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Summer Term 2024

Here We Come Wembley

We are in the final hours before our U11 boys' football team play in the Utilita Kids Cup Grand Final at Wembley on Sunday 19th May, I know that the whole school community would like to wish them all the very best. It has been an incredible 18-month journey for this team who have continued to strive for excellence and who have put Bradford and Blakehill Primary School on the sporting map.

There has been lots of media interest in this modest local team which I am sure will rocket if/when they win.

The team will travel to Wembley on Saturday ahead of the game and plan to leave the school premises about 10:30am for those of you that would like to show your support and give them a mighty send off.



KS2 SATs

Well done pupils in Year 6 who completed their end of primary SATs this week. It has been a delight to work alongside such focussed and hardworking pupils who have given their 'all.'

We are proud of you all!

Thank you to all staff involved who ensured that the week was well organised and ran smoothly for the children.

KS2 assessment results should be shared with school on Tuesday 9th July. Pupils and their parents will be notified of the outcomes shortly after this date.



Upcoming events/diary dates
this term

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

Positive Start daily
8:30am - 8:45am

School closes for half term **Tuesday 21st May and reopens on Monday 3rd June**

Year 4 Multiplication Check
Week comm: Monday 3rd June

Year 6 Residential to Castle Howard
Wednesday 5th June – Friday 7th June

Circus visit to Reception
Wednesday 5th June

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
Week comm: Monday 10th June

Year 2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thursday 13th June

PTFA Father's Day Stall
Friday 14th June

Whole school Shakespeare Workshops
Wednesday 19th June
Thursday 20th June

Sports Days 2024
Monday 24th June – Year 5 and 6 (am)
Monday 24th June – Year 1 and 2 (pm)
Tuesday 25th June – Year 3 and 4 (am)
Tuesday 25th June – Reception (pm)

Year 1 visit to Skipton Castle
Wednesday 26th June

May Day celebrations

What a wonderful day we had today, the whole school was in glorious colour to celebrate May Day. Children in Reception and KS1 provided a super procession of their bikes, scooters and prams while year 4 performed traditional maypole dances.

A picnic lunch provided a perfect end to a perfect day.

Thank you to everyone involved and for making this a memorable occasion for the children.



Health Week Reminder - week commencing Monday 24th June 2024

Teachers are planning activities for Health Week 2024 to raise an awareness of the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Activities will include: physical activity, healthy eating, visits from health professionals, competitions and good old-fashioned fresh air fun!

Sports days will take place during Health Week and this year will be participant and competition focussed. Families are welcome to attend.

Monday 24th June – Year 5 and 6 (am) from 9:30am

Monday 24th June – Year 1 and 2 (pm) from 1:30pm

Tuesday 25th June – Year 3 and 4 (am) from 9:30am

Tuesday 25th June – Reception (pm) from 1:30pm

There will be a whole school inflatable obstacle course on **Thursday 27th June** for all children to enjoy.

Parents/carers who have a health/wellbeing background and would like to visit school to work with the children, please contact Mr Lumb via the school office.

Come Learn with Me

Thank you, Mrs. Shaw, the Year 4 team and Mr. Lumb for organising and delivering a fabulous 'come learn with me' session for parents and children last week. It is a great way of involving parents in our learning and the outdoor activities and pleasant weather made it even better.

We hope to hold many more of these sessions over the coming months.



Staff News

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Rashid back to school on Monday following her maternity leave. Mrs Rashid will teach 2G when Miss Gardner goes on maternity leave in June.

Congratulations to Mr Poole (6P) on the birth of his first child, Oliver, last week. Although Mr Poole is enjoying a short paternity leave before returning to school fully after the half term break, he couldn't resist being in school this week to support the pupils in his class through SATs week – what a superstar!

Year 5 Residential

Pupils in Year 5 will visit Buckden House in the beautiful Upper Wharfedale Valley for their 4-night residential in November. We are delighted that this outdoor activity visit can still take place after news of the closure of Ingleborough Hall. We are sure that this will be a great learning experience and a lot of fun.

Dance Mania

Children who attend our cheerleading and dance after school club performed to an audience of parents, carers, governors and staff last week. Pupils from Low Ash Primary School also joined us. These pupils will perform at the opening ceremony of our summer term Blakehill's Got Talent.

Sun Safety

Although the sunny weather and warmer temperatures are still to make a significant appearance, we encourage children to wear sunscreen and sunhats to school. Mrs Scott delivered a 'Sun Safety' assembly last week reminding children about the importance of keeping safe in the sun.

Water bottles and light clothing are also advisable.

Learning = Fun

Learning should be fun, engaging and exciting and we continue to try to provide many opportunities to enrich the learning for our pupils. Visits, visitors and events help us to do this. Follow us on Facebook for more...



The inter school cross-country event organised by Mr Lumb and hosted at Blakehill Primary School was a huge success and provided children from across the area with the opportunity to compete locally. What a great turnout! Amazing effort by everyone. Look out for more opportunities in the Autumn Term.



Rain definitely doesn't stop play for our U9 and U11 girl's football teams who enjoyed a friendly tournament against Low Ash girls last week. Lionesses in the making...



Girls just wanna have fun (and sport) at Blakehill Primary School. A great afternoon of friendly inter school netball was had by all last week. Some great talent here!



Children in Reception learning first-hand about life cycles released their butterflies this week.

The children loved watching the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly.



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 KINGFISHER – house of the week!

Attendance - making every day count!

100% Attendance Winners.



Well done 4S top attending class.
Keep working hard.



Whole school attendance 96%

Celebration Assembly Winners for 29th April and 7th May



Class assemblies are held every Friday at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please ensure that you are on time to avoid disruption to the assembly. The dates and time of these are:

- 1W: Friday 23rd February
 - 1M: Friday 1st March
 - RD: Friday 8th March
 - RS: Friday 15th March
 - 5GH: Friday 12th April
 - RW: Friday 19th April
 - 4SJ: Friday 26th April
 - 4So: Friday 3rd May
 - 3S: Friday 10th May
 - 3D: Friday 7th June
 - 2G: Friday 14th June
 - 2H: Friday 21st June
 - 1W: Friday 28th June
 - 1M: Friday 5th July
- Both Reception Classes:
Friday 12th July

Please Note: For safeguarding purposes, we request that photos and videos are used for personal use only and not shared on social media unless permission from the parents concerned has been given. Thank you.