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BULLETIN

HEADTEACHER - Ms Phillips



In this edition, we will celebrate the work of our Learning Ambassadors. I hope you enjoy reading their interviews.

We have struggled a little with challenges of absence due to ill health - both children and staff. The brighter days are here and with that comes a sense of hope, optimism and hopefully better health within our community. Enjoy the half term break.

Ms Phillips

School will close on Friday 17th February for the half term holidays and re-open on Monday 27th February 2023.

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As a team of governors, we are committed to ensuring that Blakesley Hall Primary School is a place where every child can achieve their potential. One aspect of this work requires each Governor to be assigned a specific area of school life and they are then linked with a member of school staff to look at this area in greater detail. It has been great to see the number of visits by governors and their linked school staff members increasing and for them to share the progress that is being made in school on a number of important areas.



Joshua Cronin

SPECIAL EVENTS SPRING TERM

What's Happening This Term?

Blakesley Hall Primary School Book Festival 1st-31st MarchWorld Book Day 2nd MarchWorld Wildlife Day 3rd MarchHoli: Hindu Festival of Colours 8th MarchInternational Women's Day 8th MarchRed Nose Day Friday 17th MarchSt. Patrick's Day 17th MarchRamadan 22nd March

Upcoming Trips:

Year 1: Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park 14th 15th 16th MarchYear 3: Lunt Fort 3rd 15th 16th MarchYear 5: Thinktank 28th February, 1st March



The Learning Ambassadors are an important part of school life at Blakesley Hall. They have been appointed, over time, by one of their class teachers and demonstrate a great learning ability. There are 2 Learning Ambassadors per class, so choosing who to represent each class has always been a challenge. We recently interviewed some of the Learning Ambassadors about different aspects of school life. Here is what they had to say...



YEAR 4



What is your role and what do you like about it?

Our job is to help children learn in the classroom. We like to support others and give our opinions about the learning in school. We get to talk to visitors about our learning and also different subject leaders. We tell them what we learn. We also help teachers with the Knowledge Boards in the classroom so we can all revise our learning.

What do you love about Maths?

Our favourite thing is Timestable Rockstars. We love TT Rockstars. We also like that, in Maths, even if you find it hard, you can always be good at it because the teachers teach us really well. They make the learning fun and give us lots of challenges. We also love it when we play Maths games.

What is your cultural legacy?

Our cultural legacy is when we learn about our own culture and who we are. School is really good at helping us learn about our own culture and the cultures of others. We learn about our culture through lots of different subjects including RE, History and English. It is important that we learn about who we are but also learn about diversity. It is good that we have different cultures in school and it is interesting to learn about each other.

YEAR 5

What is your role and what do you like about it?

We help children when they are stuck in the classroom but also when they need help on the playground. We have taken part in class assemblies and we also have responsibility for helping to organise the classroom. During special events, we help out so that they run smoothly.

What do you love about Reading?

We love learning new words to help us grow our vocabulary. Each week, we read different texts and visit the library, which has got a good range of different books. Mr. Allen is very entertaining when he reads. Sometimes he closes the blinds and puts on music to create an atmosphere! We also enjoy reading books that link to our topics. For our Tudor topic, we had lots of Tudor books which we used for research. This helped us with our own writing.



What additional activities have you enjoyed recently?

The Christmas Fayre was great fun. We enjoy different celebrations throughout the year. We can't wait to celebrate Eid later in the year. We have a trip soon to Think Tank which is linked to our Science topic about Space. Some of the year group recently went to Resorts World to sing in the Young Voices production. It was so good to be with our friends, singing and enjoying being together and having fun. We also had our own Tudor experience day in Year 5 where we learnt a Tudor dance and performed a Tudor play. Later in the year, we are looking forward to the visit of Professor McGinty who will be taking us on a virtual time travelling trip to Ancient Greece!

YEAR 6



What do you think about behaviour?

Most students are well behaved. We welcome everyone into school and most children are respectful of each other's boundaries and beliefs. We think supply teachers enjoy coming to our school. We have good rewards and we enjoy earning PROUD points. If we win we get a privilege card which means we can sit with our friends, be at the front of the line or play special games at lunchtime (as well as other rewards). If children do misbehave, we think it is dealt with well and fairly. Children are not allowed to misbehave and because of this behaviour is good.

Do you feel safe in school?

Yes! It is a really good school. Teachers always look out for you. If you hurt yourself or are feeling unwell, they look after you. They always check for risks for us, especially in bad weather-keeping us safe on the equipment outside. Teachers help us to assess our own risks too. Teachers represent our school values and are good role models. This makes us feel part of a community and a family, which makes us feel safe. All this helps us to feel safe, secure and successful.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Phase 3 have enjoyed an aspirational afternoon. I was really happy to have a visit from my former pupil Remaya Robinson-Beckford who was in our Year 6 in 2015. She is now studying Law at university. Remaya also does amazing mentoring work through her non-profit venture. She was a great inspiration to our girls in Year 5 and Year 6. Mrs Lahoria



Former pupil Remaya and our Head Girls

Remaya said: *"It was lovely coming back to Blakesley and seeing all my old teachers, everyone is so welcoming and happy to hear about my journey. The girls are very ambitious and everyone asked questions, and were eager to get advice on secondary school and university."*



In Autumn 2, a small group of 12 children, from across the school, came together to form a council to support children with Special Educational Needs within the school. The idea was to give children who found parts of school life difficult a voice to say how things could be improved.



Their first task was to come up with a name for the group. They decided to call it The Help Council as they wanted to Help Everyone Love People. Since the initial meeting, the Help Council has run a stall at the Christmas Fayre, shown important visitors around the school and monitored the use of visual aids within the classroom. The visitors they have shown around the school have been very complimentary about their knowledge and confidence. They have praised the way they school is celebrating diversity and encouraging all pupils to take responsibilities. Most importantly, the children involved are thriving in their roles and are active members of our school.

Mrs. Key

What I Want To Be

A Poem by Taira Abbas-Ardron (Year 6)
(Written after Aspirations Afternoon)

I would like to be a designer,
With my own brand.



I want like to live somewhere beautiful,
A tropical island.



I would like to write things,
I could be a poet.

I believe I can,

I just know it.

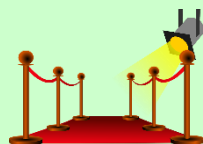


That I would like,

Ten years from now.

I'll be so famous,

Everyone will bow.



GENERAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

Teachers' Strike Action 1st March 2023

We have updated our Medicines in School Policy, a copy can be sent upon request from our school office.



Welcome!
Ms. Webbe, Deputy
SENCO
Covering maternity leave
for Ms. Thorne.

Miss Cameron has secured an opportunity to work at another Birmingham school, we wish her good luck and success in her support of that school.

Congratulations to Ms. Thorne on the birth of a healthy baby boy last Friday.