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Autumn Term 2021

Year 4 Residential Nell Bank, Ilkley

Our Year 4 pupils returned to school on Wednesday after their 3 day residential to Nell Bank Activity Centre in Ilkley. The children were very excited on Monday morning as we waved them goodbye; for many of them this was the first time away from their families.

In addition to pond-dipping, minibeast hunting and a hike into Ilkley, the adults entertained the children at night with storytelling, singing and even line dancing! I am sure that the children will have created memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you once again to staff accompanying the children and ensuring that everyone is safe, has fun and enjoy spending time together. The photos say it all!



Year 2 Saltaire Visit

Our Year 2 children enjoyed a great day out in Saltaire on Tuesday, learning about Sir Titus Salt and life in Victorian Britain, particularly the lives of children and adults who lived in the village.

Staff would like to thank parents for their help in accompanying the children on the visit and for making the day memorable and enjoyable for all.



Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Please note: more details to follow

Class photographs: **Friday 15th October**

Flu Immunisations (parents already notified and responded) **Thursday 21st October**

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

Year 1 visit to Abbey House Museum - **Wednesday 3rd November**

Sponsored Obstacle Course: **Wednesday 10th November**

Reception class visit - Rainbow Factory on **Thursday 11th November**

Children in Need Day on **Friday 12th November**

Year 5 visit to the Yorkshire Coal Mining Museum on **Thursday 25th November**

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

School Reopens: **Monday 1st November**

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 22nd October is non-uniform day. There is a £1 'fine' for not wearing uniform. Halloween costumes are acceptable too!



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.

Mid Term Reports

Mid- term reports will be sent to parents on **Friday 19th November**. This will provide you with information about your child's progress so far, effort, behaviour and attitudes to learning. You may want to discuss this at your upcoming parent/teacher consultation meeting.

Open Classrooms - reminder

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.

Upcoming PTFA Events

Our PTFA met last week to discuss ideas for fund raising events next term. In addition to a Christmas Fair and a Secret Christmas Shop, they are planning to hold film nights for children in KS1 and KS2. More details will follow.

I would like to express our appreciation to this dedicated team of parent and teacher volunteers who are positive and proactive about supporting the children and families of Blakehill. Look out for the date for the next meeting.....all welcome!



Bradford Food Bank

Thank you to all families that have already donated non-perishable food items to our Food Bank Appeal this year. These donations will make a difference to the lives of many families across the district. All items will be collected on Thursday 17th October.

Year 5 and 6 school councillors helped Mrs Keighley interview and appoint three new lunchtime supervisors yesterday. The children were very focussed on the attributes that they were looking for in a lunchtime supervisor, indicating that a successful candidate must:

- Listen to children
- Like children
- Smile
- Be kind and caring
- Be committed to making sure children are safe
- Friendly
- Reassure us

It was an exhausting process but by the end of the morning we felt confident that we had the right people for the job!

Thank you children.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in any of the after school clubs running this term - there are still a few places left! Watch out for new clubs after the half term.



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:



More fun at Nell Bank for Year 4.



Remembering
Belle

"Make a Wish
Everybody"

Oscar



Enjoy and
excel



It feels
great to be
back at our
after school
clubs



Year 6 - I like me

Blakehill Values and Ethos

339

398

308

324

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 last week with 398 house points!



Attendance - making every day count!

Current whole school attendance is 94.6%. 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 2S and 2P top attending classes - £5 vouchers for you this week!

Well done Hayzar and Aavan - 100% attendance winners

Well done to our celebration award winners from Monday 4th and 11th October

1G- Jenson Wilkinson for giving 100% in his learning and **Isabella O'Toole** for great reasoning in maths demonstrating sound knowledge of place value

1D - Hasan Khan for producing some fantastic independent writing and **Eva Dobson** for super independent writing in her English

2S - Isla McConnaughie for trying her best and producing lovely work and **Phoebe Brearley** who works hard all of the time

2P - Alyssa Gait for being independent and helping to others on the carpet and **Alfie Taylor** for impressing Miss Preston in Smart Reading and great inference

3S- Teigan Crossley for her enthusiastic attitude towards writing and using lots of noun phrases and **Ranveer Singh** for regularly reading at home.

3R- Nelly Papierniak for trying her best and using the success criteria in her writing and **Austin Fleming** for having a can do attitude and really working hard to improve his work

4R- Dylan Bath for his writing about the journey of a river full which was full of description and detail and **Jaxon Bell** for giving 100% effort

4J- Charlie Edginton for giving 100% and persevering with problem solving in maths and **Blake White** for his conscientious approach to learning
5J-The whole class for demonstrating resilience and teamwork and **Joshua Wakefield** for demonstrating a positive hardworking attitude towards learning

5G- Ryan Elwood for having a positive attitude towards activities at Ingleborough and **Zachary Donkin** for demonstrating excellent effort in school and at home with his learning.

6H- Blake Banks for sharing ideas and actively listening during whole class discussions and **Harleen Toor** for demonstrating great empathy and including detail in her writing

6R- Patrick Williams for giving 100% and for being a super role model for year 6 and **Dexter Owen** for demonstrating a can do attitude and for trying his hardest in everything he does.

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.

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