



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2
Wednesday 29
June 2016

Blakesley Hall Primary School

Our Value Word this month is **Courage** — ability to control fear when faced with danger or pain.

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Friday 1st July	Year 6	Theatre Trip 'Gangster Granny' (Children only)
Wednesday 13 July	Year 6	Bowling / Meal & awards event (Children only)
Monday 18 July	Reception to Year 5	Reports sent home
Tuesday 19 July	Year 6	End of year performance 6.00pm - 7.00pm (Parents are invited)
Wednesday 20 July	All year group	Open afternoon from 2.30pm
Wednesday 20 July	Year 6	Results and Reports meeting for pupils and Parents 3.00pm
Thursday 21 July	Year 6	Leavers Party 5.30pm - 7.30pm (Children only)
Thursday 21 July	Whole school	School closes for Summer holidays
Monday 5 September	Whole School	Teacher training day—children NOT in
Tuesday 6 September	Years 1 to 6	School re-opens for the start of new school year
Tuesday 13 September	Whole school	Teacher training day—Children NOT in
Wednesday 14th September	Whole school	School re-opens
14th 15th & 16th September	New Reception Children	Part time only for this week (times have been allocated per child)
Monday 19th September	Classes RA, RD & RV	Reception children will start full time

Many parents and children continue to ask about the health of Mr Mason.



It is with sadness that I inform you that Mr Mason does not feel able to return to work and has resigned his position as Deputy Headteacher from September. It feels strange and sad for all of us who have worked closely with him for twelve years in some cases, and for me—he has been my Deputy Head for over five years.

I am hoping that he may be able to come in before the end of term to say his goodbyes. He was a well-regarded member of our staff team and an important teacher to many of the children. Each class will be creating their own 'goodbye' messages to him in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Phillips—Headteacher

You will have seen in the media that one of the teaching unions, the NUT plan to strike next Tuesday 5th July. It is highly likely that school will be closed to pupils on this day.

We will let you know by text on Friday 1st July.

Due to the inclement weather our sports days were cancelled much to the disappointment of the children. As it looks as though this weather is here to stay for the next few weeks, we are trying to organise sports events for each year group. We will advise you via text message as and when each year group will be participating. We understand this will be short notice but hope you are able to attend and support your children. Thanks for your continued support.



A big thank you to local company Alcoa for donating the flower boxes in our Reception playground area. Alcoa work in the local community providing help, support and resources to local schools and businesses. As part of their 'Care in the Community' projects they came along and worked with our Reception children. The children had lots of fun getting involved with the planting on the day and what a fantastic job they have done.



Congratulations to Nikki Bailey (Learning Mentor) for raising a fantastic £250.00+ on the Solstice walk for St Giles Hospice in aid of cancer and other serious illnesses. Well done Nikki.



Children had a fantastic day at the Aegon Classic tennis tournament at Edgbaston Tennis centre.

The children had the opportunity to see some world class women tennis players qualify for Wimbledon.

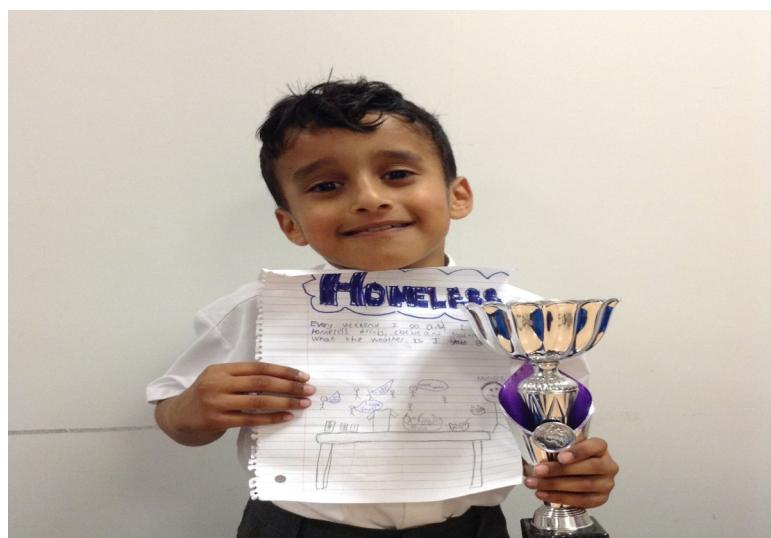
Children had the chance to have 45 minutes tennis practice with qualified coaches. They were taught how to stroke the ball such as forehand and backhand and were able to play games.

Unfortunately we had rain for most of the day so the children did not get to see any tennis played however, the covers were taken off centre court and we were able to sit in the stands. Then the rain started again so the covers came back on. Nevertheless, the children had the chance to experience a live tennis tournament atmosphere and visualise the surroundings.



We did it again!!

Congratulations to the cricket team they have again qualified for the Sports School Games finals at King Edward School on July 8th. Our team played against Yorkmead Primary School and Montgomery school.



Muneeb Shaban has been doing some wonderful charity work outside of school. On the weekends him and his family go to shelters to give food, drink and clothing to homeless people. Because of all his generosity, the Mosque that he goes to has awarded him a trophy for all of his hard work. Muneeb should be really proud of himself we are also very proud of him here at Blakesley Hall school, Well done Muneeb.

Attendance Celebration

Week Beginning	KS1	KS2
17 June	2S 97.2%	6H 98.1%
10 June	2S 98.3%	5A 99%
27 May	1B 96.3% & 2B 96.3%	3J 98%
20 May	1T 96%	4O 99%

Attendance Facts

'At primary school, pupils who miss just 14 days of schooling between the age of 7 and 11 are **25% LESS** likely to achieve Exceeding, in literacy and numeracy, than those with **NO** absence'. This is **ONLY 3.5 days per year**.

School Term Dates 2016/17

Autumn Term 2016

Mon 5 September	INSET Day (no pupils) – staff training (1)
Tue 6 September	School opens for pupils
Tue 13 September	INSET Day (no pupils) – staff training (2)
24 to 28 October	Half Term
Fri 16 December	End of Term - School closes for Christmas

Spring Term 2017

Tue 3 January	INSET Day (no pupils) – staff training (3)
Wed 4 January	School opens for pupils
20 to 24 February	Half Term
Fri 7 April	End of Term - School closes for Easter

Summer Term 2017

Mon 24 April	INSET Day (no pupils) – staff training (4)
Tue 25 April	School opens for pupils
Mon 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
29 May to 2 June	Half Term
Mon 5 June	School opens for pupils
Tue 25 July	End of Term - School closes for Summer

Teacher training days may still be added to the term dates show above.