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Here comes the Summer!



We are delighted to announce that after submitting a bid via the Essential Life Skills Fund, school has received funding which we will use to provide a range of extra-curricular activities that help to promote non-cognitive abilities including: self-confidence, discipline, perseverance, respect, teamwork and curiosity in children.

This is part of a 2 year programme and will continue into 2018 - 19.

Staff have been busy organizing activities which will not only enthuse and interest our pupils but will also give them an opportunity to participate in something they may not have previous experience of. All of the following activities are free of charge and fully resourced. The sessions will take place this term. Parents should receive a letter from their child's class teacher which will provide more details and dates.

Year 1 – Visual story telling activities

Year 2 – Mindful observational drawing activities

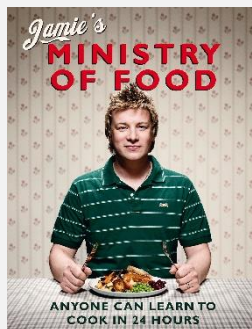
Year 3 – Breakdance workshops

Year 4 – Jamie's Ministry of Food Workshops (basic cookery with taster sessions for parents)

Year 5 – Den building and campfire cookery at The Big Swing Adventure Playground – Eccleshill

Year 6 – Animation workshops at Bradford Science and Media Museum

School will continue to provide follow-up activities from these sessions.



It's beginning to look a lot like Summer!

As the weather finally appears to be improving, we are taking full advantage of our school field at break times, lunchtimes and for some lessons outdoors. A reminder to parents that sunhats, sun cream and water bottles are advisable to help prevent heat and sun stroke.

Upcoming Events/ Diary Dates

SPORTS DAYS

A reminder about our annual sport's days - weather permitting these will be held on the following dates:

**Reception and KS1 -
Monday 4th June (pm)**

**Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday
6th June (pm)**

**Year 5 and 6 – Thursday 7th
June (pm)**

More details to follow. All welcome!

PTFA SUMMER FAIR

Our Summer Fair will be on **Saturday 30th June, 1pm – 3pm**. Our PTFA are working tirelessly to organise donations, stalls and activities for the day. Thank you in advance for all parent donations – we are sure that it will be a huge success!



Music lessons

Mr. Bloom, who teaches guitar and ukulele to our year 5 and 6 pupils, will be providing small group music tuition as an extra-curricular activity after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays after the Spring Bank holiday. The sessions will provide five pupils from year 5 and five pupils from year 6 the opportunity to construct, improvise and practice musical compositions. The sessions will be for 4 weeks commencing Wednesday 6th June (Year 5) and Thursday 7th June (Year 6) from 3:15 – 4:15pm at a cost of £3.00 per session. Places will be allocated on a 'first come' basis. Parents of children interested, should contact the school office for further details/to reserve a place.



As you know, most of our extra-curricular activities are free for our children as these are usually run by school staff and the help of volunteers.

All clubs are very well attended and staff work very hard to offer a number of clubs to cover a range of interests, free of charge.

Writing competition

The T&A are launching a writing /drawing competition to celebrate 150 years of news reporting across the Bradford district. Mrs. Rashid is desperate for Blakehill pupils to be involved and achieve acknowledgement for their super writing and artistic skills. An attachment to this newsletter will provide further details of how to enter. Good luck Blakehill!

Last week, Mckensy Roebuck (6R) received an award in our Monday Celebration assembly for getting one of her short stories published. We are incredibly proud of her! Another Bronte in the making?



Royal Wedding Garden Party



On Friday 18th May, school will be holding a 'right royal garden party' to mark the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Lunch will hopefully be on the school field and we hope to celebrate in style with bunting, banners, picnic boxes and music. There is no extra cost to parents and children may come in non-uniform if they wish for the day (**red**, white and **blue**). Lunch options need to be made via ParentPay.

Together We Can



Working together to improve reading



Interested and excited readers



SATS

Next week our year 6 children will complete their end of KS2 SATs. We are really proud of all of their effort and hard work, particularly over the last few months. We would like to wish them all the very best of luck and we are confident that they will all demonstrate their own, individual potential.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY DURING WEEK COMMENCING 14TH MAY.
Thank you.



This can be a very stressful time for the children. Plenty of hugs and kisses, early nights and fresh air helps relaxation and boosts confidence.

Our year 2 pupils are completing their end of KS1 SAT tests throughout the month of May. These started this week with the Reading Paper.

The children are still smiling...

Good luck Year 2!

Attendance

Weekly 100% Attendance draw

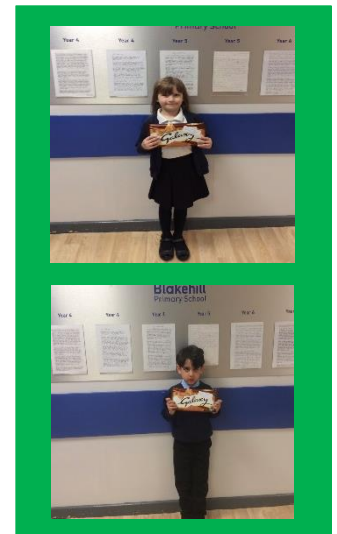
Well done to Emily Bacchus (2S) and Hassan Kinndy (1W) for winning the weekly 100% attendance prize.

Best Class attendance

Class Attendance winners for 30th April and 8th May are: **2P with 99.7% and 5L with 98.7%**

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 30th April and Tuesday 8th May.



RD Dominik Polec and Jay Stoneman

RG Tilly North and Charlie Edginton

1W Lacey Ansbro and Amelia Sparkes

1P Lyla Waterhouse and Alexander Sherriff

2S Alfie Williams and Bilal Parvez

2P Yusef Khan and Ivy Thornton

3H Lily WorriLOW and Natalie Coe

3R Lucas Murphy and Kaiden Bentley

4J Rehan Hussain and the whole class

4L The whole class and Priya Jackson

5R Archie Matthews and James Wright

5L Lois Watson and Madinah Abbas

6R Dylan Faulkner and Joseph Young

6G Jaya Bhandal, Steven Hague and Liam Jeffery

Parents are welcome to attend our class assemblies held on Fridays at 2.45pm.

Please note: For child protection and safeguarding reasons we request that photos and videos should be used for personal use only and not shared on social media. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

11 May: 1P

18 May: 1W

25 May: 3R

8 June: 3H

22 June: 2S

29 June: 2P

6 July: RD

13 July: RG

Kind Regards,

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