

Blakesley Hall School

Newsletter

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This month's value word is Humility



Dates for your Diaries

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Week commencing Monday 3rd June	Year 2	Key Stage 1 Tests—Writing
Monday 10th June	Year 6	Trip to Cadbury World
Tuesday 11th June Tuesday 18th June	New Reception Starters 2013	Reception Induction
Week beginning 17th June	Year 1	National Phonics test
Wednesday 19th June Thursday 20th June Friday 21st June	Reception	Trip to Ash End Farm
Tuesday 25th June 2013	Years 5 & 6	Sports Day in Richmond Park—Parents welcome
Wednesday 25th June 2013	Years 3 & 4	Sports Day in Richmond Park—Parents welcome
Thursday 27th June 2013	Reception, Years 1 & 2	Sports Day
Tuesday 2nd July Wednesday 3rd July	Year 4	Trip to Mary Arden Farm
Tuesday 9th July Wednesday 10th July Thursday 11th July	Year 3	Trip to Harry Moseley's charity shop (Charity Fundraising)
Wednesday 10th July 2.30pm—9.15pm		Gala Concert Choir at Symphony Hall
Wednesday 17th July	Whole School	End of year celebration Assemblies
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6	Presentation Evening
Friday 12th July	Whole School	Reports home
Tuesday 16th July	Whole School	Open afternoon 'meet new teacher'

Reminder:

Due to the hopeful, beautiful hot weather during this summer term, please can I remind parents to make sure their child brings in a bottle of water and caps to protect them from the sun.

Thank you

Blakesley Hall Primary School Radio Station

Pupils have been writing and recording their own radio programmes—when the website is ready, which should be very soon, they will be available for all parents to listen to.

We've got Street Food!

Our School meals provider is introducing a new meal concept from Thursday 13th June 2013.

'We've Got Street Food' provides a healthy well balanced meal that is full of flavour but also reflects current food trends and eating habits. We hope this will be popular with pupils and become a regular weekly addition to our current menu offer. Recipes will include Mexican Fajitas, Tikka Turkey Curry, Sweet and Sour Turkey Noodles, Tomato and Basil Pasta, Quorn Wraps.

We hope your child enjoys their school meals!

WEBSITE NEWS—You can follow us on twitter @BHPS_1

ATTENDANCE

Best attending Classes for May 2013

2L
97.3%

3GS
97%

4H
95.5%

5P
96.5%

6M & 5E
95.6%

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Attendance Competition

Dear parents and pupils,

There is an exciting thing that is happening soon! Would you like to win the chance to go to the brand new Waverley School and take part in their Diversity Day Olympic Festival on Friday 19th July?

Well your class has to have 100% Attendance for this term! This competition is open to Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

This prize includes a fantastic session of drumming and percussion, making masks and sculpture. You can also do wobbly flamenco dancing! There will also be brilliant craft skills. You will be able to have your face painted and there will be a bouncy castle, a DJ and balloon sculpting.

Only one class can win this prize! Come to school everyday to win!

From the Attendance Buddies— Moaz Ibrahim 4H, Charlie Thomas 4H, Waqar Khattaq 4DC, Olivia Owen 4DC and Sameera Abdin 4GS

100% Attendees for this year are:

Zuzanna Perczynska 1DK
Tawheed Ali 2D
Neo Ncazana 2D
Teofil Paun 2D
Hashim Ahmed 3GS
Haleesa Mahmood 3B
Cameron Wareham 3B
Iqra Bibi 3S
Ammar Latif 4H
Asad Latif 5E
Misbah Ali 5E
Mohammed Uddin 5E
Aisha Jabeen 5P
Habibo Hassan 6R
Nagina Mohammadi 6M
Zara Mohammed 6M
Dannry Junior Ncazana 6M
Jawad Uddin 6M
Stacey Taylor 6S

This term's incentives for improving individual and whole school attendance:

- ◆ Fun day at Waverley School for the class with highest attendance in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- ◆ A new bike
- ◆ Family tickets to Drayton Manor or the cinema

Good attendance is important if children are going to be the best they can be and is an important life skill—we love to celebrate good attendance and will continue to support and encourage pupils whose attendance is a concern.

Year 4 Shakespeare in a Day



I enjoyed researching about Shakespeare because it was really interesting and fun at the same time and I really loved our Shakespeare day.

Haider Ali

I really enjoyed learning about Shakespearean texts and understanding the language. I loved doing the play and getting taught by professionals. I learned loads.

Reamaya Robinson-Beckford



Year 2 Tropical Inc

Year 2 had a visit from Tropical Inc. We learned about nocturnal animals. The children held a snake, owl, skunk and many more.

It also helped with their writing when they wrote non chronological reports on Nocturnal animals.

The children enjoyed it very much and were very brave.



Year 4 has raised just over £285 for their charity Acorns Hospice. Well Done!

Introduce

Mr Mohammed Gous - Parent Governor

Assalamu' alaikum (May Peace Be Upon You all)



I have recently joined the school governing body at Blakesley Hall Primary School. I would initially like to thank the Governing body for forwarding me the opportunity to be involved with the school.

I am married with two boys, my eldest son attends Reception at Blakesley school and the younger one, hot on his heels to join him shortly.

My reasons to be part of the governing body is to assist the school in providing a positive and fun environment where our children can flourish and develop as active citizens of our communities. I hope to work and engage with parents to ensure we all have input and interaction with our school.

I strongly believe every child has the potential to be a bright individual in their own right with the appropriate support from the school and parents.

In my professional capacity I am a Project Managing Consultant, managing projects on behalf of my clients ranging from infrastructure development to consultation and marketing.

I am also a board member of a secondary school, developing their systems and process. I have recently co-founded Blakesley Trust, a community organisation set up to assist in rejuvenating communities and manage social change.

Operation Engage

Ten Year 5 children have been chosen to take part in 'Operation Engage' run by our local Community Support Officers. This is a 4 week environmental programme where children are given the opportunity to be at the heart of the local community dealing with issues such as littering, graffiti and road safety. This operation will start by finding out what the local issues are then helping to fix the problems or finding the right people to fix it for us. Once they have successfully completed this programme, the ten children will receive awards for their hard work!



The School Library's open after-school again!

The School Library will be open after-school on Wednesdays and Thursdays for pupils and their parents to visit and borrow books.

Wednesdays 3:15 to 3:45pm open

for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursdays 3:15 to 3:45pm open for Years 3, 4, 5, 6

Parents who have children in both Key Stage's can choose which day to visit as a family.

Pupils may borrow 1 book for 1 week in addition to the book they borrow when their class visits the library.

Reminders will be sent to pupils who don't return their books by the date stamped in them and there will be charges made for lost or damaged books.

Younger Rangers

I like Young Rangers because we set camp fires and we go to the Eco Park. Jayden Seymour 4DC

I like Young Rangers because we get to do lots of activities. Trey Harris 4DC



Children are loving our new play equipment!



Year 1 trip to Lickey Hills

Year 1 had a fantastic day at the Lickey Hills, where they learnt about mountain rescue and orienteering. They acted out a mountain rescue but at school and produced some brilliant writing. Well done!



Times Tables

Please help your child learn this term's times tables:

Reception — Count in 10's

Year 1 — 2 times tables

Year 2 — 5 times tables

Year 3 — 3 times tables

Year 4 — 7 times tables

Year 5 — 6 times tables

Year 6 — 8 times tables

School Council concerns for pupils' safety
Blakesley Hall Primary School

The School Council have responded to the concerns of many of you about the dangers posed by some parents parking and driving in a dangerous way around the school entrances. They wrote to the Council, to the Police and to the MP as well as writing to you last month. Here is the reply from the Councillor:

Letter from the District Engineer—Paul Wilkinson

Good Afternoon Mrs Phillips,

Thank you to your school council for raising the parking issues occurring in vicinity of Blakesley Hall Primary School.

Unfortunately, the chief cause of such problems is the desire of parents to park so as to drop-off/collect their children from the school site in the shortest possible time.

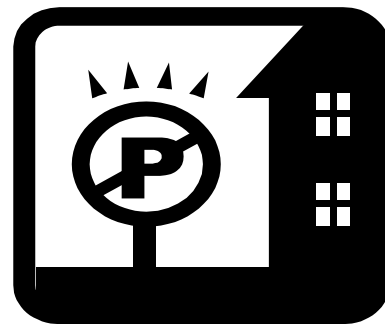
Please can the School put a note into your next Newsletter, politely notifying parents of the ongoing need to drive and to park with consideration to residents (We have had complaints of drives being blocked), to pupils arriving/departing the School premises (parent parking can ironically, be the biggest cause of problems to pupil safety). Please stipulate that this problem has also been raised to the attention of West Midlands Police, who are empowered to take enforcement action where obstructive parking on the highway grass verge and footpath is occurring - both of which are offences. Where parents therefore can park & drive in a safe and considerate manner, enforcement action can be avoided.

Again, I would like to remind parents regarding parking safety/consideration on the roads adjacent to the School, such that an improvement in safety can thereafter be achieved.

Please for the safety of all our families, park and drive in a considerate way!

Collecting children After School Sports clubs and Busy Bees

When you are collecting your children, please supervise them, do not allow them to climb on the walls, on the grass bank or walk in between staff cars. Staff may be leaving the site at these times.



SPORTS NEWS

School Marathon

Interviewer: Sports Council Representative—Ezrae Thompson 6R

Interviewee: Marathon runner Tayyab Raza 6S

We are doing the Marathon because we are helping raise money for the Boston victims and families affected by the situation.

How many laps did you do? 69

Did you like doing the marathon?

Yes, I did enjoy it very much and i would like to do it again to raise even more money.

When your older would you run a proper marathon for charity?

Yes I would, because it would help the unfortunate.

Do you think that it was a good idea that the whole of Year 6 done the marathon?

Yes, because we can raise even more money for the victims and the Boston families.

We agreed that everyone enjoyed the mini marathon and hopefully that Year 6 wants to do it again.



**Maisy May — one of our
fantastic
Year 6 pupil raised £58 for the
Boston family fund—
Well done Maisy!**

Sports Council visit to Calthorpe School

On Friday 24th May 2013, the Sports Council were invited to Calthorpe School to do a variety of sports activities. When we arrived there we saw children in wheelchairs, we realised they were like us but with special needs. The first activity we did was the assault course, next we were amazed to see the magic show and after that we went to a pirate room where we played with pirate accessories while they were on adventures and looking for buried treasure. During that time the Sports Council were playing with the children of Calthorpe School and they were very friendly and I hope this is the start of forgot a new friendship with Calthorpe School.

Danny Junior Ncazana 6M

We went to a trip to Calthorpe School the children were split into groups of 4 with Mr Walmsley and Ms Duffy. We all did different activities, Ms Duffy went on a big bouncy castle, it was really fun, we also watched a magic show and a animal show and I think we are going to have a good relationship with Calthorpe School. I had the best time and we hope we can go to the school again.

Melkan HaileMariam 4H



- ◆ We are taking part in competitive sports throughout this summer term. Lets hope for lots of good weather!
- ◆ We came 2nd in Year 6 Athletics competition—lost by just 1 point. Well done to all the children!