Blakehill Primary School

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OFSTED

Last week OFSTED visited Blakehill to complete a full 2-day Inspection of our School. It was a pleasure to have them on site and for them to see our school in 'full swing.'

I would like to extend my thanks to all those involved in the Inspection process, to parents/ carers for their words of praise for the school and a special mention to our children who really are the stars of the show. They shone a spotlight on all that we do here to make our school THE BEST!

The report will be published shortly and it will be my pleasure to share this with you all. What a super way to start the half term!



Cycle to School

Our cycle/ scooter to school initiative has been a huge success and definite winner in the eyes of the children – a great way to promote health and wellbeing!

After the half term break, children will be encouraged to walk to school. We are hoping to bring the return of our cycle to school back in the summer.

Thank you to parents/carers for supporting this and to the children for being careful and responsible drivers.

Reminder - Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 24th November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 25th November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.

It is that time of year again where parents are given the opportunity to meet and speak with their child's class teacher at our Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings. Ten- minute slots are available for parents to discuss their child's progress, attainment, effort and behaviour.

You will be able to book an appointment for this from **Monday 2nd November** via eSchools. Please contact the school office should you require help with accessing this.

Your child's mid-term review will be sent out on **Friday 20th November.**

Blakehill Open Classrooms

Prior to Parent/ Teacher Consultation evenings, parents/carers of children in all classes are invited into school on **Tuesday 17th November from 3:30pm-4:30pm** to meet the teacher and look through their child's work. It's a great opportunity for your child to share their learning. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Wake up Shake up daily
8:30am -8:45am

Forest schools
Every Tuesday afternoon

Rock Steady and Learn to Rock Music Lessons
Every Thursday

School Reopens:
Monday 2nd November

Year 5 Residential to Buckden
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th November

Reception Class Planetarium
Tuesday 3rd November

Bradford Sustainability Summit-pupils in year 5
Thursday 5th November

Knife Crime – Police Awareness for years 5/6
Friday 6th November

Cross Country event
Tuesday 10th November

Year 4 WW2 Day
Friday 27th November

Pupil mid term reports to parents **Friday 20th November**

Children in Need Day
Friday 13th November

Year 6 – Rewind to Christmas
Tuesday 24th November

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings
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3.45 p.m-7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 25th November
3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.

Parent Sleep Clinic
Wednesday 25th November@9:00am

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Spread the news!

Tour dates for our prospective Reception pupils and their families began this week, with our first tour on Thursday 22nd October. We are ALWAYS heavily over-subscribed. Don't miss out - make sure you book a visit early!





Year 4 Nell Bank

Residentials are a smashing way to develop character skills and to discover more about the great outdoors and the world around us.

Children in year 4 had an action packed and energetic few days away in Ilkley last week – even the 6-mile walk wasn't enough to tire them out come bedtime. Thank you to staff who volunteer to help, ensuring our children have residential opportunities. We still have some items of lost property. Please speak to a member of the year 4 team to collect these.

Poppies, wristbands and pencils will be available to buy on our return to school after the holidays to commemorate Remembrance Day. Cost: 20p-£1. Limited to 1 item per child.



Staff News

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Grattan (3G) and Mrs Taylor, (our 87- year-old lunchtime supervisor) this week following a period of illness and recovery. Thank you to Mrs Scott who did a sterling job in 3G and although Mrs Keighley tried her best in the hall at lunchtime, NO-ONE can replace Mrs Taylor!

We look forward to welcoming Mr Nicklin (4N) and Mrs Lister back to school after the half-term holiday.

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The Best Days of our Lives

We look at enriching learning experiences every day, providing our children with a curriculum that is broad, rich, engaging and meaningful. Take a peek at some of our learning so far…





PLEASE Keep Us Safe

The school council on their mission and leading the way in raising awareness of safe and considerate parking. Yellow lines, zig zags, kerbs, resident driveways and on bends are BIG No Nos!

We come first – 5 minutes late to school never hurt anyone!

Unsafe parking can kill.

★ What is it about this great school of ours that creates winners? Ah yes…opportunity, determination, effort, belief and practice! Another highly cross- country event. See you at the finals Bradford!







Pumpkin fun in Rainbow Room this week with children cutting and scraping, squeezing and squishing to create their Jack-o- Lanterns. Looks like everyone had a pumpkinabulous time!

Those smiles tell us everything we need to know about our U11s girls' team performance at the National Cup earlier this week. Teamwork most definitely makes the dreamwork!

Proud to be Blakehill!



Tasked with several investigative problems, our year 6 pupils were expert at demonstrating their electrical circuit wizardry.

Electrifyingly illuminating!



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Blakehill Values and Ethos

House Points

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

During our Monday morning celebration assembly, the house with the greatest number of house points achieved the previous week is announced.

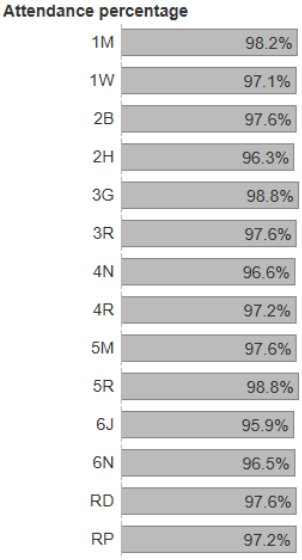
Well done to JAVELIN who were our house winners this week.

Attendance - making every day count!

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100% attendance at school is extremely important in helping all pupils achieve their full academic potential. We recognise that good attendance and punctuality are crucial to raising standards and pupil attainment. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. During our weekly celebration assembly, the highest attending class of the week receives a £5 voucher to spend or save. All children that have 100% attendance that week are entered for a weekly prize draw.

How is your class doing?



2B and 3G achieved top attendance with 99.2% last week!

Current whole school attendance: 97.4%

Celebration Assembly award winners: Friday 9th September and 16th October





Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday morning at 9:30am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2026/7 class assemblies are:

6N: Friday 15th January

6J: Friday 22nd January

5R: Friday 29th January

5M: Friday 5th February

4N: Friday 12th February

4R: Friday 26th February

3G: Friday 5th March

3R: Friday 12th March

RD: Friday 23rd April

RP: Friday 7th May

1W: Thursday 20th May

1M: Friday 28th May

2H: Friday 18th June

2B: Friday 25th June

Both Reception Classes Graduation Ceremony: Friday 9th July

Please note:

For child protection and safeguarding purposes, we request that photos and videos are for personal use only and not shared on social media etc. unless express permission from the parent concerned is given.