

Blakesley Hall School

Newsletter

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This month's value word is **Unity**



SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM AT BLAKESLEY HALL SCHOOL

Heather Phillips—Head Teacher

I have been at Blakesley Hall since 2003 starting as Deputy Head Teacher and have been Headteacher since 2006.

I have seen many changes in my time here, the biggest being the building of the new building we are now in. I love being the Head Teacher of such a happy and successful school and everyday the children amaze me, amuse me and make me very proud.

Senior Leaders will always seek to make themselves available to meet with you if not straightaway then as soon as possible the next day.



Andrew Mason—Deputy Head Teacher

I have worked at Blakesley Hall for over seven years starting in year 3 and working in year 4 and 6 also where I still teach. I am also Deputy Head Teacher which means I have a wide range of responsibilities including the curriculum and continuing to improve the quality of teaching across school. I am currently learning to play golf (badly) and am a passionate Leeds Rhinos (Rugby League) fan along with Leeds United Football Club.



Dionne Da Costa—Assistant Head Teacher

I have been Assistant Head Teacher here at Blakesley Hall since 2009. I have taught in many years before that and since being here have taught in year 6 and year 1. I am responsible for maintaining and improving behaviour systems in school, linking with agencies that support families as well as improving learning in ICT and science for all children. One thing that people may not know about me is that I LOVE bourbon biscuits!



Amy Matthews—Assistant Head Teacher

I have worked at Blakesley for just over 6 years, I joined as a newly qualified teacher. I teach in year 6 and I am an Assistant Head Teacher with Leadership of Phase 3 (years 5 and 6). My key responsibilities are for the overall running of Phase 3 which includes curriculum, progress, assessment, data and behaviour. I will also be responsible for whole school, assessment and tracking all pupils' progress. I am available before school and after school most days if you have any questions or need to speak with me. Some interesting facts about me are that I enjoy making cupcakes (which always have to look perfect!), I can play the clarinet and I have two sisters who are also primary school teachers!





Janice Wood—Assistant Head Teacher

I have worked at Blakesley Hall Primary School for over 10 years. During this time, I have taught in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. I am Phase 2 leader which means that I work with the staff and children in year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. I am currently enjoying teaching in Year 2 for three days of the week. I am also the strategic leader for English for the whole school. I have two daughters aged 6 and 4 and love spending time with my family.



Jane Reid—Advanced Skills Teacher

I have been working at Blakesley Hall for eight years. I teach in reception as an Advanced Skills Teacher. This includes leading the Early Years team in school and working with other schools in Birmingham to support good Early Years practice. I am Phase 1 Leader, responsible for the teaching and learning in Reception and Year 1. I am available to discuss any concerns parents may have on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.30pm. I have three young children and enjoy spending time with my family.



Gloria Macken—Business Manager

I have been School Business Manager since 2008. I joined Blakesley Hall Primary after working in the Corporate world for over 20 years and have found school life to be very different but love the happy, vibrant atmosphere. As SBM I am responsible for managing the non-teaching areas of school with a big emphasis on Health and Safety. Some of my areas of responsibility include facilities management - looking after the building/grounds etc, ensuring the health and safety of everyone who uses our school, managing the lunchtime supervisors, fundraising and making links with the community. Outside of school I am currently doing a night school course in interior design and like to spend time with my friends and family especially my 21 year old daughter.



Anita Brock—Chair of Governors

I have been a Governor at Blakesley Hall Primary School since 2003 - first as a Parent Governor while my daughter was a pupil at the school, and now as a Community Governor. The world of education was a bit of a mystery to me when I first got involved, but the friendly and supportive members of the Governing Body, Headteacher and staff have helped me to get to grips with many aspects and I have tried to share my experience and knowledge from the business and commercial sector for the benefit of the school. I thoroughly enjoy my participation in Governing Body activities and in School life and find it to be one of the more rewarding aspects of my life.

REMINDER

Could parents please ensure that children bring their PE kit into school. We recommend kits being kept in school and only been taken home at the end of term.

Date for Year 2 Parents

Can parents/carers please save the date for Year 2 for a family fun day that will take place on Friday 20th January. Time not yet decided but details will be given out soon.

Watch this space!



Guitar Concert

A reminder that the guitar concert will take place on Thursday 12th January at 9.30am. This is for class 4L and those children in Year 5 who continued learning the guitar. Please come along.



Joy Harris (6M), Nishat Khan (6M), Alena Ahmed (6H), Aliya Masud (6H) will be planning a "Blakesley's Got Talent" for the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on the school newsletter for more information!



Blakesley Steps Out of the Shadows.

Mrs Clipstone recently submitted some of our pupils pictures to the Birmingham Grid for Learning and are now available to view via the link on the front page of our webiste or via the Birmingham Grid for Learning website

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