

Our Value Word this month is **Freedom** - the power to act or speak or think without externally imposed restraints.

Dates For Your Diary

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DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Thursday 16th Feb	Reception	Routine Eye Check
Friday 17th Feb	All	Children break up for the half-term
Monday 27th Feb	All	Children return to school
Wednesday 1st Mar	Reception	Hearing Screening
Thursday 2nd Mar	All	World Book Day
Monday 6th Mar	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Parent Reading Workshop
Tuesday 7th Mar	Year 5	Visit to South Yardley Library
Wednesday 8th Mar	Y3 & Y4	Parent Reading Workshop
Thursday 9th Mar	Y5 & Y6	Parent Reading Workshop
Tuesday 14th Mar	Y4	Visit to South Yardley Library
Tuesday 14th Mar	Y5 & Y6	Comic Workshop
Thursday 16th Mar	All	Dads & Lads Reading
Friday 17th Mar	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Story assemblies and workshops
Tuesday 21st Mar	Y3	Visit to South Yardley Library
Monday 27th Mar	Y3 & Y4	Poetry Workshop
Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th Mar	Y6	Visit to South Yardley Library



ONLINE PAYMENT

If you have not already registered for your online account please register as soon as possible. We want all parents to use this service which will give you control of your child/ren's meal payments. You can also pay for school uniform and trips online.

If you are making cheque payments for dinners, uniform etc. Please make all cheque payments to 'Blakesley Hall Primary School (BHPS)'.



Medication in School

If your child has a prescribed medication, you will need to complete a form which is available from the main office. Only medication which needs to be administered four or more times a day can be given in school. All medication needs to have a prescription label with the child's name clearly visible.



Mrs. Moore



It is with sadness that we announce **Mrs Yvonne Moore** has passed away earlier this week. Mrs Moore was a lunchtime supervisor here for over 20 years – she attended Blakesley as a child! Our thoughts and prayers go to her family and friends.

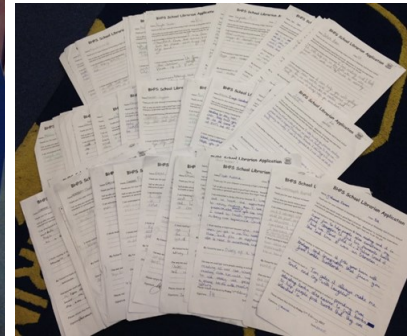
BHPS Book Festival March 2017



School Librarians

WANTED

Pupils have recently had the opportunity to apply for the position of school librarian. Everyone attended an application writing workshop, before completing their personal application. Nearly 60 pupils from across KS2 have applied. They will now be shortlisted, interviewed and trained before taking up their new role.



Throughout March we will be celebrating the joy and value of reading across the school. There will be lots of activities for you and your child to be part of including:

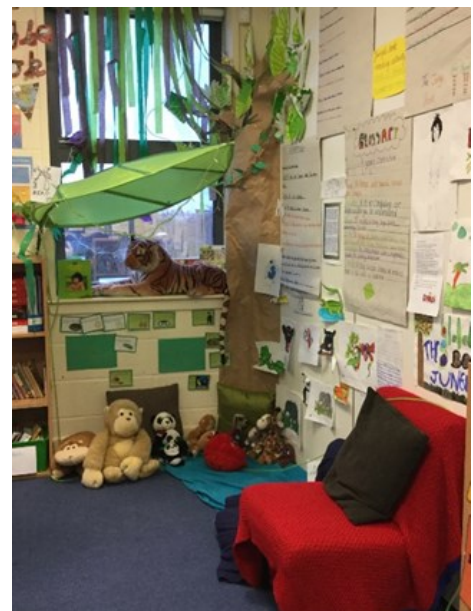
**Dressing up on World Book Day* *Family Learning Workshops* *Parent workshops* *Sponsored Read*
Author visits *Quizzes* *Competitions* *Visits to South Yardley Library**

Look out for details of how you can get involved!

KS2 Class Library Competition

This week Mrs. Phillips and the Head Girl and Head Boy judged the KS2 Class Library Competition. They were looking for;

lots of different things to read including magazines, comics, leaflets and children's writing; neatly arranged books; somewhere 'comfy' for children to sit; questions to stimulate thinking; and if it was linked to their topic area.



1 March Sponsored Read begins

1 March Competition launches

2 March World Book Day

6 March Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 parent workshops

7 March Y5 visit to South Yardley Library

8 March Year 3 & Year 4 parent workshops

9 March Year 5 & Year 6 parent workshops

9 March Book Fair

14 March Y4 visit to South Yardley Library

16 March Dads & Lads Reading Breakfast

21 March Y3 visit to South Yardley Library

28 March Y6 visit to South Yardley Library

30 March Competition deadlines

31 March Prizes awarded

WIN PRIZES





Blakesley's choir went to the Genting Arena to perform with 6,649 other primary school children as part of the UK's biggest choir concert. All 19 children had an amazing time and sang their hearts out to 11 different songs, as well as performing dance moves! They represented themselves and our school flawlessly. We are so proud of their hard work and determination. *Thanks to Miss Ajaz and Miss Walker for taking them.*

Well done Blakesley Choir!

The New Year has brought more success in sport at Blakesley! Both the **Year 3/4** and **Year 5/6 Tennis Team** won the School Games local area tennis competitions, held at Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre in January. Congratulations! Best of luck in the finals next month!



This half-term has also seen the new addition of a **Girls' Football Team**, led by our own experienced football player, Ms. Jones. The girls have been enjoying learning new skills and developing their teamwork. Both the Girls' and **Boys' Football Teams**, and the **Girls' Hockey Team**, have been training for friendly matches against **Regents Park Primary**. Good luck!

The **highlight** of the half-term has definitely been the **success of the Y3/4 Athletics Team**. On Wednesday 1st February, Mr. Summers and Ms. O'Driscoll took 18 pupils to compete in the local schools' athletics competition. Events included the long jump, hurdles and relay races - among many more! Having won the Year 5/6 competition earlier in the year, Mr. Summers had high hopes for the team as many of the younger pupils had also participated in this competition. The team kept our winning streak going, scoring a **massive 308 points to place 1st** out of 14 other schools, including Marlborough (2nd) and Audley (3rd). It is difficult to pick out a special mention from the team as all pupils played their part in the win, but **Kelsey's (3W) and Jaden's (3Z) speed** in the relay races made a big difference to the result - as did **Adil (4W) throwing the javelin further than the 20m** scoring mat! Also, well done to **Sahara (4R)** for earning an **Honesty** badge during the competition.

Finally, we are really proud of two children in KS1, who competed in this KS2 competition with great confidence, skill and maturity: **Amira (1G) and Moise (2A)**. Well done to all the team, and to everyone for their support. Next up is the summer athletics - wish us luck!

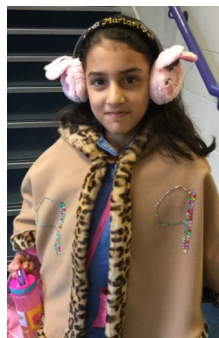
***Ms. O'Driscoll and
Mr. Summers (P.E. Team)***



Sports at Blakesley

NSPCC Number Day

Thank you for all your contribution towards our non – uniform day which has been raised for the NSPCC. We have raised £366.22, £90 of which was donated by a parent in Year 1.



Class	Class	Class	Class
RD - 89.6%	2J - 95.64%	4R - 93.03%	6P - 94.62%
RA - 88.48%	2A - 92.2%	4O - 96.10%	6W - 96.15%
RV - 94.23%	2B - 94.27%	4H - 93.67%	6SP - 95.27%
1M - 94.27%	3W - 94.83%	5A - 95.66%	
1DJ - 90.15%	3P - 92.97%	5S - 93.68%	
1G - 91.26%	3Z - 95.20%	5O - 94.72%	

Attendance For 2016-17

The National Average for attendance is 96%!
We still have some way to go to achieve this. Please support us in our drive to achieve National Average. The attendance of every child matters!



Staff Sickness

Your child may have had a few supply teachers' this term, we too are suffering colds, coughs and flu meaning some teachers have been absent – we hope that the half term holiday will rid us of winter bugs and we all come back in full health.