

Our Value Word this month is **Peace** - a state of calm or quite from conflict

## Dates For Your Diary

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DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Thursday 30 March	Rec	Parent workshop - Shape week
Thursday 30 March	All	Reading competitions
Tuesday 4th April	5A	Trip to Kingsbury Water Park
Tuesday 4th April	Year 4	Violin & Cello Concert
Wednesday 5th April	Rec	Hearing Screening
Thursday 6th April	5O	Trip to Kingsbury Water Park
Friday 7th April	5S	Trip to Kingsbury Water Park
Friday 7th April	All	Children break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 24th April	All	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25th April	All	Children return to school
Monday 1st May	All	May Day Bank Holiday - School closed
Thursday 4th May	All	School closed for Elections
Mon 8th - Fri 12th May	Year 6	NCA Tests



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### ONLINE PAYMENT

If you have not already registered for your online account please register as soon as possible. This service will let you pay for school meals, trips and uniform.



## 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.

## DINNER MONEY

Dinner money prices will increase from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Dinner money will now be **£2.30** a day. Weekly Dinner money cost will be **£11.50** which is payable in advance on Monday morning.

## PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls are tools that can be installed on electronic devices such as: phones, tablets, home broadband, computers and games consoles. They can be used to help you to filter and/or block what your child sees when using the internet.

They are really easy to set up and are one of the best ways of keeping your child safe online at home!  
For advice about setting up parental controls on all sorts of devices, please visit:

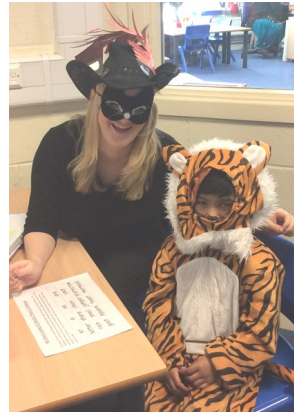
<http://www.childnet.com/resources/parental-controls>  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/>

## BE SAFE ONLINE



# BHPS Book Festival March 2017

*We have had a fantastic month celebrating reading at Blakesley Hall. Here are some of the highlights.*



Nearly everyone was involved in dressing up as a book character - some of the best costumes were those that had been made at home and imaginatively put together. We raised £312 which we have spent on the 'Pop-Up' Library - watch this space for more details.

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DAY**

## **BOOK FAIR**

Children and families spent a record £703 at the Usborne book Fair and bought some lovely books. This has allowed us to order some fantastic new books for the library. Look out for the craft books with lots of ideas to inspire you.

## **DOOR COMPETITION**

The classroom doors have transformed into some of our favourite book covers. Judging will take place at the end of the month - I wonder which one will win?

## **LIBRARY VISITS**

Throughout the month KS2 have marched backwards and forwards to South Yardley Library. Everyone has enjoyed visiting the library and choosing books to borrow. It is also fantastic that we were able to organise membership to Birmingham Libraries for many of the pupils. A huge thank you to the staff who made this possible, especially Molly and Tariq (who have walked miles) and Miss Woolaway (who also helped members of the public find books they were looking for!). The library staff praised our pupils for their excellent behaviour and good manners and would like us to visit them again.



## **BOOK IN A BOX COMPETITION**



Who'd have thought you could fit Harry, Hermione, Ron and a 'He Who Must Not Be Named' into a shoe box! This is just one of the entries for the competition. We'll announce the winners, after judging takes place at the end of the month.



## **DAD'S & LAD'S READING BREAKFAST**

They came...they ate....they read and read. Over 50 Dads, Grandads, Uncles and older Brothers joined us on a wonderful morning of reading. Thank you for spending time in school - it was wonderful to see you enjoying reading with your boys and reminiscing over some of your favourite child-hood stories.



## AUTHOR VISITS

Over the past few weeks, we have been very lucky to learn from the best; working alongside real authors. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had wonderful story-telling sessions with local author Clare Bell. Year 3 and Year 4 rolled off their seats with laughter, when Paul Cookson performed poetry with his ukulele. And pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 had a comic art masterclass with Kev F, who writes for The Beano and Marvel Magazine. Even Mrs Phillips had a caricature drawn of her.



## SPONSORED READ

There is still time for you to take part in the sponsored read. Remember, all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. Please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by Friday 7th April. And the class that raises the most money will have an extra special reward!

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne also will donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!



**The Big Bang**  
UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

A selection of children from years 4, 5 and 6 visited the Big Bang Fair at the NEC. They got to attend a 'Body Hack' show which explored the digestion system. The children represented Blakesley amazingly and really got stuck in to the interactive activities on the stalls. They especially enjoyed designing their own bag on the Rolls Royce stand which was then printed for the children to take home! They left feeling inspired about all things Science!



A group of Year 3 children have kindly given up some of their lunchtimes to make 'Help Harry Help Others' bracelets. They will be on sale Thursday 30th March during morning break to YEAR 3 children - bracelets are £1 each.



- Y5/6 Girls' Basketball Team have been preparing to play a friendly match against Al-Furqan school on Thursday 30th March.
- Year 6 Change4Life Team will continue to enjoy a series of club sessions playing dodgeball and other team games against Audley School (We host Audley every Friday!)
- Y5/6 Boys' Football Team will enter into the Greet Mini-League Championship and play a series of matches through the rest of the school year. Their first match is next Thursday 30th March.
- Y5/6 Girls' Netball Team will participate in the School Games Netball Competition on Tuesday 4th April.
- Y5/6 Girls' Football Team will enter the Greet Mini-League and play a series of matches throughout the summer term

## UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS



# HOCKEY

The Y5/6 girls' hockey team played their second match against Regents' Park Primary School at the end of last half-term. It was tipping rain, but we had a fabulously fun time and to top it all off we won! The Year 4 girls also came to support and learn from their older peers, and a huge well done to Imaani (40) and Sabooh (4H) who even got some time on the pitch! It was a fantastic send-off for Miss Hine.



## CHANGE4LIFE CLUB WITH AUDLEY

Our passionate Evolve Mentors, Mollie and Tarik, have been coaching a new Y5/6 Change4Life club. We have made a link with the Audley Primary C4L club and have been hosting them on Friday in the large hall where the teams have enjoyed playing dodgeball matches against each other. It has been wonderful to see the pupils' confidence grow, both physically and socially, and to see the new relationships they are already developing with their peers from Audley.

***The Girl Effect is in full stride at Blakesley, with a record number of girls participating in after-school clubs and sports teams, and competing in inter-school tournaments. Keep it up girls - SALUTE SALUTE!***



# SPORTS AT BLAKESLEY

*Yet again, we have had a fantastic half-term in sport.*

## RECEPTION CHEER-LEADING

### WITH COCKSHUT HILL YEAR 10s

Every Tuesday, class RA have been enjoying learning cheer-leading with Year 10s from Cockshut Hill. Everyone involved has thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and both the Reception children and Year 10 pupils have learnt a lot from each other.

**GO GO POM POM RECEPTION!!!**



Yours in sport,

Ms O'Driscoll (P.E. Coordinator and Year 4 Teacher)



# RED NOSE DAY



On Friday 24th March, children took part in a variety of activities to raise money for this year's Comic Relief Appeal. Mrs Phillips turned Superhero for the day and had lots of Red Noses pinned on her, there was many Red Nose Riddles and the Year 6 boys' football team played a football match versus various members of Blakesley Hall staff. Tickets sold quickly for this hotly anticipated fixture, raising over £7. The game certainly lived up to expectations, ending 4-4 with the crowd gasping for extra-time and penalties. We all look forward to the return fixture! Thank you for your generosity, we raised a total **£249.05.**