

## Blakehill Primary School

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### Spring Term 2019

*We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our pupils and their families after the Easter break and the recent Bank Holiday. Although this is a short half term, it is always a very busy one at Blakehill.*

#### Key Stage SATS

We would like to wish all of the children in Year 2 and Year 6 good luck in their SATs this month. We are **extremely proud** of all of their hard work in preparing for these End of Key Stage assessments.

Staff work very hard to ensure that access arrangements for the implementation of these tests meet all of our children's needs.

**Therefore, it is essential that pupils particularly in Year 6 attend school every day during SATs week so that they have the very best opportunity to achieve their full potential.**

Parents of pupils in these classes should have received additional information from their child's class teacher. If you have any concerns, requests or queries please contact school.



#### Bringing Learning to Life



Last week children in Year 1 visited Skipton Castle as part of their learning in English and History. Everyone had a great time and even a visit to the dungeons didn't deter these enthusiastic time travellers.

Our year 6 pupils visited Danelaw to re-enact the life of a Viking villager. After a day of hard labour working the fields, the weary travellers returned with a deeper understanding of life in this bygone age.



#### Upcoming Diary Dates

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 SATs

#### School trips

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May** – 4H to Mandir

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Year 3 to Westbourne Primary

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – 4P to Mandir

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June** – 1W to Rodley Nature Reserve

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June** - 1G to Rodley Nature reserve

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Y2 to Mosque

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception Class to Thornton Hall Farm

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Year 6 to Robinwood

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Y2 to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

#### Sports Days

**Tues 4 June:** Year 3 and 4 2:00pm – 3:15pm

**Wed 5 June** – Reception, Year 1 and 2 2:00pm – 3:15pm

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 and 6 2:00pm – 3:15pm

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June** 6:00pm -Nell Bank Meeting for Year 3 parents

**Monday 17 June** – School closed – training day

Congratulations to Miss Gardner (1G) who gave birth to baby Frank on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Mummy, daddy and baby are doing really well and send their love and best wishes to everyone at Blakehill.

### NSPCC Assembly

To ensure that our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse, the NSPCC 'Speak Out. Stay Safe.' programme will be visiting school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Age appropriate assemblies will be delivered to pupils from Reception to Year 6 with subsequent workshops for pupils in Year 5 and 6. School have used this nationwide programme aimed at primary pupils for a number of years to provide our children with information on how to keep themselves safe from harm.

Parents should have already received a letter providing more details and a link to the NSPCC website.



### Pupil Voice

Feedback from our recent pupil questionnaire indicated that our pupils felt that too much time was spent lining up at lunchtime and that they did not have enough time to eat. In response to this, we have reorganised lunchtime provision. Pupils who have sandwiches are now having these in a classroom setting with their friends with no waiting time and longer access to playtime. As a result, there is less congestion in the hall, allowing those children having a school dinner more time and space to eat.

The children also commented that they would like the option to have different pizza toppings and a selection of sauces available. Watch this space! Watch this space!

In June, West Yorkshire Police will be running a series of assemblies and workshops for children in KS2 aimed at raising awareness of knife crime, hate crime and grooming. Parents will receive more information on these shortly.

As from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**, a daily lunch menu will be sent to classes for pupils to select which food option they would prefer that day. This will allow the kitchen staff to prepare enough food for each option. This should mean that all children get what they want whatever sitting they are on. **Thank you to parents and pupils for their feedback on this.**

### After School Clubs

We have successfully managed to run 25 extra-curricular activities this year for the children at Blakehill. Many of our children have had the opportunity to participate in an after school activity, some of whom have represented school in the local community.

A special thanks to Sharon who runs our KS2 Art Club. Below are images of the work that our Art Club produced in Spring Term. Sharon's work is currently being shown on the big screen at City Park in Bradford every day at 12.30pm. Well done Sharon!



**Sharon's work at City Hall**

Thank you also to Michaela who runs our after school Spanish classes for children in Year 1-4.

Parents will be able to sit back and relax during their Summer holidays to Spain this year - it looks like these children will definitely be in charge!

## Homework

Just look at some of our homework projects from last term. The projects are a great way of children and their parents, (grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings) to get involved in learning.

What a great display of work including The Great Fire of London, volcanoes and rocks and soils.



## Blakehill Values and Ethos

303

306

258

276

### House Points

WELL DONE TO KINGFISHER WHO WERE OUR OVERALL HALF TERM WINNERS.

THEY CELEBRATED WITH A NON-UNIFORM DAY LAST WEEK

Weekly house point totals are displayed in stars above – well done again Kingfisher!

## We LOVE to Learn At Blakehill



Measuring with 2P



Warm and cold colours in 5R

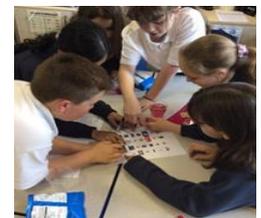
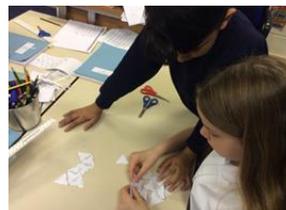


Learning through play in Reception



Spring Hunt

Investigating pitch- Yr4 Science/Music



Problem solving Y4 and Yr6

# Attendance



Current whole school attendance is 96.4%



Well done to Ella and Rayan for achieving the 100% attendance award



Weekly top attending classes: 3R, 6G and RD - £5 vouchers for all classes!

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> May

- RP - Brinley Hutchinson and Alfie Debenham
- RD - Tee-Jay Wright and Marty Kalko
- 1W - Jay Stoneman and Darcy Oram
- 1G - Pola Malinowska and Leo Gaunt
- 2P - Seb Hetherington and Alexander Sherriff
- 3R - Zac Williams and Lewis Carey
- 3Ro - Isla Townend and Evie Burton
- 4H - The whole class and Maisie Waterhouse
- 4P - The whole class
- 5J - Rehan Hussain and Riley Bell
- 5R - Isabel Watson and Cadey Gosley
- 6R - Amelie Haxby and Daniel Hodgson
- 6G - Archie Brooksbank and Aminah Hafsa

## Class Assemblies

### Summer Term Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents are welcome to attend their child's assembly. The dates of all class assemblies for Summer Term are:

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| 17 <sup>th</sup> May: 1W   | 19 June: 5R |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May: 1G   | 21 June: 2S |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June: 3R   | 28 June: 2P |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> June: 3Ro | 4 July: RD  |
|                            | 12 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

## Dance Club

There are still places available for the Dance Club on Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm. Please contact the school office for details.

Please also remember to check out our Twitter account to see what we have been up to this week! Teachers are tweeting daily!