

## Blakehill Primary School

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### Autumn Term 2020

#### Children's Wellbeing and Mental Health

Our priority this half term is to focus on the safe and happy return of all children back into face-to-face education. To support our recovery curriculum and bring the school together as a community, we are involved in a number of **whole school** activities. These include:

**ART:** Resident Artist - Tim Curtis creating 'Kind Spaces' through sculpture

**ENGLISH/DRAMA:** Whole school wellbeing project using Story as a vehicle for learning

**PHSCE:** Weekly 'values' assembly and PHSCE lessons

**PE:** Daily Mile in October - Sponsored event

**Caring for our Community:** Turn the School Yellow for a Day - to support Young Minds/ Bradford Foodbank

In sharing our experiences and participating in collaborated and shared learning, we aim to rebuild strong relationships and a cohesive school community.

#### Upcoming events and diary dates for this half term

Kind Spaces sculpture artist  
in school: **Tues 6<sup>th</sup> October -  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Young Minds Charity  
Fundraiser- Yellow Day  
Friday **9<sup>th</sup> October**

Individual photos- **Friday  
16<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 2 Saltaire visitor  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Reception class visit from  
the Rainbow Factory -  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 1 Abbey House  
**Museum visitor - October**

Foodbank collection: **28<sup>th</sup>  
September – 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

School closes for half term:  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

#### Young Minds

The sea of blue usually seen in the classrooms and playgrounds at Blakehill Primary turned yellow today as pupils across the school swapped their navy school colours to raise awareness and funds for Young Minds Mental Health Charity. Well done Blakehill!



#### Road Safety

Our PCSO has requested that parents use the crossing patrol when crossing the road in the mornings and at collection times. During his visit to school this week, he observed several near misses, with parents and children crossing Highfield Road between parked cars and other random places.

Safety first!

### Making Memories

Thank you Miss Dickinson (Year 1D class teacher and Art Leader) for arranging for the artist, Tim Curtis to visit school and work with children to create sculptures made from cardboard. Who knew what wonderful creations our children would produce from a cardboard box! Learning, having fun and creating great memories is THE best kind of schoolwork!

Please remember to check out the class pages on our school website for more pictures and information about your child's learning



### Black History Month

Black History Month takes place from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October every year. Schools play a significant role in teaching children about the importance of having respect and tolerance for all cultures.

At Blakehill, we celebrate Black History in the Autumn term annually: using the opportunity to explore black history, heritage, culture and achievement. Significant consideration is given to the planning of this, with all teaching staff involved as it is recognised and celebrated by the whole school. We will again be completing a unit of study during the Autumn Term this year, after the half term break

As part of this, we will explore and consider the representation of black people in history and how these have helped us to shape the world in which we live today.

We look forward to sharing our learning with you soon!

### Keep Calm and Do the Daily Mile

Children in all classes across school are completing our sponsored Daily Mile challenge this October. The aim is to promote healthy lifestyles in young people whilst raising funds for additional school resources.

Thankfully, the weather has remained fine so far! Keep going Blakehill





### Let there be Music

During the Summer, school had a music system installed with speakers in all cloakrooms and corridors throughout school.

This allows us to provide gentle background music during the day. Music choices link to topics and themes covered in our learning, the work of great composers and classic musical soundtracks. Pupils representative of the school and subject councils in school will be able to suggest music choices (within reason!) at their meetings.

This week we have been listening to the soundtrack to 'The **Greatest Showman**,' a story that focuses on resilience and appreciation of others and setting goals.

The music system has been paid for from funds raised for school through events such as non-uniform days and sponsored activities. Thank you for your support.



### Smart Reading at Blakehill

What clever children we have in KS1. Pupils in Year 1 and 2 have worked hard this week, practising their reading skills daily with a little help from their 'SMARTPHONES.' The phones help the children to hear themselves read and self-correct....ingenious.

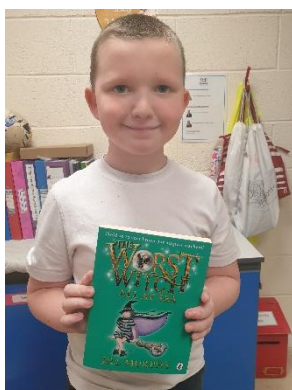
Even the teachers enjoyed hearing the sound of their own voices during Tuesday's staff meeting.



## Attendance

Attendance  
to date is  
96.2%

Great job!  
Thank you  
all!



Highest attending  
classes: 1D and RP  
Well done £5  
vouchers for you!

100% attendance award winners.  
Well done Ben and Phoebe

183

171

## Blakehill Values and Ethos

222

157

### HOUSE POINTS

Pupils at Blakehill receive house points for demonstrating a positive attitude towards their learning, trying their best, never giving up when faced with challenges, high quality effort and work and supporting others with their learning. This system encourages pride, achievement and teamwork. House points at Blakehill recognise independent and collaborative achievements. All children are part of a HOUSE TEAM. Our house teams are named after Jowett cars:

JAVELIN

JUPITER

KESTREL

KINGFISHER

During our Monday Celebration Assembly, the house with the highest number of house points achieved the previous week is announced and celebrated.

Well done to JUPITER who were the house winners last week with 222 points!

Well done to the following children who achieved an award in our Celebration Assembly on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

1G - Elijah Asquith and Louie Marshall  
 1D - Simarjit Kaur and Emma Hyde  
 2S Ceejay Bebb and Tommy-Lee Benn  
 2F - Zachary Banks and Ibrahim Butt  
 3Jo - Grace Atkinson and Olly Carrington  
 3J - Lola Oram and Coben Cooper  
 4W- Josephine Dewhirst and Hollie Preston  
 4H: Lola Normington and Liam Pearson  
 5L - Ivy Thornton and Sahar Abbas  
 5G - Niamh Flack and Megan Wakefield  
 6R - Amber Stoneman and Kaidan Jones  
 6S - Josh Watson and Kaiden Bentley

### Class Assemblies 2020-21

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Usually, parents are welcome to attend their child's assembly however, until further notice; these will be recorded and shared with parents via the school website. The dates of all class assemblies are:

2nd October: 1D	5 <sup>th</sup> March: 6S
9th October: 1G	12th March: 1G
16 <sup>th</sup> October::5G	19 <sup>th</sup> March: 1D
23 <sup>rd</sup> October: 5L	16 <sup>th</sup> April: 5L
13 <sup>th</sup> November: 2S	23 <sup>rd</sup> April: 5G
20 <sup>th</sup> November: 2F	30 <sup>th</sup> April: 3Jo
27 <sup>th</sup> November: 3J	7 <sup>th</sup> May: 3J
4 <sup>th</sup> December: 3Jo	11 <sup>th</sup> June: 2F
15 <sup>th</sup> January: 4H	18 <sup>th</sup> June: 2S
29 <sup>th</sup> January: 4W	25 <sup>th</sup> June: 4W
5 <sup>th</sup> February: RP	2nd July: 4H
12 <sup>th</sup> February: RW	9 <sup>th</sup> July: RW
26 <sup>th</sup> February: 6R	16 <sup>th</sup> July: RP

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