

Blakehill Primary School

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Autumn Term 2019

It's Beginning to Feel a Lot Like Christmas.

With Christmas preparations well under way at Blakehill already this year, it promises to be a very busy and fun-filled half term. All dates for up-coming Christmas concerts, parties and other events are provided later in this newsletter. Additional information from your child's class teacher will also be provided, nearer to the date of each event.

OPEN CLASSROOMS

Thank you to everyone that managed to attend our Open Classrooms event this week. This is the first year that we have invited parents into school prior to the upcoming Parent/Teacher Consultation evenings and these were very well attended. Sharing our learning is important and we hope that you managed to find out a little bit more about your child's learning journey since their return to school in September.

Behaviour Principles

School are currently reviewing their behaviour policy and would like parent input to ensure that we have a policy that meets the needs of all of our pupils and their families. During Parent's Evening next week you will be given the opportunity to share your views and ideas on pupil behaviour for learning at Blakehill.

Thank you in advance.

Drama Club

Junior Jam are providing drama opportunities at school for those seeking to enhance their drama skills or increase their self-confidence. Drama club is every Friday after school and there are still a few available places. Please contact the school office if your child is interested.

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Dobson (PE Coach) who successfully applied for a job as a community support worker. We would like to wish her all the very best in her new career.

Sports UK (Bradford) will continue to provide the high quality PE provision at Blakehill. New extra-curricular clubs will be available soon.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Parent/Teacher consultation evenings: **Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 November 3:45pm -7:00pm**

Year 1 Abbey House Museum - **Tuesday 19 November**

Year 3 Nell Bank Linking School visit- **Thursday 28th November**

Non-uniform day - **Friday 22 November** – chocolate donation (for our Christmas Fair)

Year 4 visit to Eden Camp: **Tuesday 26 November**

Year 5 / 6 Movie night- **Wednesday 27 November**

Year 3 / 5 Movie night – **Thursday 5 December**

Community Events

St Cuthbert's Church Wrose Walking Nativity (all welcome) **Saturday 30th November from 5:00pm**

Idle Lights Switch On – **Sunday 1st December 3:00pm**

Our School choir will be attending both of these local events. Thank you Mrs Scott for organising this.

Year 3 Bradford Industrial Museum

Our Year Three pupils had a fabulous day out at Bradford Industrial Museum on Thursday this week. The visit linked beautifully with their year group History topic about Bradford during the Industrial Revolution and the Bradford Wool Trade. Visits like this bring learning to life for the children and help them to consolidate the learning that takes place in the classrooms. Thank you to all adults that accompanied the children.



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.

Freeze Frame

Room 13



Year 4 homework projects on World War One



Phonics buddy in Year 1



Year 5 re-enacting scenes from their class reader – Room 13 by Robert Swindells



Our Year 2 children visiting the Cenotaph and laying the poppy wreath they made in memory of the fallen soldiers.

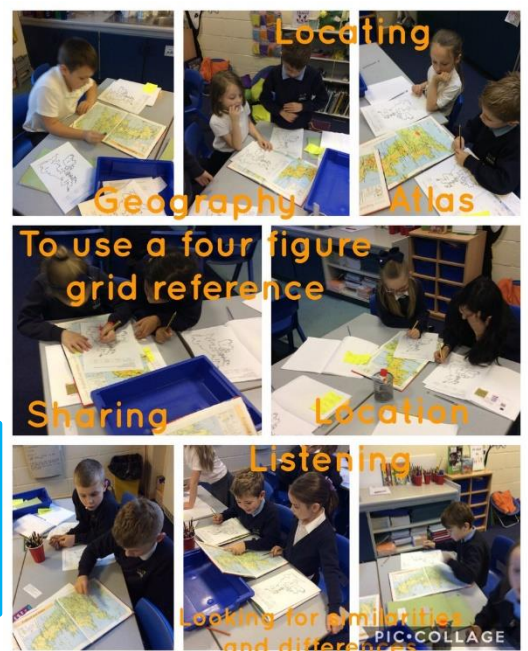


Using primary sources in Year 2 History lessons



Investigating Materials
Year 2
Science

Map reading in Year 3 – Hands on learning



Blakehill Christmas Fair

Staff are busy planning our Christmas Fair, which will take place after school on Tuesday 3rd December between 3:30pm and 4:45pm.

We are asking for donations of **games and toys** that children no longer use to be donated to school for the children's tombola. Please send these in via your child's class teacher (it's a great way to clear out before Father Christmas arrives in December!) We are also having a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd November – the fine for this is a chocolate bar/ anything made from chocolate to help stock our chocolate tombola. The penalty for staff coming to school in non-uniform is a bottle for our bottle tombola.

Christmas Dates for your Diary

Whole School

Christmas Fair: **Tuesday 3rd December from 3:30pm**

Whole school Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day: **Friday 20th December**

Break up for Christmas: **Friday 20th December** and return to school on **Tuesday 7th January**

Reception Class

Reception Nativity Production: **Wednesday 11th December: 2:00pm**
Thursday 12th December 10:00am

Reception Class Party: **Wednesday 18th December (pm)**

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)

KS1 Production: **Wednesday 11th December: 10:00am**
Thursday 12th December: 2:00pm

KS1 Christmas Party: **Tuesday 17th December (pm)**

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)

Christingle Service at St Cuthbert's Church: **Tuesday 17th December 2:00pm – 2:45pm** (all welcome)

Year 3 and 4 Cinema Visit: **Wednesday 18th December**

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6)

Christingle Service at St Cuthbert's Church: **Wednesday 18th December 2:00pm – 2:45pm** (all welcome)

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Blakehill Values and Ethos

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Well done to Kingfisher - house of the week last week with
136 house points!

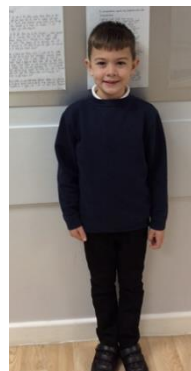
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Attendance

Current
whole school
attendance is
95.8%.



Well done to Ruby
and Arthur who
won our weekly
100% attendance
award



Well done to
RD and 2P
our top
attending
classes - £5
vouchers to
you this
week!

Well done to the following children who
received celebration certificates in assembly on
Monday 4th and 11th November

RD: Harry Garland and Ollie Porter

RJ: George Young and Alyssa Gait

1W: Layla-Rose Holmes and Alba Mitton

1G: Skylar Jenkinson and Millie Gait

2P: Kamil Abutayev and Harman Kaur

2S: Amber Hague and Olly Carrington

3R: Frank Cooper and Zachary Donkin

3Ro: Amarlia Davids and Tegan Dawson

4P: The whole class and the whole class

4H: Zara Muskaan, Daniel Drinkwater and Jessica Firth

5L: Kayden Lee and Jayden Horn

5HJ: Freya McConaughie and Natalie Coe

6SR: Cleo Henderson-North and Riley Bell

6G: Hollie-Mae Cordingley and Maksims Smirnovs

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:

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

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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.