

Our Value Word this month is **Friendship** - relationship between friends, act of care and kindness.

Dates For Your Diary

Dinner money needs to be paid in advance by Monday morning. If your Childs meal is not paid for in advance you will be required to provide your child with a packed lunch. All outstanding dinner money balance needs to be paid immediately.

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Throughout May	Y2	National Curriculum Assessments
Tuesday 8th May	Rec	Individual photographs
Tuesday 8th May 1pm-3pm	Rec	Strengths workshop
Thursday 10th May	Rec	Language workshop for Parents
Thursday 10th May	Rec	Paramedics visit
Monday 14th May - Friday 18th May	Year 6	National Curriculum Assessments
Wednesday 16th May	1P	Visit to the Eco-Park
Thursday 17th May	1J	Visit to the Eco-Park
Friday 18th May	1M	Visit to the Eco-Park
Monday 21st May - Friday 25th May	All	Sports Week
Friday 25th May	All	Half Term Start
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June	All	May Half Term holiday
Monday 4th June	All	Children return to school
Tuesday 5th June	4S	Violin & Cello concert

 **Tuesday 8th
May 2018**

School photographer in to take Reception pupil photographs. Please ensure all children are dressed in correct uniform for the start of the school day.

DINNER MONEY

From Monday 16th April 2018, Dinner money balance has increased. Dinner money will now be **£2.35** a day. Weekly Dinner money cost will be **£11.75** which is payable in advance by Monday morning.

Online Safety/ Safeguarding Tip

Install "Hector the Protector" safety button at home. Click on him if you see anything that makes you feel uncomfortable and go to an adult for help. You can also visit the website on: <http://goo.gl/cVvOSXInstall>.

Data Collection Sheets (Contact Details)

You will/have receive(d) a data collection sheet in a white envelope. It is very important for you to make changes and return to the school office as soon as possible. We are updating all contact details as it has proved difficult to contact Parents in emergencies.



Speech and Language Drop-in clinic

Everyone is welcome!

09.00—10.00

Every Friday

Come to the school office and ask for the drop-in session



Do you have a question about your child's speech and language skills?

Come along to our drop-in clinic to ask any questions and find out more information.

Charlotte Freakley

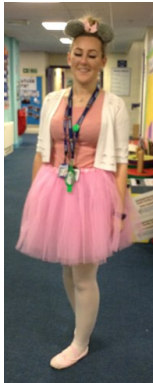
Speech and Language Therapist

BHPS Book Festival March 2018

Our second month-long book festival was even bigger and better than last year! But it wasn't just about books, but storytelling in every form. We had story-telling and drama sessions, writing workshops, comics and interactive draw-alongs, trips to South Yardley library and parent workshops, competitions and even a tea party. There really was something for everyone! Here are some of the high-lights and comments from pupils across the school.

World Book Day

The pupils voted for their favourite adult in costume, with Mollie winning the prize for her Angelina Ballerina outfit.



Author Workshops

Throughout the month we had visits from five children's authors. This time he worked with Year 3 and Year 6 and had them rolling off their seats with laughter at his amusing poems and ukulele playing.

"It was really funny and he had lots of good jokes. He was really inspirational. Together we wrote a poem called 'Don't Put Your Pet In The.....'" (Sarah, Aaminah, Habibah and Amna, 6S).

Kev Sutherland, who writes and draws for The Beano, Doctor Who Adventures and Marvel Comics, ran comic masterclasses with pupils from across KS2.

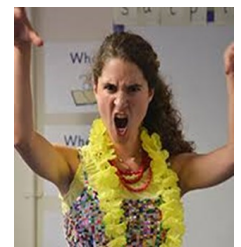


Birmingham Poetry Laureate Finalist, Kurly, worked with Year 4 and Year 5. Combining hip hop with poetry, Kurly worked with pupils to experiment with rhyming words and create their own poems.

"He taught us to beat-box and we wrote a poem with him about super-heroes. I would love him to come back because he helped us to write really good poems" (Haider, 5A).



Reception worked with Anna Conomos on an inter-active performance packed with role play, songs, rhythms and forest animals.



Spoz, Poet Laureate for Birmingham in 2007, amazed Year 1 and Year 2 with his latest collection of poems, which included poems about hipster hamsters, happy pirates and even how superheroes need the toilet!

"He sang a really funny poem about chocolate and played his guitar. And he had a cool hairstyle! He made me want to write poems" (Zara, 2P).



Visits to South Yardley Library

Throughout the month-long festival, every class in KS2 visited South Yardley Library to meet the staff there and borrow books.



"The last three classes came in to the library today which completes our arranged sessions, thank you very much for arranging this with us. The children have been an absolute pleasure to have in the library" (Gay, Assistant Librarian at South Yardley Library).

Dads' and Lads' Reading Breakfast

Dads who read with their children make a big difference to their children's learning - especially to boys. So we were really pleased that so many Granddads, Uncles and Grown-Up Brothers joined us for a fun reading session and some breakfast. Visitors to school that day remarked on how fantastic it was to see Dads and their Sons enjoying reading together.



Reading Passport Tea Party



Throughout the year we encourage the children to read widely and 'increase their reading miles'. Each year group has a reading passport which lists texts that we would like the children to read. As part of our book festival, we invited the child in each class who had read the most books from their passport to a tea party. The children enjoyed being served cake, biscuits and lots of other goodies by Miss Woolaway, Mrs Hall and the school librarians. At the end of this term we will be awarding a prize to the child who has read the most books from their passport – last year's winner received a kindle!

Potato Book Character Competition

We were wowed by this year's competition entries – it is amazing what you can create from a simple vegetable (well, tuber!). The winning entries were:

Amina Amir (RA) for her musical 'What the Ladybird Heard'

Eryn Bell (1M) for her 'Peter Rabbit'

Daniel Curtis (4S) for his 'Charlotte's Web'

Mailkah Muqqadas (6A) for her 'Harry Potter'



"The characters made for the potato competition were creative and I could see people had used their imagination a lot. It is really good to have a book festival because it inspires you to read more – reading has definitely got better at Blakesley Hall" (Kelani 6A).

So, to sum up, the 2018 BHPS Book Festival was a wonderful celebration of language, literature and creativity.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make it a successful festival – we can't wait

Some Y3 children took part in our first 'Lets Cook' session – they loved it! The children learnt about the 6 rules of hygiene, how to chop, dice and shred different vegetable's , they made herb infused flat breads from scratch and a Mediterranean dressing to go with the salads they had prepared. We all tucked in to their delicious feast.



Year 3 have been busy preparing the ground and planting strawberry plants. Phew! It was hard work!

Great Teamwork from Year 1

Some Year 1 children have planted our fruit trees. When they are in Year 3 we hope to be picking our own apples, plums, cherries and pears. Yummy!



Blakesley Hall Primary School



"Blakesley Hall is a
GOOD school,"
OFSTED 2014

**Do you have a friend or
family member with a child
ready to start school and
their Date of Birth is
between 1/08/2013 to
31/08/2014?**

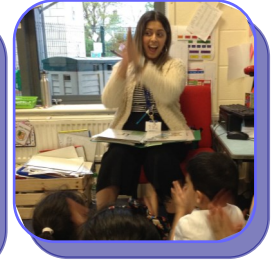
**Do they have a school
place?**

**If they haven't, please tell
them to come along for our
open day.**

Thank you for your support.

Does your child need a
Reception school place for
September 2018?

Have you thought about **Blakesley Hall
Primary School?**



Why not come in and have a look around
our wonderful school on **Thursday 17th
May at 1.45pm.**

Please contact: **0121 783 2148**

OR **visit www.blakesley.bham.sch.uk/**

OR search for us on **Twitter [@BHPS_1](https://twitter.com/BHPS_1)**

for further information.

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Attendance Matters!!!

Being in school every day is really important! Pupils who attend school regularly get better results and build better relationships with their friends.

100% Attendance. Congratulations to these pupils and their families for making sure you have been in school every day since September. Keep up the fantastic work, we are all extremely PROUD of you!

Reception -Abdiraham Shimbar, **Year 1**- Ziad El-Mahdaoui, Ava Green, Mairah Khursheed, Riley Kiernan, Katy Parton, Muhammad Musttafa, Mya Belle, Tabita Dumitru, Muhammad Rehan, **Year 2**- Fathima Ali, Luca Green, Zainab Haroon, Rayhan Rehman, Shayaan Khan, Umme Mushtaq, Zara Ahmed, Franchesca Edwards-Bluck, Ryan Taylor-Harris, **Year 3** - Aisha Khan, Kye Kiernan, Isa Sabeel, Amy Dainty, Ferdous Gafouri, Selina Riswan, Rizwan Ali, Sarah Khattak, Hafsa Noor, Ismaeel Yasin, **Year 4**- Tahair Akbar, Henna Iqbal, Muskan Panhwar, Yaseen Rehman, Nishba Ali, Husna Asad, Moad Azerraf Dammani, Alizah Bhatti, Dylan Birch, Daanish Mahmood, Mah Noor, Isa Zulfiqar, Daniel Curtis, Maavia Muhammed **Year 5**- Haider Ali, Lavanya Anpalagan, Zaheen Choudhury, Zahraa Haroon, Imran Rahman, Sufyaan Sabeel, Suleman Afzal, Raul Akbar, Aima Jamil, Naeem Rahman, Maddison Seymour, Rumaan Amir, Dania Hussain, Jessica Parkinson, Aayan Qureshi, **Year 6**- Aaliah Musson-Islam, Aliyah Scott, Sayhan Shahzad, Humaira Siddiq, Haroon Abdullah, Tazmeen Choudhury, Adrian-Beniamin Gogoro, Amna Khan, Hikmat Mohammadi, Aisha Ahmed, Philip Coughlan, Henna Jabeen, Malaieka Jabeen, Malika Muqaddas, Mariam Panhwar, Illum Rasool

A huge congratulations to **Deen Sohail (2P)** and **Ethan Romney (6S)** and their families for working hard to improve their attendance since January.

