

# Blakesley Hall School

## Newsletter

Spring Term Term 5/12

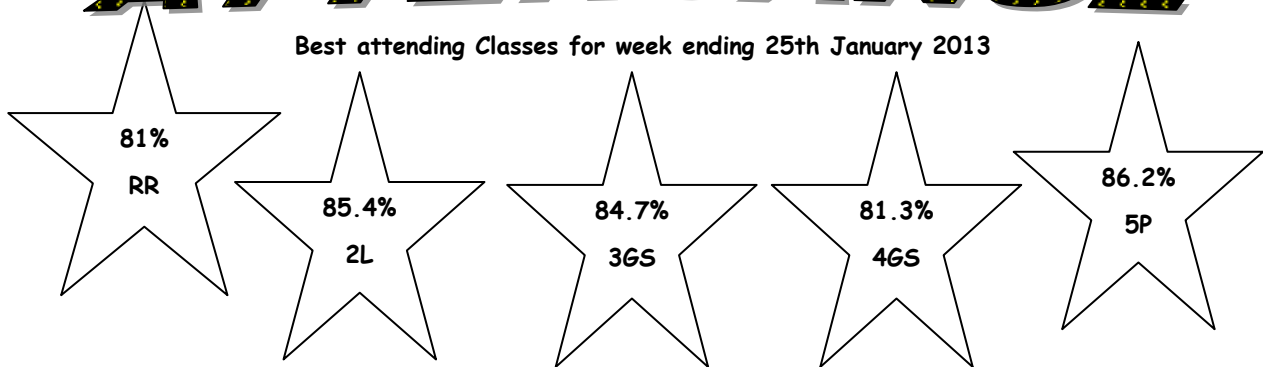
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### ATTENDANCE

Best attending Classes for week ending 25th January 2013





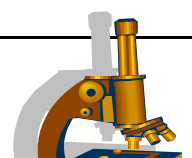
### Snow

I would like to thank all parents for co-operating with our school and making sure your children attend school despite the snowy and icy conditions.

I am hoping we have now seen the last of the bad weather !



### Dates for your Diaries

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Thursday 31st January 2.45pm	1DK	Parents to meet the new teacher.
7th February 9.30—11.15	Year 2	Hansel and Gretel Puppet Show 
6th, 7th & 8th February	Year 1 & 2	Visit to the Eco Park.
Week Commencing 11th February	Whole School	Geography Week 
Friday 15th February	Whole School	Break up for Half Term.
Monday 25th February	Whole School	Return to school.
Week Commencing 18th March	Whole School	Science Week 

# MEET THE TEACHER 1DK

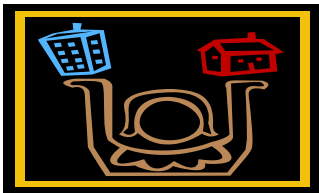
Meet the teacher sessions are taking place for 1DK for parents at 2.45pm on Thursday 31st January please come through the main front entrance. Mrs Wood and Mr Mason will be pleased to welcome you.



## Home Work

You said - You need more clarity about what homework your children should be doing. Feedback from the website said that homework is not challenging enough for some children.

We have started re-writing our homework policy. We have asked children their views about their homework. We have also asked teachers their views too.



Children do have homework, it will be different for children of different ages and abilities. Children should know what homework they have and know which days to bring it back to school to be marked. If parents/carers are not sure please ask your child's class teacher. If you have any suggestions that would help you to help your child please record them below for the attention of Mrs Shahnawaz (Year 3 class teacher) - who is in charge of our homework policy.

Dear Mrs Shahnawaz,

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

My suggestions for homework are —

On the school website you have the ability to read the main events on the website in over 50 different languages. Click "select language" on our home page. Please see an example of how it looks below.

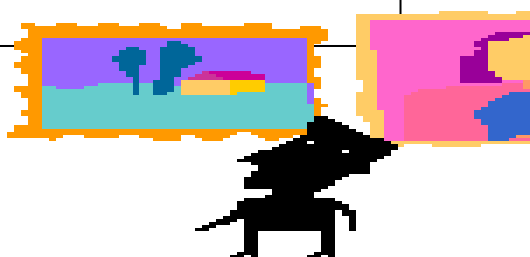


## Art Work at Heartlands Hospital - Ward 14



Heartlands Hospital are officially opening a new unit on the Children's Ward (Ward 14). The new unit is designed so blood tests for youngsters can be taken in purpose designed accommodation to minimise anxieties that children may have about their tests, It has proved very popular to thousands of children already.

Uzma Choudury and Danyal Ali's Art work is going to be displayed in the new unit and they have been invited to the official opening of the new unit.



### Collecting children early at the end of the school day

With effect from February 25 (after half term) there will be no provision made for you to regularly collect your children early from school—only in exceptional circumstance and after a written request to the head teacher. Please don't request regular collection from the office staff.

Thank you.

### Achievement Folders

All the children at Blakesley Hall will receive an Achievement folder to put all their certificates in and keep a record of how many certificates they gain.



# Our Parent School, Governer—Asif Rasool is on a Mission!

## MISSION TO KOSOVA

Asif Rasool is our Parent School Governor, and like lots of people, he and his family donate money to charity.



Children and staff from a Kosovo orphanage

This year Asif has decided to do things a bit differently.

Arranging the trip on his own and meeting up with volunteers from the UN and Red Cross when he arrived, Asif travelled to Kosovo for ten days.

"Whilst I was there, I chose different people and different organisations that I would like to help financially, giving them donations in person, a bit like the Secret Millionaire TV show. The charities didn't know the exact reason why I was there - they thought I was just a normal volunteer," said Asif.

Asif wasn't sponsored to do the trip - he paid for everything himself. His wife Haleema has her own catering company that donates 25 per cent of its profits to charity every year and Asif tops it up with his own lump sum.

"Kosovo is the poorest country in Europe. Fifty per cent of its population is unemployed due to a lack of work opportunities within the country. The purpose of my visit was to help the poor and most vulnerable through my own personal donations," added Asif.

Asif donated to a number of different people and organisations, including a seven-year-old boy who has cancer. The money will assist with his medical needs, his treatment and travel costs to the hospital.

He also donated to a women's and children's centre, a widow who lives on her own, 15 school children who were raising money for their friends mother who has been diagnosed with brain cancer, a disabled man, a widow and her son, a single mother of five children and a family to help assist in meeting their basic needs. Asif will be going back to Kosovo in June 2013 to give some more charitable donations.



Asif carries out various charity work in some of the poorest regions of the world. In early February 2013, he will be flying to Bosnia for 10 days. This is to offer some financial assistance to the poor and destitute. He will also be working as a volunteer in a special needs school in Bosnia. Asif will be donating some computers to them so that the children can use them.



**THANKYOU to all parents, staff and children for taking part in our Christmas Fayre, we raised over £1000 which will go towards educational resources, trips and other events for Blakesley Hall children.**