

Blakehill Primary School

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Young Voices

Our Young Voices Choir visited Sheffield Arena last Thursday to perform a medley of songs with 5000+ other primary aged children from across the north of England to an audience of family and friends.

The children enjoyed the experience of being part of something on this scale – it really was an exhilarating event.

Special thanks to Mrs Marsden and Mrs Bedell for championing the Young Voices choir at Blakehill. See you next year Sheffield!



PTFA Summer Fair

The PTFA are busy making plans for this year's Summer Fair. This is the first Summer Fair that we have had in two years and we are hoping that it will be our biggest and best EVER!

Historically these have been a huge success and have been a great way to welcome the wider community to our school.

More details of how you can be involved will follow. The date of Blakehill's Summer Fair is **Saturday 11th June**.

Our next meeting is at 6pm, in school, on **Thursday 12th May**. All welcome

Good Luck Year 6

Good luck to our Year 6 pupils who 'sit' their end of primary school KS2 assessments next week.

All pupils in 6H and 6R will complete assessments in Reading, Mathematics, Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation. The outcomes of these are shared externally with feeder secondary schools and school performance organisations such as OFSTED, the DfE and our Local Authority.

These children have worked incredibly hard despite having a disrupted education. The SATs will give our pupils the opportunity to recognise and celebrate their achievements.

We are very proud of them all.

Good luck Year 6 – aim high!



Upcoming events/ diary dates

Year 6 SATs week commences:
Monday 9th May

Year 2 SATs commence:
Monday 16th May

Years 4 & 5 Class Photos
Monday 16th May (pm)

Reception class Zoolab visit
Thursday 19th May

Year 3 visit to Leeds City Museum
Thursday 19th May

School closed for Queen's Jubilee Day
Friday 27th May

SPRING BANK

School closes **Thursday 26th May**
School reopens **Monday 6th June**

Sports Days: week commencing Monday 20th June (more details in the body of this newsletter)

Year 1 Phonic Screening: Wk. commencing **Monday 6th June**

End of year reports to parents:
Friday 1st July

Year 6 residential to York:
Wednesday 29th June – Friday 1st July

Thank you to parents and carers who helped out on Year 1's visit to Rodley Nature Reserve this week. Your support is very much appreciated.

Additional External Assessments

Pupils in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 will also be participating in external national assessments during the coming weeks. Parents will receive further information about these from their child's class teacher.

Good luck children – we know you can do it!

School of the Year 2022

Thank you to all parents, staff and friends of Blakehill for your nominations for this year's Telegraph and Argus School of the Year Award. We were humbled by the nominations and very overwhelmed to win the award which we feel reflects the strengths and collective effort of our school community. It is a great way of putting our school and most importantly, Blakehill children on the map! Thank you.




Staff from Blakehill Primary School with their School of the Year award.



Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we will be having a whole school tea party on the school field (weather permitting) on **Thursday 26th May**.

Children can come to school wearing the traditional red, white and blue and bring their own picnic lunch that day or one can be purchased from the school kitchen. More details to follow. 

Brighter and Better - KS2 Mural

The mural, designed by pupils in Year 6 certainly brightens up the KS2 playground. The children wanted something that would encompass what it is like to be a pupil at Blakehill. It highlights our school ethos 'Together We Can' and depicts their memories of educational visits during their time at Blakehill for example; Saltaire, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, places of worship, Ingleborough, Nell Bank etc. What a great legacy year 6!

The mural was designed to commemorate 15 years of headship of the school's previous Headteacher, Mr Patterson who visited school last week. Mr Patterson was both surprised and elated by the gesture and expressed his thanks to all involved. Special thanks to ex pupil Lewis Garth of Garth Docherty Carpentry LTD, who supplied and fitted the boards and local artist Michael Grainger.



To Commemorate
Trevor Patterson
Headteacher of
Blakehill Primary School
2005 - 2020



Sports Day – Diary Dates

Sports Days will go ahead again this year with family and friends welcome to attend. To give parents time to plan ahead, the dates and times of these are:

Year 1 – **Tuesday 21st June: 10:00am – 11:00am**
 Year 4 – **Tuesday 21st June: 2:00pm - 3:00pm**
 Year 3 – **Wednesday 22nd June: 10:00am – 11:00am**
 Year 5 – **Wednesday 22nd June: 2:00pm – 3:00pm**
 Year 6 – **Thursday 23rd June: 2:00pm – 3:00pm**
 Reception – **Friday 24th June: 10:00am -11:00am**
 Year 2 – **Friday 24th June: 2:00pm – 3:00pm**

SEND Parent Forum

Our next parent forum is at **9:00am on Tuesday 24th May**. All parents and friends of Blakehill are welcome to attend these sessions. It is a great way to meet with other parents and gain information and support from health and SEND professionals. Mrs Gould/ Mrs Pinder can provide working parents with further information and the group's communication details if they email via the school office.

Attendance - persistent absentees

There are currently 49 pupils from Year 1 -6 that are on our persistent absentee register. These are pupils whose attendance has fallen below 90%. Once attendance falls below this point, parents are requested to meet with a member of the senior leadership team to discuss next steps, support and further actions to manage poor attendance.

Blakehill Values and Ethos

Pupils at Blakehill receive house points for demonstrating a positive attitude to their learning, trying their best, never giving up, even when faced with challenges, high quality work and supporting others in their learning. This system encourages pride, achievement and teamwork. House points recognise individual and collaborative achievements. All children belong to a house team. The names of these teams have strong links with Bradford and are named after Jowett cars.

KINGFISHER

KESTREL

JAVELIN

JUPITER

Well done **KESTREL** who were our house winners for the whole of last half term. A non-uniform day on **Friday 13th May** will be held to celebrate KESTREL's victory!

Attendance - making every day count!

Current whole school attendance is **94%**. National is 96%. Making sure that your child attends school as regularly as they can is important!

Let's make sure we achieve 96%

Attendance target Blakehill!

Well done to 2P and 2S top attending classes this week - a £5 voucher for you!

Congratulations to our 100% attendance winners!



Celebration Award winners **Tuesday 3rd May**. Well done children we are very proud of you.



Class Assemblies 2021-22

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:30pm. It is a pleasure to once again be able to invite our parents into school to watch their child's assembly. The dates of all class assemblies are:

PLEASE NOTE: 2P assembly in July is on a Thursday.

8th October: 5G

15th October: 5J22nd October: 4R5th November: 4J12th November: 1D19th November: 1G26th November: 3S3rd December: 3R14th January: 6R21st January: 6H28th January: 2S4th February: 2P11th February: RW4th March: RP11th March: 1G18th March: 1D1st April: 6R29th April: 5G6th May: 5J20th May: 3R10th June: 3S17th June: 4J24th June: 4R1st July: RP8th July: RW14th July: 2P15th July: 2S

Please note: For child protection and safeguarding reasons, we request that all photos and videos should be for personal use only and not shared on social media without the consent of other parents