



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2

Wednesday 18th July

Blakesley Hall Primary School

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Our Value Word this month is **Hope** - a feeling that something good will happen or be true

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Friday 20th July	All	Last day of school before summer holiday
Wednesday 5th September	All	Children return to school (including Reception pupils)

Great things Ofsted said about us:

- *Staff really care about children
- *Safeguarding is a strength of our school
- *Behaviour – children are well behaved and well-mannered
- *Learning behaviours are strong and their books show that children enjoy learning and making strong progress everywhere
- *Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the education and care their children are receiving
- *Teaching is better than when the school was last inspected



“EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.”
NELSON MANDELA

“It has been another successful year and we have much to be proud of”

PUPIL REPORTS

This year we have a new format for the end of year reports. Your child’s teacher has written about your child’s achievements this year. Then we included reports of how well your child has done with their end of year targets for reading, writing and maths – you will be able to clearly see what your child can do in relation to their age-related expectations and what they have still got to work on, you may be able to help them with some of these things before they start their new class in September. Also included is your child’s attendance report for this academic year.

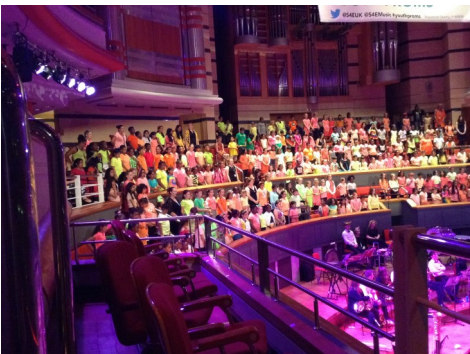
If you do not want your child's school photograph to be taken please request it in writing, ensuring your child's name full name and class is stated.

Three years ago, a new, ‘tougher’ set of tests were introduced to Years 2 and 6. Each year, these tests have been getting more and more difficult and the pass mark has been getting higher. Despite this more rigorous testing, our outcomes are steadily improving for EYFS (Reception), Phonics testing (Year 1), Key Stage 1 tests (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 tests (Year 6). We are closing the gap between our school results and national results with our ultimate aim being to close the gap completely. It is important that we don’t put too much weight on a single set of results. Our children make strong progress from the time they start with us at Blakesley Hall Primary School because our staff know their classes well and set high expectations for their next steps to move them forward. Above all, remember, there is no way to ‘test’ all of the amazing and awesome talents that make your children special and who they are.

TESTS & RESULTS

“We’re getting better and better”

MUSIC @ BHPS



Blakesley Hall has once again had a fantastic year for music. Year 4, 5 and 6 electives continued with learning their violin, cello, guitar and brass instruments. They have dedicated themselves fantastically to learning their instruments through perseverance and having an enjoyment for music. They have showcased their skills and talents to parents and their peers through the many concerts that have been held this school year. We have had visitors from Birmingham Symphony Orchestra who have held workshops with our pupils, and this year we had exams in brass, which the year 5 and 6 electives flew through! I can't wait for another year of enjoyable music at Blakesley Hall!

The school choir has also made staff, parents and the whole school community immensely proud with their passion for singing. They went to Symphony Hall on Friday 13th July 2018 to perform as part of the Primary Youth Proms 2018. They blew the audience away with their neon themed uniform and their confidence to sing in front of a huge crowd. It overjoys me when I see how the choir have committed to attending weekly after school choir club since September, to then seeing them represent Blakesley Hall in the best way possible at a public concert. A huge well done to all those involved and a thank you to parents for their continued support.

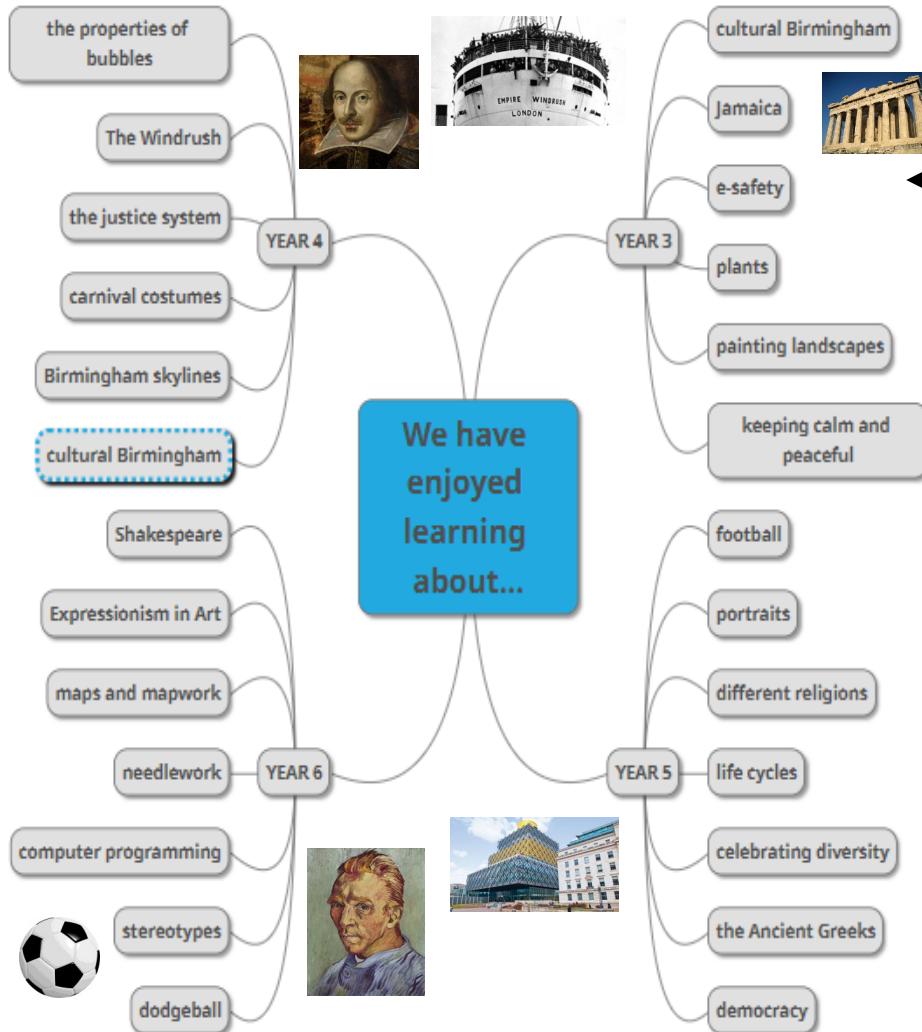


BEACH DAY

Last week, Year 1 and 2 had an amazing Beach Day! There were paddling pools, sand, buckets and spades, games, ice lollies and biscuits! All the children had an amazing time splashing around and laughing with their friends. It was a great way to end the year and our beach topic. The children have worked hard this year and deserved a treat to end the year! We hope they enjoyed the day and all the teachers want to say a big thank you to parents for donating money for the food and bringing their child to school organised. The day was a huge success.



CURRICULUM @ BHPS



We asked our Learning Ambassadors what they have enjoyed learning about the most this year. This is what they said.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who took part in our design and make challenges this year.

THANK YOU!

Finally, if you are going on holiday this summer, **why not send us a postcard.** It would be great to hear from you. Please send postcards to:

Blakesley Hall Primary School,
Yardley Green Road,
Birmingham, B33 8TH

We have recently become a Mathletics School! Every child in the school now has access to thousands of online games, activities, challenges, lessons and competitions that are freely accessible from any PC, tablet or smartphone. Your child will have received a login card and password today, which will give them access to the website. We are running a competition over the summer holiday to see who can score the most points by the start of next term, there will be special prizes for the three highest scoring children! The website address is www.mathletics.com



Congratulations to all the staff and children in 6S and RA who won best attending classes for our second Attendance Week this year (Week beginning 16/07/18).

6S won with 98.6% and RA won with 97.3%

As winners of our attendance week each class has won £10.00 to spend on whatever they want for their End Of Year Celebrations.

Look out for the next Attendance Week in December, just before Sam's Birthday!

Finally, a huge THANK YOU & WELL DONE to all Parents who are striving to get the children in on time.

ATTENDANCE

Mrs Harrop is sadly leaving us, she has been part of the Blakesley team for a long long time. We wish her a long and happy retirement and all the best for the new journey in her life.



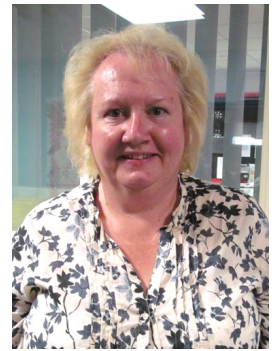
Happy Retirement!



Congratulations to Mrs Roberts, Mrs Redstone, Mrs Hadley, Mrs Scott, Mrs Machin and Mrs Crutchley for being part of the Blakesley team for over 20 years.

**Sorry
you're
Leaving**

Miss Ali, Mr Edge, Mrs Hutchins, Mr Pritchard, Ms Dar and Mrs Asad Khan are sadly leaving BHPS this year; we wish them all the best for the future.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Changes to School teaching timetable - from September 2018

As you know teachers will have their statutory planning, preparation & assessment time (PPA) on Friday afternoons meaning that there will be fewer agency staff teaching your child. The school day will end for pupils every Friday at 12.45pm (apart from where exemption has been granted). This is a formal change to the school day – you need to collect your child from their teacher at the usual collection point at 12.45pm – no later.

Please set positive attitudes to learning by making sure your children arrive on time and ready for learning every day.

I wish all our families a very happy summer break. We have great ambition for the academic progress of all our children. Please continue to support us in this ambition for your children, we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5th September at 8.45am. For the children in Year 6 and the families that are leaving us – we wish you a very happy future and look forward to hearing news of success if you choose to keep in touch with us.

***Very best wishes.
Ms H M Phillips***