

# Blakesley Hall School

## Newsletter

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This month's value word is Appreciation

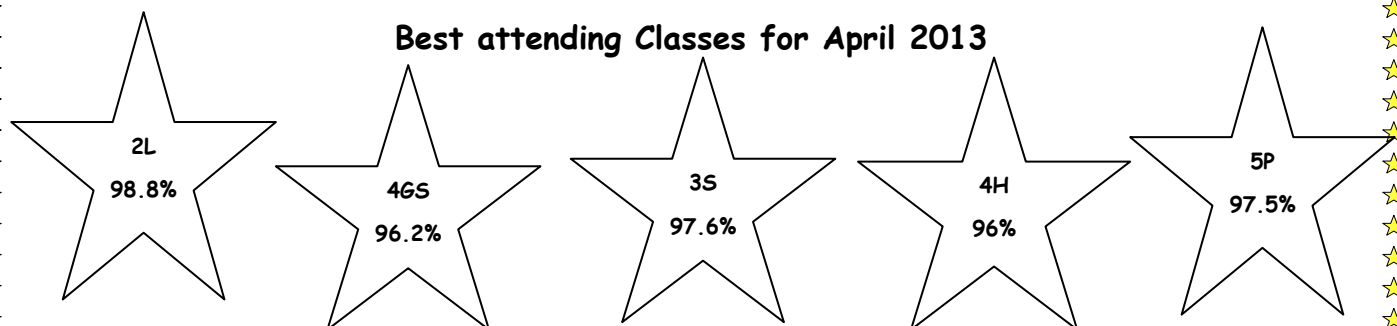


## Dates for your Diaries

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Monday 6th May 2013	Whole School	Spring Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
Week commencing Monday 13th May	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Key Stage 2 Tests
Week commencing Monday 20th May	Reception, Years 1 & 2	Key Stage 1 Tests
Friday 24th May 2013	Whole School	Break up for Half term
Monday 3rd June 2013	Whole School	Return to school
Week commencing Monday 3rd June	Reception, Years 1 & 2	Key Stage 1 Tests
Tuesday 25th June 2013	Years 5 & 6	Sports Day
Wednesday 25th June 2013	Years 3 & 4	Sports Day
Thursday 27th June 2013	Reception, Years 1 & 2	Sports Day

## ATTENDANCE

### Best attending Classes for April 2013



Currently attendance is very low...much lower than the other schools locally, this is a real concern - some pupils are missing learning sometime twice a week without good reason. Legal action will be taken for parents where a child's attendance has fallen below 85% without medical evidence. Education is so important please ensure that unless your child is sick they are in school everyday.

## Introduce

Mrs Gail Wareham - Parent Governor

My name is Gail Wareham. I have been a parent governor at Blakesley Hall



Primary School for over a year now. I am married with two sons, one aged 16, who attended Blakesley Hall Primary School and now attends Ninestiles School. My other son is 8 and is at Blakesley Hall Primary School in Year 3.

The boys are the reason I am involved in the school as I have an interest in making a better future for children. It is good to be part of the Governors as you are able to express opinions for both yourself and others and you are able to build a relationship with staff and parents.

I work in the school as a Senior Play worker with "Busy Bees" before and after school club. I also support Years 1 & 2 during the day with reading and writing.

I have been with a local Scout Group for over 10 years as Group Scout Leader—again this is voluntary but I enjoy doing it and feel that it can help children in the community.

I have been given the opportunity to work along side Year 2 with target groups. I am also in the process of gaining my level 3 as a Teaching Assistant.

Mr Mohammed Gous is our newest parent governor. He will introduce himself in next month's newsletter.



## Parents Parking

Mr Gous raised his concern about the way that parents are parking at our recent Governors' meeting. Also some parents have contacted the Police and Local Councillors regarding the problem. Please, for the safety of all the children, drive safely around the school entrances and park carefully. We do not want any of our children to be hurt as result of careless parking.



## Dates for End of Key Stage tests

<b>Year 6 SATs</b>	<b>Year 2 tests</b>
Week beginning Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Weeks beginning Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May and Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June

## Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs take place during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May. During this week it is important that children have had plenty of sleep, are on time everyday and eat a good breakfast. We would like to congratulate Year 6 on all their hard work and positive attitudes throughout this year. We are all extremely proud of them and wish them luck in their tests!

### St Georges Day

#### Colouring in Competition Winners

1st place Eshaal Sikander 1DK

2nd Place Siyaam Muhammad 2D

3rd place Adil Iqbal 2L

#### Runners Up

Derrin Williams 2E



### Thankyou

Can we say a BIG THANKYOU to Mrs Zaida Kiyani (Hanif Ashraf 2L mom) who found an envelope containing £30 dinner money outside of school on Monday 22nd April 2013 and handed it in to me. The money was given into the office. So a BIG THANKYOU to Mrs Kiyani.

Mrs Roadley

Year 2

### English Classes

English classes will begin on Monday 13th May 2013, at 9.15am for parents who have registered with Mrs Perveen.

Parents consultation meetings took place last week and some are happening this week. If you have not made an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher about their progress, please call the school office to see when an appointment can be made.

### SICKNESS

There is a sickness and diarrhoea bug going around at the moment - quite a few teachers are away from school with it. If your child has vomited they must not come back to school until 48hrs after the last time they were actually sick in order to stop the spread of sickness. This is the advice of the Health Protection Agency.

Parents of Year 3 children are welcome to come up to speak with their class teacher about urgent matters only in the mornings, otherwise please try and speak with the staff when they bring the children out at the end of the day. Year 3 Pastoral TA is Mrs Redstone and she is happy to deal with any queries at the door in the mornings.

## Fundraising events - Blakesley Hall Hundreds - Developing Empathy through thoughtful fundraising

Each year group has a chosen charity that they regularly raise money for throughout the year. This is a very important part of how we develop values with the children. So far the totals are:

Reception Birmingham Children's Hospital	Year 2 Action Aid £145.80	Year 4 Acorns Hospice £200	Year 6 Barnado's
Year 1 Guide Dogs for Blind £225	Year 3 HelpHarryHelp Others £800	Year 5 RNLI	

The sports council are organising a mini marathon to raise funds for the Boston families who were affected by the recent bombings at the Boston Marathon. The school council want to do a series of fundraising events for school equipment. The cake sale at parents' evening raised £189.21 for school fund. We should all be very proud of our pupils who are really developing empathy and an awareness of others around the world and more closer to home. Staff raised £179.48 for the Eve Appeal at their cake sale last month.

### COLLECTING STAMPS

Mrs Clutterbuck, our SENCO, collects old postage stamps for LEUKAEMIA AND LYMPHOMA RESEARCH - off letters/cards, old coins, foreign coins/notes.

Pupils and staff have already donated many stamps and coins and the LEUKAEMIA AND LYMPHOMA RESEARCH has sent us several THANK YOU cards over the past few years. They're very grateful for our support and have asked us to keep donating. Please hand these stamps in an envelope to the school office or your child's class teacher for the attention of Mrs Clutterbuck.

## Science Week

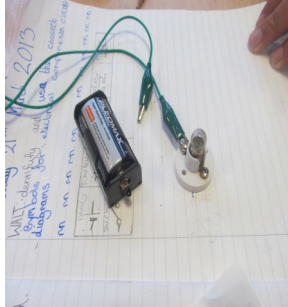
I thought science was the best day because we got to dress up.

Janeene 5P



I like science week because we got to dress up and have fun.

Taibha 5WB



Science day was brilliant, we actually saw fire. I got to see an actual Scientist.

Jarif 5WB



I think it was very good because when the science women came in, she did a lot of experiments.

Callum 5P



Science week was a fantastic week doing exciting things.

Kacey 5P



The Science day showcase was great, I loved it when she made fire.

Thomas 5E

## Meridan Year 4 Residential



When we went on the trip we had a fun time because we had a camp fire and hot drinks.

Haleema 4GS

At the Residential trip I enjoyed everything.

Jayden 4DC

When we went on the trip it was fun because we could do lots of activities. It was awesome!

Remaya 4DC



When we were there we did lots of stuff it was amazing. We went ..... And alot of other fun activities.

Amaan 4GS