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Year 4 Nell Bank Visit

What a glorious end to Year 4's three day residential at Nell Bank this week, with many of our children experiencing their first overnight stay away from family. This outdoor learning experience provided the children with first hand opportunities to develop new learning and consolidate learning from previous years including work on habitats, rivers, rocks and soils and erosion.

Special thanks to staff: Mr Sugden, Miss Solomons, Mrs Pringle, Miss Power, Mrs Marsden and Mrs Bottomley for accompanying the children on this visit and for helping to create happy school memories.

Please check our school Facebook page for more photographs of the children in action.



Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

Year 3 and 4 parent meeting - supporting your child's learning:
Monday 16th October 4:45pm

Year 5 and 6 parent meeting - supporting your child's learning:
Tuesday 17th October 4:45pm

Year 1 and 2 parent meeting - supporting your child's learning:
Thursday 19th October 4:45pm

Athlete for a day - sponsored event: **Wednesday 18th October**

Year 6 visit to Blackpool Pleasure Beach: **Friday 20th October**

School Closes: **Friday 20th October**. This will be a non-uniform day

School Reopens: **Monday 30th October**

Reception Class Hedgehog visit: **Monday 30th October**

Reception Class Wonderdome visit: **Wednesday 1st November**

SEND Parent workshop - SEMH/ Communication and Interaction
Wednesday 1st November

Year 3 visit to Bradford Industrial Museum: **Friday 10th November**

Children in Need Day - Spot theme: **Friday 17th November**

PTFA Events

PTFA neon themed school Disco on **Wednesday 8th November**.

Entry fee is £2.50 per child. Families with multiple children will pay a maximum of £5.00 entry. A section of sweets, glow in the dark items, food and drink will be available.

The times of the discos are:

Reception class and children in Year 1 and Year 2: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

KS2-Year 3 – Year 6: 5:45pm – 6:45pm

Children should enter via the main entrance and should be collected from the KS1 playground after the disco.

Flu Immunisation

The flu immunisation team are in school on **Monday, 16th October**. Parents will have received a letter prior to this requesting consent. Pupils with consent will receive the nasal medication on this day.

Blakehill MacMillan Coffee Morning

A grand total of £539.65 was raised during our recent coffee morning. This has been forwarded to the charity.



"ALONE WE
ARE SMART.
TOGETHER WE
ARE BRILLIANT."

We are really looking forward to inviting parents/carers into school next week. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teachers and other staff prior to parent's evening and find out what is expected of children at different ages and stages at primary school.

It is a great way to be involved in your child's learning and should also help you to understand how you can help at home

Please see the diary dates section of this newsletter for dates/ times of the meetings this term. All welcome.



Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings Reminder

Tuesday 21st November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 22nd 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.

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

You will be able to book an appointment for this from Monday 30th October via eSchools. Please contact the school office should you require help with accessing this.

Frisbee Fanatics!

Well done to our Year 6 frisbee team for demonstrating great teamwork and skill during their tournament this week.

We became champions after competing against nine other school teams, winning a close final in extra time. Unbeaten throughout the competition! Children worked so hard and played with huge enjoyment!



Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Roberts and her husband, Marc on the birth of their third son last week.

The family are over the moon and enjoying quality time with their new addition. Love and best wishes to them all.

Making The Difference

The most important aspect of our work is ensuring that the pupils at Blakehill are happy and safe and that they receive the best quality of education.

As a school team, we actively seek external validation to quality assure the work we do in school.

Last week we were visited by the Local Authority Safeguarding Team who completed a thorough review of the school's safeguarding practices, policies and procedures.

The outcome was highly complementary and confirmed that school's safeguarding procedures are effective with officers finding it 'difficult to recommend areas for improvement,'

They praised the behaviour and attitudes of the pupils and commended staff who are:

'relentless in their passion to deliver the very best for each learner and evidence presented would suggest the school go above and beyond in providing for the community, families, and children whom they serve.'

Well done team - another great result!

Break the Rules Day

How much do we all LOVE to break the rules at Blakehill?!

School Council have decided that the non-uniform day planned for **Friday 20th October** should be an opportunity to do just that! 50p for each rule broken. Please see our school Facebook page for more information.



Blakehill Enrichment Opportunities - making learning meaningful.

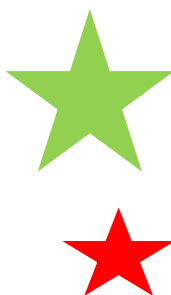
Please also see your child's class pages on the school website.



Team work makes the dream work for our Year 6 dodgeball team.



Year 1 took to the streets of our local area to look for signs of the Jowett factory which used to be where Morrisons is now. Did you know that our House teams are named after Jowett cars?



Our school council putting their heads together to consider ways of making Blakehill Primary School even better. What do we want? We want PLANTS!!



It's great to see Reception children taking full advantage of our outdoor provision.



What busy and interesting children we have at Blakehill. Just look at these hidden talents: baton twirling, tennis, football and acting!



Blakehill Values and Ethos

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 KESTREL 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 **JUPITER** who were our house winners this week.

Attendance - making every day count!

1D and 5GH -
top attending
classes of the
week!

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.

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2023-24 class assemblies are:

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| 5GH: Friday 10 th November | 1W: Friday 23 rd February | 2G: Friday 14 th June |
| 5J: Friday 17 th November | 1M: Friday 1 st March | 2H: Friday 21 st June |
| 4SJ: Friday 24 th November | RD: Friday 8 th March | 1W: Friday 28 th June |
| 4So: Friday 1 st December | RS: Friday 15 th March | 1M: Friday 5 th July |
| 6P: Friday 5 th January | 5GH: Friday 12 th April | Both Reception Classes: Friday 12 th July |
| 6N: Friday 12 th January | RW: Friday 19 th April | |
| 3S: Friday 19 th January | 4SJ: Friday 26 th April | |
| 3D: Friday 26 th January | 4So: Friday 3 rd May | |
| 2G: Friday 2 nd February | 3S: Friday 10 th May | |
| 2H: Friday 9 th February | 3D: Friday 7 th June | |

Please note:

For child protection and safeguarding purposes, we request that photos and videos are for personal use only and not shared on social media etc. unless express permission from the parent concerned is given.

Congratulations to our 100% attendance prize draw winners.



Celebration Award winners on **Monday 2nd and 9th October** Well done children we are very proud of you.

