



NEWSLETTER

Spring 1
Friday 28th February
2020

Blakesley Hall Primary School

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DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Monday 2nd March	3J	Trip to Lunt Fort
Monday 2nd March	Year 6	Parents to school day (9am - 12.30pm)
Wednesday 4th March	3K	Trip to Lunt Fort
Thursday 5th March	3B	Trip to Lunt Fort
Friday 6th March	All	Dress up for World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	Year 5	Visit to South Yardley Library
Wednesday 11th March	Rec	Parents to school day (9am - 11.30am)
Thursday 12th March	All	Dads & Lads Reading Breakfast (8am - 11am)
Thursday 12th March	Selected pupils	Big Bang Science Fair
Tuesday 17th March	Year 5	Parents to school day (9am - 12.30pm)
Tuesday 17th March	Year 4	Visit to South Yardley Library
Wednesday 18th March	Year 2	Phonics Workshop (9am)
Monday 23rd March	All	Mums Cakes & Bakes Reading Breakfast (8am - 11am)
Tuesday 24th March	Year 6	Visit to South Yardley Library
Wednesday 25th March	Year 4	Visit to Steelhouse Lane
Wednesday 25th March	Selected pupils	Tree planting at Newbridge Farm
Thursday 26th March	All	Book Fair
Thursday 26th March	Selected pupils	Special Attendance Trip
Monday 30th March	All	Attendance Celebration
Tuesday 31st March	Year 3	Visit to South Yardley Library
Tuesday 31st March	All	Attainment Celebration
Wednesday 1st April	All	Dads & Lads Workshop (9am - 11am)
Friday 3rd April	All	Children break up for Easter Holiday (12.45pm)
Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April	All	Easter Holiday
Monday 20th April	All	Pupils return to School (8.45am)
Friday 24th April	All	INSET Day (School closed for Children)

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday 31st March & Wednesday 1st April. Please book a time slot for your child via the School Ping App. Appointments will go live on Friday 28th February. Any issues with booking appointments via the app please contact the school office.

Parents
Evening

Please be advised that children shouldn't be leaving school before the end of the teaching day (3:20pm Monday to Thursday and 12:45pm on Friday). Unless you have a prior agreed arrangement. Please do not arrive early to collect children, it causes significant disruption to the classroom teaching.

Ms Phillips

Executive Headteacher

Change in Weather



Now that the weather has changed, there is always a chance that snow may come upon us. We provide as many different ways as possible to get messages to you:

The school website which is updated daily www.blakesley.bham.sch.uk
Listen to local radio stations Heart FM 100.7fm, Free Radio 96.4fm or log onto their websites for a full list of school closure.

Call the school telephone number 0121 783 2148 where a message will tell you if school is open. This is updated daily by Office staff. Please note that this number may be busy for a while with parents ringing.

Online Safety Top Tip:

Let your children show you what they like to do online

To be able to guide your child with regard to Internet use, it is important to understand how children use the Internet and know what they like to do online. Let your child show you which websites they like visiting and what they do there.

Curriculum Design and Make Projects

Thank you to all the children and parents who have made the fantastic models that can be seen around school as part of their homework challenge. Before the holidays, your child was given the focus of their next make challenge. It would be great to see even more challenges completed. If you would like more advice, please see your child's teacher. Challenges need to be in by Wednesday 1st April (or sooner). Your child will be given a certificate and extra Dojo points once their project is completed.

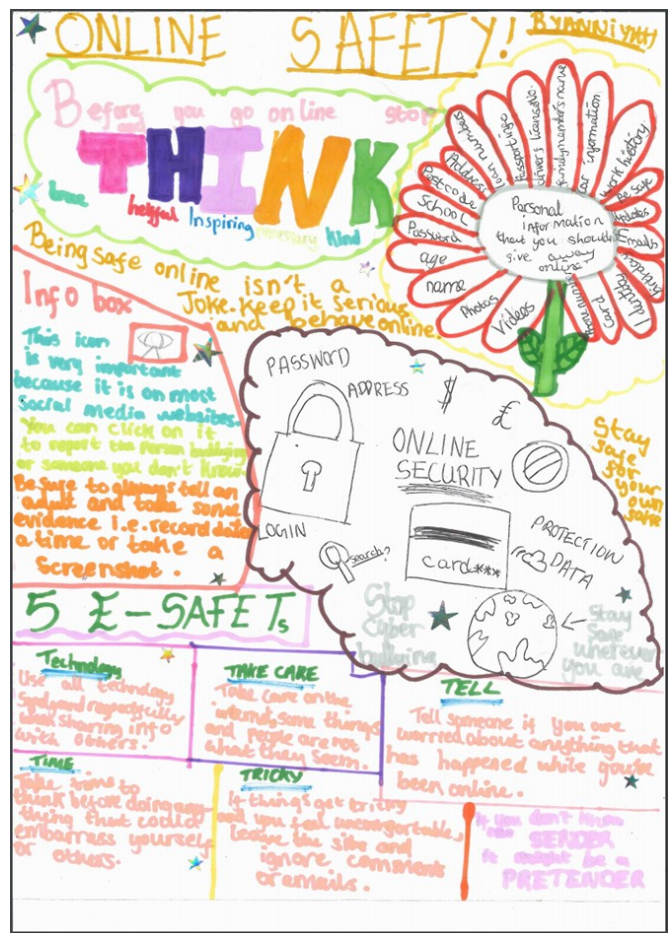
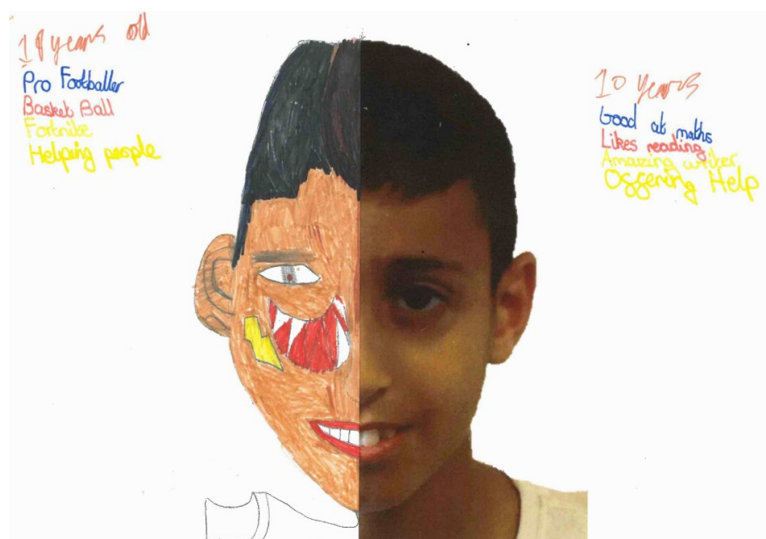
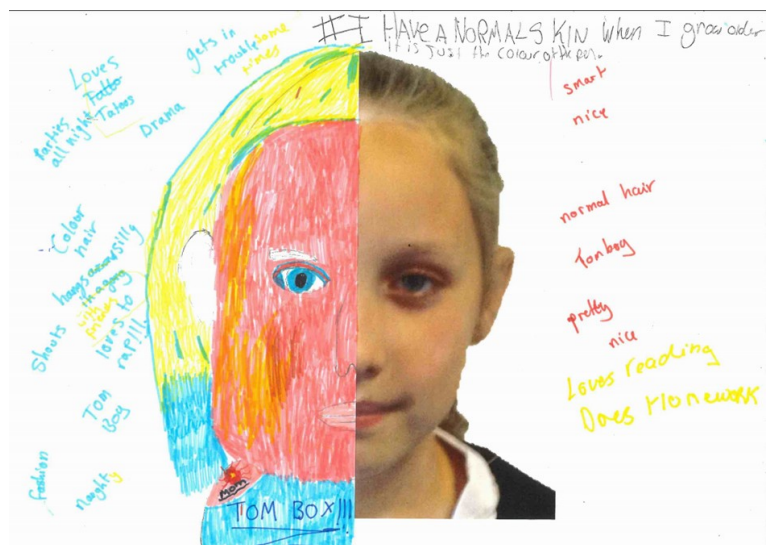


We wish our Romanian families a happy time this weekend as they celebrate Martisor (the start of spring) and happy International Women's Day for all on March 8th.



Safer Internet Week

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us in school to learn about staying safe online. Throughout the week, the children learnt lots about their online identities and what the implications of who they are online could be. The children learned how to manage their online identities sensibly and importantly, how to keep themselves and others safe online. In Year 5, we thought about our real identity and compared it to our online identity. Here are some posters we created to show this:



School Council



School Council's February fundraiser was to collect any spare change that could fit inside a Smarties tube. The children were very excited about the challenge and collected a pile of change and a £5 note. Thank you parents and families who generously gave their spare change. All monies raised will go to School Fund.

Book Festival 2020

The month-long BHPS Book Festival returns in March. Highlights include:

- Dressing up as your favourite book character on World Book Day (***Don't forget that we are dressing up on Friday 6th March***)
- Visits to South Yardley Library for all KS2 classes
- Competitions
- Class challenges
- 'Secret books' to read
- Lots of opportunities to share stories and talk about our favourite reads
- Parent workshops

We hope that all our children and parents will join us in celebrating our passion for reading during the month – and beyond!



Book in a Box Competition



Mystery Book Challenge



Parent Workshops



Junior PCSO

On Thursday 31st January, our Junior PCSO's were out in force at the front of the school talking to parents and carers about the importance of parking safely around the school. Many of the drivers that they spoke to moved their cars to a safer parking place after they were asked to by our team of PCSO's. Look out for our next community project.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



There are 175 non school days a year. That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

Reception	92.6%
Year 1	92.7%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	95.1%
Year 5	95.0%
Year 6	94.8%
Overall Attendance	94.2%
Data correct as of 14.02.20	

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Well done to 6S, 5C and 3K who are at the national target for attendance, keep it up! A huge congratulations to the 85 pupils who have excellent attendance, they have been here every single day since September!

Did you know, 152 school days have been missed by pupils taking holidays during school time. This is having a huge impact on our whole school attendance. As a result, we will be fining families for term time leave. Please be aware that should you choose to take your child out of school for a holiday during term time each parent could receive a fine.



Wow!!!! 300 pupils were in the running to win the 30-day challenge this was really impressive. The winners were Hibba and Malaika, well done! We hope you and your family enjoy your trip to the cinema.

Was your attendance low in the Autumn term? Has your attendance improved since January? If you can answer yes to either of these questions you are in the running for our **End of term Attendance prize** for most *improved* attendance. The winners of this prize will get the opportunity to take part in an exciting trip to Mr Mulligans (Crazy Golf) with our Head of School- Mr Protherough. The winners will get the chance to play a game of crazy golf and have some pizza too! Good luck!

Parental Engagement

Last term parents were involved in a range of activities supporting pupil learning.



It is fantastic to see the work that the Parent Link workers are doing in encouraging parents to spend time in school to work alongside staff and pupils to achieve our whole school priorities. Please pop into school to catch up with them (in the Community Hub) they are available onsite in the afternoon on a Tuesday and some Friday mornings. They have some exciting sessions planned for parents only too -Don't miss out!

