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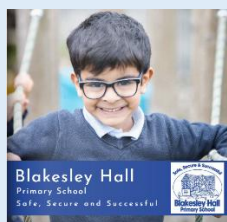


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THE BLAKESLEY

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SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It's been a very busy half term and next half term will be the same with assessments, sports day and year 6 leavers activities.

Have a happy week!

Ms Phillips

As another half term comes and goes in a flash, all of the governing board would like to congratulate all of the children in year 6 who have recently sat their end of key stage 2 SAT's tests. I, along with other governors have been reviewing our own training and learning needs and have all recently undertaken a series of training to help us better support our school.

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I am looking forward to the final half term of the year as we finalise our plans for the next academic year.

Best wishes.

Joshua Cronin



We are thrilled to announce the re-launch of our House System at Blakesley Hall. Each of our new houses has been named after a significant role-model in Birmingham.

RELAUNCH OF HOUSE SYSTEM

Name	Background	Colour	House Leader
Bailey	Casey Bailey is a writer, performer and educator, born and raised in Nechells, Birmingham, UK. He is a secondary school teacher and has been Birmingham's Poet Laureate since 2020.	Red	Mr Allen
Adenegan	Kare Adenegan is a Coventry born Paralympian. She races distances between 100-800m and won the BBC Young Sportsperson of the Year in 2008.	Blue	Mr Bailey
Yousafzai	Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani-born (Birmingham-adopted) activist and campaigner. She has campaigned for equality and access to education for girls.	Green	Mrs Hall
Boitos	Dr Christian Boitos is a Romanian born and Birmingham based dentist. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy at the University of Oradea in Romania	White	Mr Addis
Gill	Preet Kaur Gill is the Labour and Co-operative MP for Edgbaston. She is the first female Sikh MP. Preet Gill was also appointed to the Shadow Cabinet as Shadow Secretary of State for International Development in April 2020.	Yellow	Miss Knight
Phelps	James and Oliver Phelps are twin brothers from Birmingham who earned the roles of Fred and George Weasley in the Harry Potter film series	Orange	Mrs Roadley

Pupils will be sorted into a new house, they will support their house throughout the year. We are looking forward to having house competitions in sports, arts, reading and many other curriculum subjects! Pupils can continue to show PROUD behaviour as they compete in house teams.

We can't wait to cheer on our new houses, and celebrate our team success and strengths!

Mr Allen
Year 5 Teacher

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

Hi my name is Miss Virdee I am a Year 1 Teacher and Year 1 Leader. I am in my sixth year of working at Blakesley and being a teacher. I began my teaching career here as an NQT and I love working at Blakesley! I started off in Early Years but have since moved up to Year 1, both year groups are equally as fun but I am passionate about teaching young children and ensuring they come to school feeling happy and cared for. My

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teaching began later on in life, and some days I still can't quite believe I am a teacher. I love being in Year 1, my class are amazing and we have so much fun! I'm very friendly so don't be afraid to say hi!



Miss Virdee
Year 1 Teacher & Year 1 Lead

Hello, my name is Ms Hack. I joined BHPS in 2016 and knew I wanted to work here as soon as I drove into the car park on my interview day - so many members of staff welcomed me and introduced themselves that I thought to myself, 'I think I'll like it here.' I wasn't wrong! Since that day, I have enjoyed working with the pupils and staff as the Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for English and also now for Safeguarding. I love to be surrounded by books and always have too many in my 'to be read' pile on my bedside table. I enjoy travelling when I can and love to read historical fiction set in the places that I visit. I've enjoyed living in Manchester and abroad

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but I'm a very proud 'Brummie' and think there is something special about Birmingham and the people who call it home. Birmingham's motto is 'Forward', which I think is quite appropriate for a city that is always re-inventing itself and looking for new opportunities to become bigger and better. Birmingham is also the youngest city in Europe, with nearly 40% of the population under the age of 25. Again, something I think is quite exciting! I hope that BHPS pupils will go on to help shape the future of Birmingham for generations to come.



Mrs Hack
Assistant Headteacher
English &
Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Khatoon



Mrs Begum



Mrs Smith



Mrs Wood



L U N C H T I M E S U P E R V I S O R S

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

Emma Thorne has been at BHPS since September 2013 having returned from 5 years teaching in Abu Dhabi. Started in Year 1, then had maternity leave. On return, went into Reception, and I also did my SENCo qualification. For the last few years, I have enjoyed developing my knowledge and skills in relation to special educational needs through my roles as Deputy SENCo and class teacher for Jigsaws and Legos. I am very fortunate to have four amazing teaching assistants working alongside me:

Danielle Ryan has worked across all year group and now part of Jigsaws and Legos for 2 years and loves it.

Marie Wilson mainly worked in Reception. Recently joined Jigsaws and Legos team. 'I'm enthusiastic about

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helping children learn and to achieve their best'. **Lyn Clarke** has been a Teaching Assistant for 32 Years. 'I feel privileged to have spent the last 3 years working with the children in Jigsaws and Legos'. **Shereen Akhtars** with Jigsaws since January. 'This opportunity has given me a better understanding of the dynamics of an educational setting.'



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PE UPDATE

Summer One may have been a short half term but we have packed in loads of PE and sport. With the Commonwealth Games only around the corner we have been working on our athletics skills including sprinting, relay running and javelin throwing. We've continued the athletics theme in after school clubs as well as beginning training for next Years interschool football competitions.

Next Half Term - We're going to be doing more athletics as the Birmingham Commonwealth Games will be getting really close.

We're hoping to have Yardley Tennis Club back to coach an after school club. We also hope to have sessions from Bring The Power - Birmingham 2022's Youth Programme and a surprise visitor.

SPORTS WEEK

The BHPS sports day events will be next half term. Events are going to be taking place over 3 days in July.

Wednesday 6th July

Thursday 7th July

Friday 8th July

Pupils will get the opportunity to compete against each other at class, year group and school level and have a lot of fun doing it. There will also be commonwealth games linked in-class and after-school activities going on. It should be an action packed (and tiring!) week.



During this half term, I've had the opportunity to learn all about our new upcoming R.E curriculum and the exciting changes that are being made. We advocate that our children at Blakesley should have access to a high quality curriculum that engenders curiosity, improving understanding of and showing respect for different faiths and cultural diversity.

Here are some of my top tips to support your child with Religious Education at home:



RE - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Discuss your child's beliefs with the world. Listen to their thoughts and ideas.
- Share your own beliefs.
- Discuss other beliefs that your child might be exposed to e.g. what do grandparents or friends believe.
- Read stories rich with culture and diversity.
- Watch and discuss relevant TV programmes e.g. our younger children may like 'My First' or 'My Family' on Cbeebies. Older children may like to watch news clips of celebrations around the world.
- Talk about different places of worship when you see them in public.
- Try new food that may be part of different religious celebrations

Mrs Masud

*Year 1 Teacher &
RE Lead*

YEAR 6

A big shout out to Year 6!

The children have worked extremely hard this year. It has been a wonderful reflection of their dedication during their time at Blakesley. Year 6 have embodied our value of determination, overcoming many challenges in their lead up to their NCAs (SATs).

During our NCAs, the children were focused, worked extremely hard and they tried their best.

Next half term (Summer 2) we are looking forward to: our end of year performance, our leaver's assembly and our end of year trip.

Miss Watson

Year 6 Teacher & Year Group Leader

YEAR 2

This month, **Year 2** have taken tests in Reading, Maths and Grammar. The children have been amazing! They have tried hard and displayed great determination when questions were challenging.

Year 2 have made progress and we are all proud of them.

Well done Year 2! For the rest of the year, we will have a huge focus on writing as well as ensuring any gaps are taught across the curriculum, so they are ready for Year 3.

Mrs Lahoria

Year 2 Teacher & Year Group Leader

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Next week will see lots of events taking place around the UK and Commonwealth nations to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In school, to mark this occasion, all children have taken part in a range of different activities. Here is what we've been up to:

Jigsaws - children have been busy making decorations and had their own afternoon tea in the school grounds.

Year 1 - had their very own street party in the playground with food, dancing and games. In the build up to the party, they've been learning all about the Queen and her life. They've also been creating their own decorations to use at their party.

Year 3 - children have been busy learning key facts about the Queen, as well as decorating their own cakes/biscuits. They ended their celebrations by having a picnic with these special treats.

Year 5's - celebrations started on Wednesday afternoon where they played some classic Jubilee themed party games. Following this, they took part in a Queen's Portrait competition with a special 50p coin as a prize for the best portrait. They've also been writing about what they would do if they were Queen or King for the day.



Reception - Throughout the week, the Reception children have been learning about the Queen, culminating in an immersion day, where the children came to school dressed as kings and queens. For their jubilee party, they made their own decorations, planned what they were going to eat and made cakes for their Friday tea party.

Year 2 - have been busy preparing for their Jubilee Tea Party. They've incorporated some very traditional activities into their celebrations: pin the tail on the corgi, snap, bingo and a quiz about why the Jubilee is celebrated.

Year 4 - have too created a unique Jubilee art piece, as well as making their own decorations. Their celebrations will end with an afternoon tea to enjoy together. Traditional party games have also been planned to add to the party atmosphere.

Year 6 - have been researching the 7 decades that the Queen has reigned through, with a focus on music and toys through those decades. They've also been very busy creating a large collaborative art installation of the Queen, which we will be using as a whole school display to celebrate this moment in history. They too have enjoyed an afternoon picnic.

Headteacher's Special Jubilee Award - Rawdha in Year 4 is the winner of the Headteacher's Special Jubilee Award for her hard work and commitment to helping others. She was presented with this limited edition coin in Friday's assembly. Well done Rawdha.

Whole School - As well as all these fantastic events, all children and staff wore red, white and/or blue on Friday to end our week of celebrations. To commemorate this significant moment in time, all children who come into school on Friday will each receive a commemorative book from the government, which marks the Queen's 70 years on the throne. In addition, the Learning Ambassadors will be planting a tree so that we can remember this time in the future.