



NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1
Wednesday 28 September
2016

Blakesley Hall Primary School

Our Value Word this month is **Friendship** — treating someone on good terms, being kind and pleasant.

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
26th Sept - 30th Sept	All	Harvest festival week
29th Sept	All	School photographer in
30th Sept	All	Macmillan coffee morning for parents
14th Oct	Year 6	4 pupils going to King Edward School for maths competition
17th Oct - 21st Oct	All	Black history week
17th Oct		Open day for children starting Reception in September 2017
20th Oct	All	Eid Mela (children only)
21st Oct	All	Children break up for the half term holiday
24th Oct - 28th Oct	All	Half term holiday
31st Oct	All	Children back to school

Year Group Parent Meetings

We will be holding open meetings for parents to attend and find out about what will be happening in their child's year group over the coming year. You will also get the chance to look at some of the books your child will be reading and to ask any general questions you may have. Further details will follow shortly but for your diaries the dates will be as follows:



Yr2 Mon 3rd Oct 9am
Yr 4 Thurs 6th Oct 9am
Yr 6 Tues 11th Oct 2.40pm

PARENTS' VOICE



Our next Parents voice meeting is on Thursday 13th October at 2pm, all parents are welcome to join us.



YR 6 MENTORING

We would like to welcome the return of the Every Child Needs a Mentor programme for our Year 6 pupils. Every pupil in the year group will have a Mentor that will support and guide them through their time in Year6.

Pupils will be taking part in a number of activities that will build their confidence, build relationships and hopefully grow them as individuals ready for the challenges of secondary school.

Throughout the year, we will be organising Mentoring days. One aspect of these days is to talk to visitors about their experiences and stories. If you would like to volunteer your time to share your story, then please contact Tina Bates.

Shortly, all year 6 parents will be invited into school to meet their Child's Mentor.



If you have a place in Family Learning, due to health & safety reasons only Parents and younger pre-school siblings are welcome.





Left to Right: **Head Boy:** Sufyan, **Head Girl:** Adeena, **Deputy Head Boy:** Asa , **Deputy Head Girl:** Kyra

Hi Parents & Pupils, my name is Sufyaan Mahmood and I am honoured to be your **Head Boy**. My role is to be a great role model to KS1 And KS2, also make learning better for everyone. I think this year 2016 will be excellent. Thank you Teachers who have supported me at this job. Thank You Mrs Phillips who chose me for this marvellous job.

-Sufyaan, 6W



Hi Parents/Pupils. My name is Asa and I am honoured to be Deputy Head Boy. I can help you out when you need me. I think I am capable for this job.

Thank You Mrs Phillips for choosing me.

-Asa, 6W

DEPUTY HEAD BOY

Hi. My name is Adeena and I'm in 6SP. I am honoured to be **Head Girl** of 2016 & 2017. I can make a difference in the school. I will promise to make the pupils of Blakesley Safe, Secure & Successful. Together we can make the school proud. Thank you for reading this. Thank you Mrs Phillips for choosing me.

- Adeena, 6SP



Hi Parents, Pupils & Guardians. My name is Kyra and I am honoured to be your **Deputy Head Girl** this year, I promise to make this school Safe, Secure & Successful. I think I would be perfect for this role. I would make 2016/2017 a memorable year we will never forget. If you see us on the playground come and say Hi and don't be shy. We could have a chat. Thank You Mrs Phillips for believing in me and choosing me for this job.

-Kyra, 6W

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

INTRODUCING



Mrs Round, Miss Matthews, Mrs Key, Mrs Summerfield, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Hack, Mrs Da-Costa & Mrs Reid-Leonard

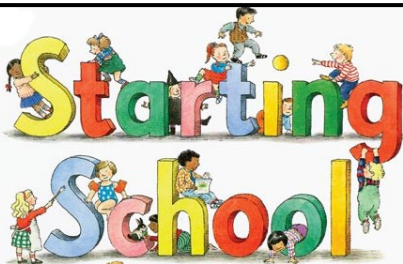
Senior Leaders

These are the school leaders - if you have any questions, queries, complaints or comments you will find us on the playgrounds at the start and end of every day.



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

Please come and join us on Friday 30th September between 9am - 10am for a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Reception 2016

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2017 we would like to invite you to our open day on Monday 17th October 2016 from 9.30am-12.00pm. Please feel free to come and meet with our staff and have a look around our school.

EID MELA

We will be holding our fourth Eid Mela on **Thursday 20th October 2016**

We hope parents/carers can support us by being a volunteer helper or donating Bric-a-Brac. If you are interested in helping please contact the school office and leave a message for Mrs Shahnawaz.

All children can come to school in non-uniform on the day. We will be asking for a donation of £1 per child or £3 per family. Please send donations to your child's class teacher. All money raised will go to Islamic Relief.



Left to Right:
Tolkein:
 Ahyaan (C)
 Toseef (VC)
Smallbrook:
 Adam (C)
 Iqra (VC)
Cadbury:
 Jackson (C)
 Fiza (VC)
Chamberlain:
 Yemima (C)
 Hanzala (VC)

*(C) - Captain
 (VC) - Vice Captain*

House Captains



Left to Right:
Top Row
 Ruqqayah, 6P
 Patricia, 6P
 Kaiden, 6P
 Raiyan, 6SP
2nd Row
 Umayyah, 6SP
 Alizbah, 6P
 Mobasher, 6P
 Fowzi, 6W



Adnan 6SP, Keeley 6W, Neo 6S, Hanif 6W, Sahil 5A, Jemima 5O, Faizaan 4H, Asma 4O, Maavia 3W, Kyra 3P

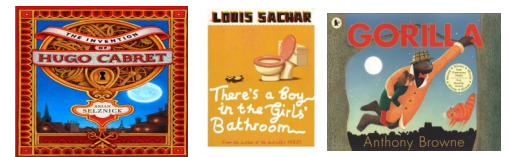
School Council

This September I joined Blakesley Hall as the Assistant Head Teacher for English. I've enjoyed finding out what happens in lessons, getting to know the children and starting to work with staff across the school.

I love writing – especially when I work on shared writing with the children in my class. It excites me to write and edit our ideas, choosing language carefully and thinking about the effect we want to have on the reader. In the coming weeks I'm looking forward to seeing more of the writing at Blakesley Hall.

I'm also passionate about reading. My favourite children's books are Gorilla by Anthony Browne, There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar and The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick. Perhaps you have read some of them.

My favourite time of day is when I'm snuggled up in bed, reading with my own children. Reading with them builds their vocabulary, ignites their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. I hope you enjoy reading with your children too. As well as reading being a pleasure, it is also the key to their academic success. That's why we would like you to read with your child every day, ask lots of questions and talk about what you've read. Every child has been given a reading record, where they can write down what they've read and any new or exciting words they've found.



-Mrs Hack

THE GIRL EFFECT and SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



As P.E. Lead this year, my aim is to increase girls' participation and enjoyment of sport and physical activity, through various initiatives across the school. This project is inspired by the international ***Girl Effect***, an organisation campaigning for the empowerment of girls as key to breaking the cycle of poverty.



The new Year 5 and 6 Girls' Hockey Team have had an early start this year, taking part in the School Games Hockey Competition last Tuesday, 20th September in Small Heath School Upper. Although we did not win, the girls showed great determination and teamwork, with Amenah Khursheed (6W) scoring our first goal with skill and precision! Mackenzie Williams (5O) and Chloe Robinson (6SP) were awarded School Games Values badges for Teamwork. Most importantly, we all had great fun!



The ***Daughter and Mother Effect*** club starts on Monday, 26th September for Year 3 & 4 girls and their mums! We will be having fun playing team games and nurturing this relationship through physical activity. This club will also be held for daughters and mothers in **Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 later in the year.** Watch this space!

Ms. A. O'Driscoll (Year 4 Teacher and P.E. Lead)