

## Blakehill Primary School

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### Autumn Term 2021

#### Year 1 Visit to Abbey House Museum

Year 1 took a step back in time at Abbey House Museum on Tuesday this week. They visited the museum as part of their History unit to discover more about what life used to be like in the district. Thank you once again for the adult support without which, these visits would be difficult to manage.



#### Road Safety - The Pupils' Voice

Our school council are meeting with local councillor Jeanette Sunderland and a representative from Bradford Highways on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Our pupils want to raise their concerns about the section of Highfield Road directly outside of the school premises. Recently there have been two occasions where the school's perimeter fence had been significantly damaged. Speed limits are often ignored and the lack of parking contribute to the concerns that our pupils will be discussing. This will be a great opportunity for our children to use their voices to express their thoughts and worries to the Council.

#### Year 6 Blackpool Pleasure Beach Visit

On the last day of the half term our Year 6 pupils visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach as part of their DT and Science topics involving mechanisms and forces. Pupils and staff were able to access all rides and amusements during the day and the children had a great time.

We were delighted that this annual event was able to go ahead again this year after two years of the visit being cancelled. The children loved it and, as ever, were a credit to the school throughout the visit.

Thank you to all of the accompanying parents and grandparents for their time, stomachs of steel and their ability to endure a two-hour coach journey with our Year 6's.



#### Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

*Please note: more details to follow*

Sponsored Obstacle Course:  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Reception class visit - Rainbow Factory on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November (postponed)**

Children in Need Day on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November** (wear spots or yellow clothing)

PTFA KS1 Film on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 4:45pm**

PTFA KS2 Film on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 4:45pm**

Year 5 visit to the Yorkshire Coal Mining Museum on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

#### Christmas is Coming...

We are hoping to forge ahead with our usual array of Christmas performances and events this year (COVID permitting). A full Christmas calendar including dates, times and the details of the festivities in our next newsletter.

### Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings

**Tuesday 23 November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.**

**Wednesday 24 November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.**

This year parent/ teacher consultations are virtual. Feedback from parents last year indicated that the telephone consultations were informative and effective in reducing the waiting time between face-to-face appointments, particularly for those families with more than one child in school.

The appointment making process should be easy however if you do experience any difficulties, our admin staff are available to provide support.

You will be able to book your child's appointment from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November** using the information you received by email earlier this week.

### Open Classrooms

Parents have the opportunity to view their child's work in advance of the consultation with their class teacher. Parents can do this by visiting their child's classroom after school on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. This is purely an opportunity for you to look through your child's workbooks and talk to them about their learning.

### Mid-term reports

Your child's mid-term report will be sent to you on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, prior to your appointment. A data collection sheet will accompany this report. Could you please ensure all of the details on this are correct. Please return this to school to allow us to keep our records and contact details up to date. Thank you

### PTFA Cinema Evenings: PTFA

Our PTFA are holding two cinema evenings after school, week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November. This is to replace our Autumn Term school disco. Hot dogs and other refreshments will be available to purchase on the night.

KS1 Film on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 4:45pm**

KS2 Film on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 4:45pm**

Details to follow.

### Sponsored Obstacle Course

A reminder about our sponsored obstacle course on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. Children should bring suitable clothing in preparation for the event.

Parents are very welcome to watch or even better join in and tackle our obstacle course with their child.

The timetable for the event is as follows:

<b>9.15am:</b> Reception classes,	<b>9.45am:</b> Year 2 classes,
<b>10.15am:</b> Year 4 classes,	<b>10.45am:</b> Year 3 classes
<b>11.30am:</b> Year 5 classes,	<b>1.30pm:</b> Year 6 classes
<b>2.30pm:</b> Year 1 classes.	

### Parent Conference

We had a great response to our parent conference on Wednesday afternoon. Andrew Whitehouse, a specialist in neurological disorders, presented to parents who have an interest in childhood social, emotional and communication vulnerabilities.

This conference was attended by many parents and staff from some of the schools in our locality. This is provided as part of our annual SEND offer to our school community. Thank you to all who attended and to Mrs Gould and Mrs Pinder for organising the event.

We are hoping to form a parent support group in the near future.





## Curriculum Enrichment

We place a great emphasis on enriching children's learning experiences across the curriculum; promoting opportunities that help our children develop the skills and knowledge that will help them to become well-rounded and responsible young people. Here are some example of this from the last couple of weeks:



A fantastic effort everyone. The Bradford Foodbank had to make several visits to collect all of the donations this year!



Our Reception children have been sharing ideas about how to chase our worries away with a little help from the Worrysaurus.



## Autumn Term observational drawing in Reception class



Enjoy and  
excel



Remembrance Day is on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. Poppies, wristbands and badges can be bought from the school office





## Blakehill Values and Ethos

### House Points

KINGFISHER

KESTRAL

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 **KINGFISHER** who were our house winners for the whole of last term and celebrated with a non-uniform day today!



## 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 4R and 2P top attending classes - £5 vouchers for you this week!

Well done Eva, Abigail, Jaxson and Jaxson - 100% attendance winners



Celebration Award winners **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

Well done children we are very proud of you!

Also awarded: Eliza Wright (1D) for fantastic effort in Maths

### 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.

8 <sup>th</sup> October: 5G	11 <sup>th</sup> March: 5J
15 <sup>th</sup> October: 5J	18 <sup>th</sup> March: 5G
22 <sup>nd</sup> October: 4R	25 <sup>th</sup> March: 6H
5 <sup>th</sup> November: 4J	1 <sup>st</sup> April: 6R
12 <sup>th</sup> November: 1D	29 <sup>th</sup> April: 1G
19 <sup>th</sup> November: 1G	6 <sup>th</sup> May: 1D
26 <sup>th</sup> November: 3S	20 <sup>th</sup> May: 3R
3 <sup>rd</sup> December: 3R	10 <sup>th</sup> June: 3S
14 <sup>th</sup> January: 6R	17 <sup>th</sup> June: 4J
21 <sup>st</sup> January: 6H	24 <sup>th</sup> June: 4R
28 <sup>th</sup> January: 2S	1 <sup>st</sup> July: RP
4 <sup>th</sup> February: 2P	8 <sup>th</sup> July: RW
11 <sup>th</sup> February: RW	14 <sup>th</sup> July: 2P
4 <sup>th</sup> March: RP	15 <sup>th</sup> 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