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Welcome Back Year 5

After a delayed and rather wet start to the week, pupils in year 5 arrived in Ingleborough to begin their 5-day residential visit in the Yorkshire Dales. The children had a fabulous time caving, gorge scrambling, hiking, tree climbing, folk dancing and much more!

In a climate where many schools have not resumed residential visits, I would like to thank staff: Mrs Hall, Mrs Gould, Mrs Johnston, Mr Hodges, Mrs Horrocks, Mrs Cavalier-Lumley, Mrs Ross, (and the return of Mr Patterson) for dedicating time away from their own families to ensure that our children are able to have this valuable experience and make lifelong memories.

Their commitment and enthusiasm is very much appreciated.

The children enjoyed a fun filled week of activities. We expect them to be exhausted tonight! Please check our school Twitter and website for photographs of the children in action.



Extra -Curricular Clubs

We have had a great response to our before and after school clubs with many children across school choosing to take part in one of the many clubs offered this term. A list of all clubs available can be found on our school website. Unless a child is representing the school (eg school choir/sporting tournament) there is a charge of £3.00 per club. Please contact the school office to enquire about club availability.

Playground Works

Parents of children in year 1 and 2 may have noticed that we are making some improvements to our KS1 playground. Slowly but surely changes are taking place to include: new floor markings, a performance stage, a reading area, colourful seating and new playground equipment. During the next couple of weeks, murals will be painted on the walls to further enhance the area and transform it from the bland beige and grey to include something a little more colourful!

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Please note: more details to follow

PTFA first meeting: **Tuesday 5 October** 6pm-7pm in school

Year 4 residential to Nell Bank:
Monday 11 October -
Wednesday 13 October

Rainbow Factory visit
Reception class : **Tuesday 12 October**

Year 2 visit Saltaire: **Tuesday 12 October**

Class photographs: **Friday 15 October**

Year 6 visit to Blackpool
Pleasure Beach: **Friday 22 October**

School Closes: **Friday 22 October. This will be a non-uniform day**

School Reopens: **Monday 1 November**

School Sponsored Obstacle Course: **Wednesday 3 November (details to follow)**

Snacks in school

Children in Reception class, Year 1 and 2 receive free fruit daily as part of the Healthy Schools initiative. Children can bring snacks from home. These should be either: fruit, vegetables or a cereal bar.

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings - Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 24 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. These will be virtual again this year

Ten minute slots are available for parents to discuss their child's progress, attainment, effort and behaviour.

Details on how to book an appointment will be provided shortly. Please contact the school office should you require help with accessing this.

Bradford Food Bank

This year, as in previous years, Blakehill will be supporting the Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank, a local, volunteer organisation that works tirelessly to provide food supplies for impoverished families within our community.

A special assembly was held today which highlighted the plight of some of these families/individuals.

A letter from Mrs Pinder, who co-ordinates this appeal will follow shortly to advise you on how you can help to support the appeal if you wish to do so.



Together We Can
 Well done to Mrs Gould, Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo who received an award last week acknowledging her commitment to sustaining and strengthening parental engagement at Blakehill.



Open Classrooms

On Tuesday 9th November 3:30pm -4:30pm, we would like to invite you into school to visit your child's classroom where your child can show you their work so far this term. It will be a great way for you to share your child's learning journey in their new class.

Walk for Belle

On **Saturday 9th October**, staff at Blakehill are completing a walk to remember Isabelle Ellis. Isabelle, a pupil at Blakehill, passed away in September 2018 during her final year at our school.

Our 'Walk for Belle' gives us the opportunity to come together to remember Isabelle whilst raising funds for Candlelighters, the charity that provided vital care and support for Isabelle and her family.

Blakehill pupils and their families are welcome to join us on our walk along the Leeds-Liverpool canal. It would be lovely to see you there!

We will be meeting outside of the café in **Robert's Park, Saltaire at 9:30am on Saturday 9th October** and aim to walk to Bingley Five Rise Locks and back.

Donations can be handed in to the staff in the school office if you wish to do so.

PTFA - First Meeting

Our PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends of Blakehill) are raring to get together to start planning events to raise additional funds that are used to add the extra 'sparkly bits' to school life for the children.

In the past the PTFA have funded whole school pantomimes, visits from a travelling circus, funday events and provided additional home reading resources amongst many other activities/ resources.

The first meeting is on **Tuesday 5th October 6pm-7pm at school**. Members new and old will receive a hearty welcome.

Come and help us make that little bit more of a difference!

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:



Year 6
star
home
readers



Our youngest pupils in
Reception class
demonstrate that they can
learn independently and
cooperatively. What super
children!

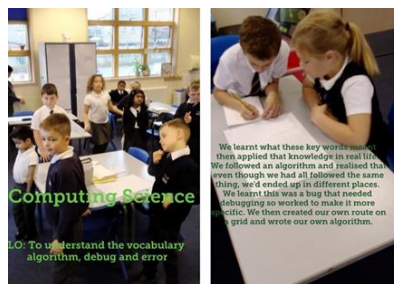


Maths: Place Value

LO: To find 1s, 10s and 100s more or less than



We struggled to apply our place value learning especially when we had to exchange. Having used practical resources, we worked in pairs doing table maths to support each other and address this.



Computing Science

LO: To understand the vocabulary algorithm, debug and error

We learnt what these key words meant then applied that knowledge in real life. We followed an algorithm and realised that even though we had all followed the same thing, we'd ended up in different places. We learnt this was a bug that needed debugging so worked to make it more efficient. We then created our own route on a grid and wrote our own algorithm.



Year 3 working together to problem solve in Maths

Enjoy and
excel



Jordan,
James and
Mr
Simmons
supporting
our positive
play culture

Blakehill Values and Ethos

113

136

120

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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

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 last week with **136** house points!

Making every day count!

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.

Well done to our celebration award winners from Monday 20th and 27th September

1G - Ava Elliott for excellent reasoning in maths and **Ruby Hibbitts** for increased confidence, independence and persevering in all tasks set in class.

1D - Beau Broscome for writing excellent sentences independently and **Penny Jones** for working really hard in 1D!

2S - Ollie Porter for trying really hard in all his writing and **Olivia Fry** for working so hard with her writing

2P - Isla Regan for wonderful writing about Traction Man and **Isabella Brigg** for fantastic ideas and great writing about George's Marvellous Medicine!

3S - Ajai Singh for always being ready to learn and having a go and **Millie Gait** for always being ready and trying her best

3R - Freddie Bottomley- Bedell for being ready to perform at his best and **George Gascoigne** for having a can do attitude!

4J - Dottie Royston for persevering with her learning and **Leo Gaunt** for putting 100% into his learning

4R - Sydney Dixon for sharing idea and **Riley McHugh** for great ideas and effort in writing

5Jo - MaKean Hutchinson for working hard in everything he does and **Nadwa Noushad** Responding to feedback and going back to improve work

5G - Alfie Hopwood for trying his best in everything and **Maisy Dawes** for her great grid referencing skills in map work

6R - Louis Greaves for rising to the challenge in year 6 and **Christopher McHugh** for fantastic focus and application of learning.

6H - Sachleen Kaur for listening to and responding to feedback and **Amy Hunter** for writing a letter with a range of clauses and showing empathy to character

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

11th March: 5J

15th October: 5J

18th March: 5G

22nd October: 4R

25th March: 6H

5th November: 4J

1st April: 6R

12th November: 1D

29th April: 1G

19th November: 1G

6th May: 1D

26th November: 3S

20th May: 3R

3rd December: 3R

10th June: 3S

14th January: 6R

17th June: 4J

21st January: 6H

24th June: 4R

28th January: 2S

1st July: RP

4th February: 2P

8th July: RW

11th February: RW

14th July: 2P

4th March: RP

15th 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