

Blakesley Hall School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2013/14

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This month's value word is **Appreciation** - to get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with.

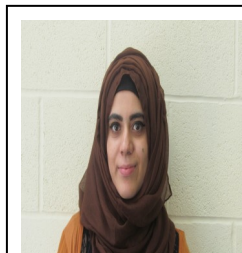
| DATES | YEAR/CLASS | EVENT |
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| 1st October | All | School will be closed |
| 2nd October | New Reception | Open Day 9.30am—12.00pm For new Reception September 2014 |
| 9th 10th & 11th October | Phase 3 | Visit to RAF Cosford |
| 16th October | All | School Photographer |
| 21st October | All | Black History Celebration week |
| 21st October | All | Parents Consultation week |
| 22nd October | All | Parents Evening |
| 24th October | All | Eid Mela (see Mrs Shah Nawaz Year 2 Teacher) |
| 25th October | All | Pupils break up for Autumn half term |
| 4th November | All | RETURN TO SCHOOL |

MEET SOME OF OUR NEW STAFF



"Hi, I'm Charlie Cane the new **Speech and Language Therapist**. I am employed by a cluster of seven schools and have two days a week at Blakesley Hall. I will be doing a variety of different things whilst in school including one-to-one therapy with children, assessments and classroom observations. I will be working with children who have difficulties with speech sounds, their understanding or producing language. I am in Blakesley Hall on Mondays and Fridays. If you have any concerns about your child's speech, the best way to contact me is to ask for me at the school office or you can request a referral form and I will contact you if you leave your details."

My name is Ishia Yasin. My role as a **Learning Mentor** involves addressing the needs of learners who require the assistance in overcoming barriers to learning in order for them to achieve their full potential. I work with individuals either on a one to one basis, in small group and advice parents/carers on the services available to them. Like many of our children I am multilingual and can speak Urdu, Punjabi and Mirpuri. I am based in the Learning Mentors room from 8.30 to 4pm and you can contact me via the main school office."



"My name is Nikki Bailey and I am the full time **Attendance Officer**. I am a Learning and here to work with all children and families. I am really impressed with the positive attitude from everyone and what a friendly school community you are. Blakesley Hall is a fantastic school and it is my job and aim to work alongside you parents/carers, children and teachers to ensure that high attendance is maintained and lateness is reduced. My role is to support you and your child ensuring that all children come to school on time every day, attend school all the time, feel safe, have fun and learn. You will find me in the Learning Mentors' room throughout the day also before and after school. I am available to meet with or talk about any issues with attendance, lateness and learning - however big or small."

WEBSITE NEWS—You can follow us on twitter @BHPS_1

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER for 2014

This is an important time for all pupils in Year 6. Please make sure you have completed your secondary transfer forms online by October 31st 2013. You must register your choices of schools otherwise the Local Authority may place your child at any school in the City if you have not made your choices. If you are unclear please ask to Miss Matthews (Assistant Headteacher).



Blakesley Pupil success:

This year for the first time in the school's history, one of our pupils was successfully granted a scholarship to attend Kings Edwards School in Edgbaston, Birmingham's oldest and arguably best secondary schools. The Chief Master - John Claughton has been pleased to welcome our former pupil on the 2nd September and reports that he has made an excellent start at the school, he thanked us for sending him such a talented and hardworking boy. The future for him is very bright and Staff and Governors are very proud of his achievements whilst he was with us and proud that he is a Blakesley boy! His 'story' will be available to read on our website very soon. King Edward's Open day is on Saturday 5th October 2013 starting at 10am.

Can you make a difference to our school?

GOVERNORS NEEDED URGENTLY!!!

The applications for two new parent governors closes this coming Monday 30th September. Being a Governor allows you be a part of the decision making for the good of all the children in the school, being the voice of parents in the way the school is run. Ofsted described our Governing Body as 'good' at its last inspection. Being a Governor gives you the opportunity to interview and appoint new staff, be a part of the finance or curriculum committee, learn about how well the school is doing compared to other schools in Birmingham and around the country and be a part of the planning process for the future. "Blakesley Hall Primary is a good school and is improving rapidly" - it's an exciting time to be involved. All training will be given and we will holding an informal 'getting to know each other' event to welcome all new governors in November. Many Governors volunteer around school so please ask them what goes on - Mr Muhammad Gous, Mrs Gail Wareham and Mr Asif Rasool are currently parent governors who I am sure would be happy to talk to you about what the role means. **Don't miss out** - leave your name at the school office to register your interest. A short film about the work of the Governing Body will be posted on the website in October.

Ms Anita Brock - Chair of the Governing



Head Pupils and Prefects – pupils making a difference to their school...

Congratulations to all our Year 6 Service Team who are showing pride in taking on responsibilities

Head Boy: Tyrae Thomas-Thompson

Head Girl: Sarah Evans

Deputies: Maheen Uddin & Zohra Jabeen

Our pupil councils are:

- School Council
- Pupil learning Council
- Anti-Racism Council
- Sport Council

Other roles in school include:

- Class buddies
- Librarians
- Big Fish Little Fish
- News Crews



Have you noticed...that there are lots of new photos of children at work and at play around our school? Ask your child about 'noticing'

Do you need help and support...or do you just have a question?
These people are available at the start of everyday to help:

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| Reception | Mrs Ford | <u>The Learning Mentors team:</u> Tina Bates Leanne McCreedy Ishia Yasin Nikki Bailey (Attendance) Dawn Duffy (Nurture Group) |
| Year 1 | Mrs Wilson | |
| Year 2 | Mrs Roadley | |
| Year 3 | Ms Duffy | |
| Year 4 | Mrs Redstone | |
| Year 5 | Mrs Delemere | |
| Year 6 | Mrs Scott | |

FANTASTIC NEWS

We have been successful in receiving our Primary Science quality mark-silver award.

A huge thank you to all staff for your hardwork in raising the profile of Science across the school and delivering a great Science curriculum.

A special thanks to all the members of the Science team for driving Science in your year groups.

Well done everyone.

Mrs D Da-Costa



Half term crash course of swimming lessons available for beginners at Stechford Cascades Leisure Centre.

28.10.13 - 01.11.13 (4 - 8 year olds)

Thirty minute lessons from Monday to Friday.

For more information please contact us via the following:

Tel: 0121 464 5596

Email:

Stechford_cascades@birmingham.gov.uk

EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING

On our first 2 days of term years 3 & 4 had a visit from Portals to the Past learning about The Romans. Mrs Da-Costa, Assistant Headteacher organised the day and said "It was a huge success! It was fantastic to see all the children in Phase 2 so excited about their learning. We learnt so much and even had the chance to re-enact a gladiator battle in the colosseum.



The Bookfair is coming!!

We will be holding a bookfair with lots of lovely new books for you to buy!

The bookfair will be in the School Library on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd October 3:15 - 4:15pm.

Every child who visits the bookfair will receive a voucher for free entry to the Sea Life Centre/Warwick Castle/Chessington World of Adventure!

Every book purchase also comes with free entry into our wonderful "Pamper Hamper" raffle with a prize of quality beauty products to pamper your face, hands and feet, worth over £50!

The first 25 purchases will also get £1.00 off!

All purchases will help us raise funds for new books for the pupils of BHPS!

If you can't make it to the bookfair then children can come to the School Library on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th at lunchtime with their money and buy books. Leaflets are also available to use for ordering books which will be delivered after Wednesday 9th October.

WEEKLY MATHS CHALLENGE

8 24 9

Which is the odd one out and why?

How many different answers can you think of?

For example:

9 is the odd one out because it is odd.

24 is the odd one out because it is the only two digit number.

8 is the odd one out because it is not a multiple of 3.