

29 January 2016

## Newsletter 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs. Hall (5S) who was appointed Assistant Head Teacher at Blakehill last week. We wish her every success in her new role.

We also have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor please contact the school office for further details.

### Young Voices at Sheffield Arena

Pupils from Key Stage 2 had an excellent evening among five thousand children at the Sheffield Arena in the 2016 Young Voices choir festival. The children had been practicing hard throughout the Autumn term to ensure that their voices and dance moves were second to none! The event was a truly magical experience for everyone including the parents who watched in a packed Arena.

Many thanks to Mrs. Bedell, Mrs. Marsden and Mrs. Scott for all their hard work in organising the visit and putting the pupils through their paces and to Miss Dickinson and Mrs. Corbridge for giving up their time to help on the day.

### Blakehill Bloggers

A small group of pupils from our year 5 and 6 classes meet after school every Friday to update our school blog with pictures, information and videos of some events that have taken place in school that week. They work very hard and do a fabulous job, (under the watchful eye of Mr. Lowe and Miss Lea) of keeping the blog current and packed with interesting events. Currently, there are some wonderful pictures of our KS1 children 'getting messy' during Science Club, photos of the Year 2 visit to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Alhambra and videos of the Young Voices event in Sheffield. Keep up the hard work Bloggers!

### Media Literacy - Eldorado

This term, our year 3 pupils are participating in a unit of work which combines English and Media. Over the coming weeks the children will be writing, editing, revising and performing their own stories with the grand finale resulting in the production of short films. These films will then be shown to parents at a special 'B'Oscars' evening and will celebrate the hard work and achievement of all of the pupils in the year 3 classes.

### Diary Dates

Parents Teacher Consultation Evenings:

**Tuesday 15 March and Thursday 17 March: 3.45pm - 7.00pm.**

**Please note:** Parents will be able to make appointments via ParentMail or the school office from Monday 29 February.

Prior to Parent Teacher Consultation Evening, parents will receive a **Mid Term Report** which provides information on their child's progress. These will be given out on **Friday 11 March.**

**Class photos will be on Friday 18 March**

### Parent Workshops Reminder

We mentioned in the last newsletter that parents will be invited in to school to find out more about the English and Maths being taught at Blakehill and ways in which parents can help. The dates for these are:

**Years 5 and 6: Tuesday 12 April at 6:00pm**

**Years 3 and 4: Tuesday 19 April at 6:00pm**

**Key Stage One (Reception class, Years 1 and 2): Thursday 21 April at 6:30pm**

## School Discos

Our Spring Term school discos will be on **Tuesday 2 February**

**Reception and KS1: 5:00pm – 6:00pm**

**KS2 6:15pm – 7:15pm**

The theme is 'cosy pjs' and as always there will be refreshments on sale for the children to purchase including milky drinks, cookies and toast. Thank you to children in Mr Sidebottom's class who have designed posters to promote the event and can be viewed around school.

Entrance to the discos is via the main school office. Children will leave the disco through the Year 1 doors in the KS1 playground where they can be picked up by parents. Many thanks to the PTFA and staff who give up their time to organise, attend and supervise these events.

The next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 23 February. All new members are very welcome.

## Year 1 Gurdwara

Year 1 had a wonderful day at the Gurdwara this week where they were able to find out a little more about the Sikh faith and visit their place of worship. Many thanks to Mrs Pinder and Mrs Rashid for organising the visit and to the staff and parent helpers who accompanied the children.

## Polite Reminders:

Our Site Manager, Ms Blackmore has reported that dogs are still being brought onto the playground.

Dogs **are not** allowed onto the school premises. The safety of our children is a priority and we always endeavour to take the necessary precautions to try to limit potential risks to pupil safety. We ask for and appreciate your support with this.

There have been reports of some pupils arriving at school as early as 8:10am without supervision. School does not start until 8:45. Parents should be aware that there is no adult provision on the playgrounds until 8:30am.

## Class Assemblies for Spring Term 2016

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

29 January: 6R    5 February: 1P    26 February: 1R    4 March: RD    11 March: RW

## Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	18 and 25 January 2016
6W	Joseph Wilson and Warren Bentley
6R	Owen Cockson and Whole class
5S	Thomas Bacon and Oliver Hough
5H	Chloe Ayres and Leo North
4G	Jayven Momi and Jacob Harris
4L	Liliella Leyland-Dennett and George Dwyer
3L	Madinah Abbas, Kian Hudson and Daniel Coe
3G	Daniel Hodgson and Abdullah Alrowili
2S	Dylan Charlton and Ruby Donnan
2R	Deacon Barker and Ava Bather
1R	Zack Earley and Kizzi Peltier
1P	Harvey Henderson – Marsay and Kaiden Bentley
RW	Daisy Carr and Olivia Walmsley
RD	Alizah Ali and Blake Banks

Class Attendance trophy winners 18 January: 4L and RD with 98.7%

Class Attendance trophy winners 25 January: 6W with 100%

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

L. Keighley  
Head of School

