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### WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



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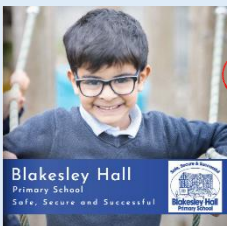
Our outdoor area for Key Stage 1 has long been in need of a makeover, rather than wait for repairs I am excited to have been working with our School Business Manager and the School Council to come up with some new design ideas. We are seeking different sources of funding to complete this £35,000 project. Other areas, including our planters are also being improved so, if anyone has links to businesses who might be interested in sponsoring some of this work please do get in touch.


Anyone with 'green fingers' who can donate plants or volunteer to work with the children to make our environment greener would be most welcome! Being outdoors is so good for our mental health, the same is true for the children, we try to be creative and make the outdoors an extra classroom wherever we can.

I hope the weather is good so we can enjoy some time outdoors over the half term break.

Ms Phillips

### SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



Don't forget to check  ClassDojo for regular updates.

### CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I have been into school several times since the Christmas holidays and it has been great to see so many happy faces. Although there has continued to be some challenges, I've had the opportunity to meet with the school council to discuss with them their priorities for the school, which has been very insightful. I've also met with a number of leaders in school to hear about some exciting developments planned for the remainder of the year ahead.



Joshua Cronin

# M E E T T H E S T A F F

Hello, my name is Miss Kauser and I am in Year 3. I was very fortunate to be part of the Blakesley Hall family this early on in my career and really hope to excel! I have been bought up in Birmingham and went to Bordesley Green Primary School. I went on to graduating at Newman University and specialised in Art and Design. Before deciding to become a teacher, I have been flying from country to country as a

flight attendant. I spent two years flying and then decided to settle in my career as a teacher. Teaching was my true calling as I love teaching in Year 3. I am looking forward to meeting many more lovely children and meeting new people at Blakesley Hall Primary.

## T E A C H E R



**Miss Kauser**  
Year 3 Teacher

Hello, my name is Mr Allen and currently teach in Year 5 and lead PSHE in the school. I am in my second year as a class teacher but I am fortunate to have been part of the Blakesley family for the past three and a half years. My previous role in the school was as a mentor for Evolve Education. I was born in London and moved to Birmingham at an early age. At the age of 19, I moved back to London to study Film Production in University. After graduating I began to work with children as a football coach, cover supervisor, teaching assistant and eventually a mentor. Part of my coaching journey led me to coaching soccer

(football) in the United States for Challenger Sports. Many children have asked me what it is like being a teacher instead of a mentor - I would say the main difference is having the opportunity to have a positive impact on a whole year group. I am looking forward to linking my role as PSHE lead with my previous experience as a mentor! Keep any eye out for upcoming changes to the subject.

## T E A C H E R



**Mr Allen**  
Year 5 Teacher

Ms Boothe



Mrs Chaudhry



Mrs Sajjad



Mrs Taylor



## LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

Meet some of our 18 Lunchtime Supervisors. They are an important part of our team.

Hi, my name is Amanda Cross. I have been a governor at Blakesley Hall Primary School for several years but recently have had the opportunity to be Vice Chair which I am very excited about. During this half term, all governors have had the opportunity to hear directly about the exciting curriculum and the progress being made. I always enjoy meeting the children and staff during my governor visits - they make me feel very welcome! I have worked in the Education sector for over 20 years. My most recent roles have included being a deputy head and SENDCo in an inner city Birmingham school.

## G O V E R N I N G B O A R D

During the past two years, I have and continue to feel extremely proud of how the children and staff have all shown resilience and adapted to the challenges of the pandemic. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a happy and safe holiday during half term.



**Ms Cross**  
Vice Chair of Governors



## Y3 - DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



At the beginning of this half term, year 3 were lucky enough to be visited by Chef Ian from the 'School Food Show Down' as a link to their DT project and healthy eating. Two teams of teachers were given a different selection of healthy ingredients and competed to see who could create the best

dish using the most fruit and vegetables. The children cheered them on, inspected their chopping, cooking and presentation and even got to try some of the finished product. Both meals were healthy and delicious but after a very close vote by the children,



the Green Pea team won with their 'Rainbow Chicken Surprise'. It was so much fun; the whole school could hear us cheering all the way through and we learnt so much more about how quick and easy it is to cook yummy meals full of fruit and vegetables.



**Mrs Smith**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Artsmark  
Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

## CURRICULUM - ART

We are delighted to tell you that Blakesley Hall Primary School has been awarded the Artsmark Silver Award in recognition of our provision for the Arts in our school. This has been a long time in the making: we started our application in 2018! Over this time, we have been gathering

evidence and ensuring that even in a pandemic we were able to promote the Arts in some way. Eventually, we were ready to fill in our application. This involved writing up to 500 words to six questions! The Arts Council were very impressed with our commitment to the Arts (including Music and Dance provision) and praised us for our innovation in

using Class Dojo. This is not the end though, we have great plans for further extending our provision and maybe even applying for the Gold award in the next two years. Well done to everyone-especially the children-for making this happen.

**Mrs Roberts**  
Year 6 teacher and  
Curriculum Leader for Art.

At the beginning of January, Year 2 went on an exciting trip to Blakesley Hall Museum, to learn about the Great Fire of London. On arrival, we were split into two groups. Miss Harrison's group had a tour of Blakesley Hall, where we explored the different rooms and artefacts. Did you know that in the Tudor times people kept their food stored in cages attached to the ceiling to prevent mice from eating the food? We then had a go at acting out some scenes from the Great Fire of London. Mrs Lahoria's group spent the morning having a go at quill writing and exploring the grounds of the museum. In the afternoon we alternated groups. We all had such a fantastic time!

## Y2 TRIP - BLAKESLEY HALL MUSEUM



**Mrs Lahoria**  
Year 2 Teacher &  
Year Group Leader

This half term has been another sporty one at Blakesley. Year 1 have been enjoying swimming every Monday morning. Miss Virdee tells me everyone has been trying their hardest and progress has been phenomenal. After school Year 4 have tried their hand at badminton and Year 5 have been playing hockey. In PE year 3 have been working on their fitness by completing circuits.

**Next half term** we have visiting coaches from Edgbaston cricket, Yardley Tennis Club and Birmingham City Football Club. Years 1, 2 and 3 are going on a sports based trip.

## SPORTS UPDATE



**Mr Bailey**  
Year 4 Teacher &  
PE Leader

**HONESTY ♦ UNITY ♦ RESPECT ♦ CARING ♦ PERSISTENCE ♦ APPRECIATION**

## HEAD PUPIL MESSAGES

Hello, we are the Head Pupils of Blakesley Hall Primary School and we help children reach their full potential. If they need somebody to speak to about their issues or worries, they know they can come to us.

We are in Year 6 and we are busy preparing for our end of key stage tests (NCA's) in May. We will share how we are feeling about our tests with you:

*"I feel nervous because I'm worried that I don't get good marks and that I won't get into the school I'm hoping to get into. However, I feel good because of my previous test scores".* **Luca**

*"I feel nervous because I want to pass my test. I also feel confident and brave because I think I will do as well as I have done in my previous test".*

**Erum**

*"I feel slightly nervous but excited because it's my chance to use my knowledge and to get ahead. I also want to be greater depth so I can get into the school I want".* **Alisha**

**Head pupils' roles** - As Head Pupils, we show the students how to be role models and how to be well-behaved in school. In our assemblies we have an important role. Our peers are very respectful and always have a smile on their face when they get a golden book award. They respect our values and listen to the senior leaders as they are told.

**Subjects** - In Maths, we were learning about coordinates, translations, reflections and symmetry. In English, we were writing our spooky story and using all our knowledge, to help us improve our skills for secondary school. In Reading, our reading skills helps us for everything. There are many VIPERS we learn like: Vocabulary, Inference and more!

**Helpful Teachers** - Our teachers have been supporting us by looking out for us and helping us learn new knowledge for our tests. If we are worried, they are there for us and they support us with our well-being also.

**Our school values** - We live our values

**RESPECT**  
**PERSERVERANCE**  
**CARE**

**HONESTY**  
**UNITY**  
**APPRECIATION**



### PE, Uniform, Visits and Visitors

Please ensure that children come to school every day in correct uniform colours this includes black shoes. It is important to look smart and ready for learning, please provide your child with a bag for their reading book, stationery and homework.

PE kit this must also be school colours of navy blue, white and black. **We will revert to pre-covid days and children must now bring PE kit to school and change for their PE lesson. See class dojo for your child's PE days better still bring kit in on Monday to be left in school all week to take home to wash on Friday.** PE is a statutory subject and as such all children will participate, we have a small amount of spare kit for use by pupils who forget their kit. We are now back to our full plan of curriculum-linked visits and visitors. Please note that deadline and last payment dates are not movable, we will give plenty of notice before trips go ahead. Please note we are a cashless school all payments must be made via [www.pay360educationpayments.com](http://www.pay360educationpayments.com)

## REMINDERS

### Upcoming Trips, Visits and Visitors – Spring 2 & Summer Term

**Reception** – Special visit from people who help us and trip to Ash End Farm

**Year 1** – Visit to the Nature Centre and visitors from the Freshwater Company

**Year 2** – Special visit from the Police

**Year 3** – Cultural Experience day in School

**Year 4** - Visit to Sarehole Mill Museum and visit from the Police

**Year 5** – Trip to Mary Arden Farm and visit from Professor McGinty and a Local MP

**Year 6** – Visit to be arranged and workshop at school with visitor from Cool Car Lego

**Ms Phillips**  
Headteacher