

Blakehill Primary School

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Spring Term 2020

Welcome back!

We hope that all of our Blakehill families enjoyed the Christmas holidays. It is great to see the children back in school and ready for another term of learning. On behalf of staff and Governors, we would like to wish you all a very happy New Year.

Marvellous Me

In response to the positive feedback from parents of children in Reception who have been using the Marvellous Me parental engagement tool, we have decided to implement this across school from January.

The App is designed to equip parents with personal, positive and progress-led news, about their child in school. It allows your child's class teacher to send messages directly to your phone, telling you about their learning and success.

We are hoping that it will further enrich communication between home and school. Parents will receive a letter shortly with more information.

Rock Steady Music

We are really looking forward to the Rocksteady workshops being held in school on Thursday 23rd January. Children in all classes across school will have the opportunity to play a range of instruments and perform as part of a rock band!

All parents/carers are welcome to attend. A letter providing details of workshop times was sent earlier this week.

Uniform reminder

Whilst children are allowed to come to school in trainers and wear them for outdoor play, school shoes/ pumps should be worn in school at all times. Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy.

Upcoming events/ diary dates

Year 3 visit to Bradford
Cathedral: **Monday 20th
January**

Whole school Rock Steady
workshops: **Thursday 23rd
January**

ESafety workshops: week
commencing **Monday 3rd
February**

Bradford City Football Club
Penalty Shoot Out - **Thursday
13th February** (details with you
shortly)

**School closes Friday 14th
February for half term. This will
be a non-uniform day and will
incur a £1 penalty.**

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

**We have a vacancy for a lunchtime
Supervisor. Please contact the
school office for further details.**

School Dinner Reminder

**From January 2020,
school meals have
increased to £1.90.**

Pupil Premium Funding

Schools are able to receive
additional funding to further
support pupil learning and
opportunities.

Please refer to the letter sent to
parents earlier today on how to
register. Please contact Mrs Hall
(Assistant Headteacher) for
further details.

Curriculum Enrichment

We place a great emphasis on enriching children's learning experiences across the curriculum at Blakehill; promoting opportunities that help our children develop the skills and knowledge that they will need to become life-long learners and responsible young people. Here are some example of our children's learning during the last two weeks.



Year 1W were delighted by a comment and a retweet of their 'freeze-framing' activity in English by authors James Mahew and Michael Rosen. They have been reading Katie in London by James Mahew

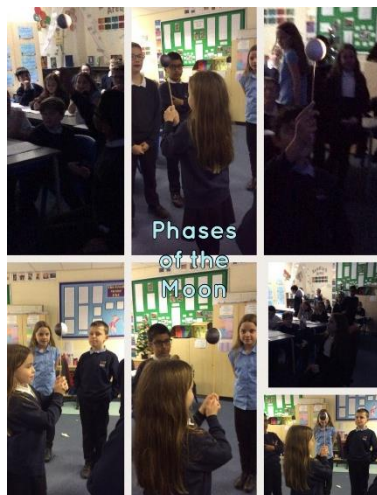


Children in 2P using a timeline to sequence events in the life of Roald Dahl.



Year 3 digital linking with our partner school Westbourne Primary

Year 5 scientific enquiry activity, observing and modelling the phases of the moon



Pupils in Year 2 and 3 learning how to use their singing voices during a visit from members of Bradford Cathedral choir.



Watercolour Art in year 4 and 5



A fabulous display of WW2 homework projects in year 2P

Online Gaming and Social Media

At the beginning of this new term, can we remind parents to check the content of their child's online activity regularly. Online interaction between children through PlayStation, Xbox, WhatsApp, Instagram etc. can be inappropriate and cruel and this can have a huge impact on the wellbeing of individual pupils and the relationships of children in school.

On occasion, school are being asked by parents to intervene and address concerns that they have about incidents that are happening on social media. Some of these incidents are impacting on school life for these children. Parents reserve the right to allow their children to access online communication and should monitor this regularly.

School will be running a series of ESafety learning activities this term to help children to understand the implications of playing, working and communicating online and what they should do if they see/hear anything that is inappropriate.

Further details of this will be provided via class half term overviews and letters. Thank you

Staff News

Mrs Roberts leaves Blakehill today to start her maternity leave. Baby Roberts is due within the next couple of weeks and on behalf of everyone at school, we would like to wish her all the very best for the coming months.

Ingleborough Parent Meeting

Thank you to parents of pupils in Year 4 who attended the Ingleborough Residential Information Evening on Wednesday this week. Parents unable to attend and who require details should contact either Mrs Hall, Mrs Russell or the school office.

Gurdwara Visit

Classes in year 1 had a great morning visiting the Sikh Gurdwara. What a great introduction to learning about cultural diversity for our children.

We received some lovely parent feedback: *'Can you please pass on my thanks to the head for planning educational trips such as the year 1 trip today at the Gudwara. I look forward to talking to my daughter about her visit this evening.'* Thank you!



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Blakehill Values and Ethos

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House Points

Pupils at Blakehill can receive house points for demonstrating a positive attitude to their learning, trying their best, never giving up even when facing challenges, high quality work and supporting others in their learning. This system encourages pride, achievement and teamwork. House points recognise independent and collaborative achievements.

All children are part of a house team. Our house teams are named after Jowett cars:

Kestrel, Javelin, Jupiter and Kingfisher.

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

Well done to **Jupiter** who were the house winners last week with **246** house points.

Attendance

Well done Polly
for achieving the
100% attendance
award



383 pupils
attended school
every day last
week!

Weekly
attendance:
96.7%

Well done. Top
attending classes
this week. £5
vouchers for you!

3R 4H 5R

Well done to the following children who
received celebration certificates in assembly on
Tuesday 7th and Monday 13th January

RD: Jack Greaves and Logan Murphy

RJ: James Barber and Nevada Watts

1W: Mia Thorpe

1G: Amrit Toor and Jordan Fallon

2P: Isabella Thompson and Robyn Scullion

2S: Leo Gaunt and Charlie Edginton

3R: Charlie Walker and Ryan Elwood

3J: Kai Burgan and Florence Prentice

4P: Lewis Carey and Harleen Toor

4H: Daisy Carr and Eeshar Kaur

5L: Mia Holmes and Harvey Marsay

5R: Gurneet Hira and Olivia Whitfield

6S: Lucas Shaw and the whole class

6G: Jessica Cowell and Luke Fenton-Brown

Class Assemblies 2019 – 2020

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 are:

17 th January: 6G	1 st May: 5J
31 st January: 1W	15 th May: 5L
7 th February: 1G	22 nd May: 1W
28 th February: 2P	5 th June: 1G
6 th March: 2S	12 th June: 4P
13 th March: RD	19 th June: 4H
20 th March: RJ	26 th June: 2P
27 th March: 3R	3 rd July: 2S
24 th April: 3Ro	9 th July: RJ (Thursday)
	10 th July: RD

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.