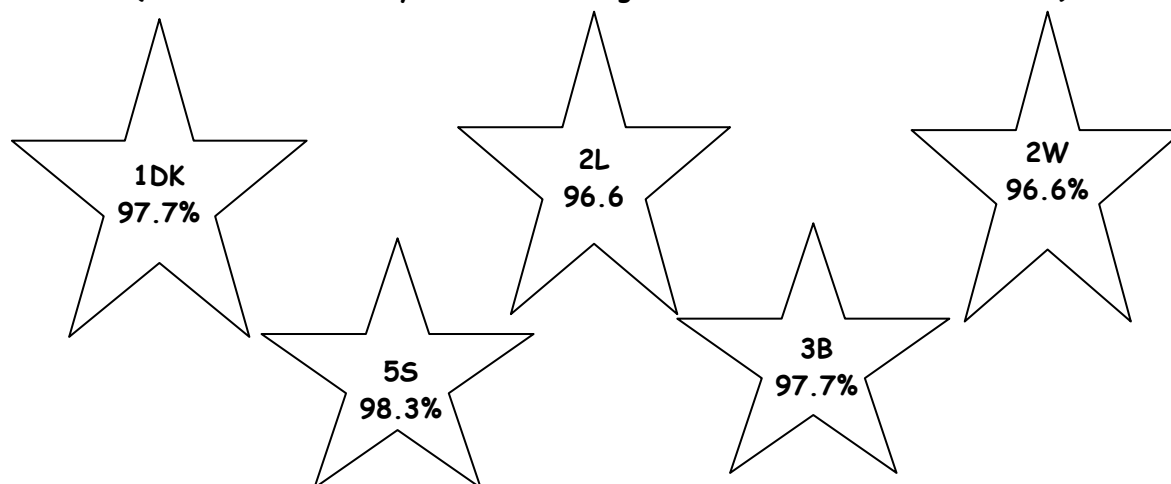
This month's value word is **Co-operation**



DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Monday 5th March		Governor Meeting
Tuesday 6th March	Year 6 & Groups	School Photographer
Thursday 8th March	Rec-Year 5	School Photographer
Tuesday 13th March	Rec	Family Food Facts Course (9.00-10.30am)
Tuesday 20th March	Rec	Family Food Facts Course (9.00-10.30am)
Week Beginning 26th March	All	Open Week
Tuesday 27th March	Rec	Family Food Facts Course (9.00-10.30am)
Tuesday 6th March	All	Photographer for Year 6 Leavers only
Thursday 8th March	All	Photographer for family/individual photos
Week Beginning 12th March	Rec-Year 6	Aspirations Week
Week Beginning 26th March	All	Open Week in School including parents evening
Thursday 29th March	All	School closes for Easter Holidays for children
Friday 30th March		STAFF Training Day (closed to children)
Monday 2nd April-Friday 13th April (2 weeks)		Easter Holidays
Monday 16th April		STAFF Training Day (closed to children)
Tuesday 17th April		School re-opens for children (8.55am)

ATTENDANCE

Best attending Classes for week ending 24th February 2012
(overall school weekly attendance target was reached last week 94.7%)



Persistent absence - 11% of our school children are classified by the Government as "persistent absentees" that is 76 children in total. If your child has below 85% attendance then they are in this category.

Mathletics



All children from year 1 to year 6 have a password for mathletics that can be used at home if you have the internet. The details are as follows:

Number Gym and Early Maths:-

www.numbergym.co.uk/NGS_Online_Access.html

Username: Blakesley

Password: safe

Please help your child access these fantastic online maths resources.



Thank you to all the pupils that have entered Blakesley's Got Talent. Auditions took place last week for year 3, and this week will be years 4 and 5. Congratulations to those who took part (BGT Team—Joy Harris, Nishat Khan (6M), Alena Ahmed, Aliya Masud, Georgia-Mae Precelton (6H)

NEW BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

"Just for kids" which has run the before and after school club here for many years is due to close at the end of this term. I am sure that those of you who have made use of the club, would like to join me in thanking Ms Andrews and her staff. At the beginning of the Summer Term a new club will open and will be managed by the school and run in line with school ethos and values providing a natural extension to the school day for the children. More details will follow soon. If you are interested in finding out more about before and after school childcare please leave your name at the school office.

Existing users of the Kids Club will be receiving a letter shortly from the proprietor Ms Andrews.



DRAYTON MANOR THEME PARK

The consortium of schools are organising a family trip to Drayton Manor Theme Park.

The two dates are:-

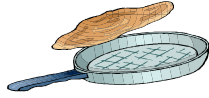
Tuesday 3rd April 2012

Wednesday 11th April 2012



If you are interested in this family trip please see the Learning Mentors for prices and more details.

SHROVE TUESDAY



Last Tuesday was pancake Day and Mrs Elliott, Lunchtime Supervisor led the children enjoyed the chance to take part in this traditional activity. The children (and staff) enjoyed themselves and below are a couple of photographs taken during the pancake races.



World Book Day

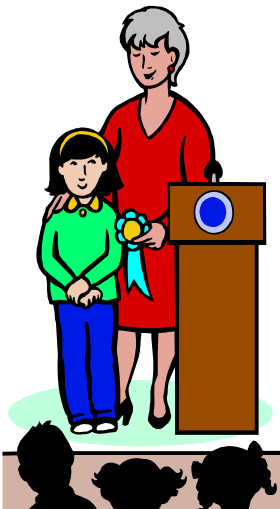
Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. The adults in school will be sharing their favourite children's book with their classes. Our recent pupil reading surveys show that more children enjoy reading for pleasure than they did this time last year. **Why not talk about your favourite storybook with your children at home?**

Are you good at spelling?

We need a team of parents to go head-to-head with our Year 6 winning spelling team in Blakesley Hall Spelling Bee on **Thursday 29th March at 2pm.**



The competition will be held in the school hall and there will be three teams; Year 6 pupils, Teachers Team and a Parents Team. If you are interested in being part of the parents' team please contact the school office or tell your child to let us know.



GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS

It was great to see so many parents at the celebration assembly last week. Hopefully you are all catching the 'celebrating bug' and celebrating with us your child's achievements whether it's their name in the Gold Book, housepoints certificates, text message congratulations or a letter home. A copy of our revised Positive Behaviour Policy will be on the school's website soon.

Parent Governor

My name is Trevor Ricketts and I am a parent governor representative at Blakesley Hall School.

I have several children in the school and felt that I could make a positive contribution and would see things from a parents point of view after a conversation with Mrs Phillips, Headteacher.

I run football teams in the local area and enjoying cooking, something my mom taught me how to do.

I am an easy going bloke and am enjoying my role as parent governor.

Interviewed by Joy Harris—Head Girl



OPEN WEEK—PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Monday 26th March—Thursday 29th March (Late evening Tuesday 27th March).



The school kitchen will be having a taster session throughout the evening of Tuesday 27th March so you can taste our school meals and pick up a menu.

Catch up attendance surgery meetings will also be arranged for this week, more details to follow. Year 6 SATs parents meetings will be planned around this date also - more details to follow.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Monday	Art Club	After School
	Drum Club	After School
	Year 6 Maths	After School
	Year 1 Reading/Story	After School
Tuesday	Sign Language	After School
	Year 6 Maths	After School
Wednesday	Gymnastics	After School
	Year 6 Reading	Before School
Thursday	Year 2 Art	After School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

As parents of children at Blakesley Hall School you will receive the school newsletter. Our aim with the school newsletter is to tell you of upcoming events, in and out of school, but also to keep you informed of pupil and school achievements. Your views are important to us, could you please take two minutes to fill out the form below and return:

Child's Name: _____	Class: _____
Do you find the weekly newsletter useful:	
I would prefer to receive the newsletter by email? Yes/No	
Any additional comments:	

Please cut and give to the school office. Thanks.