

Blakehill Primary School

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Our very youngest children have settled well and are adapting to the routines of school life. It is lovely to see so many siblings of older children in school and children of ex pupils at Blakehill.

We wish all of our new children and their families a warm welcome and we look forward to working with you.

The Changing Face of School Council

We are delighted to introduce our new school council. Members of each class from Year 1 - Year 6, nominated by their peers, meet every two weeks to discuss ideas to support further school improvement. They keep us very busy!

Thank you to Mrs Gould for co-ordinating our school council and supporting them with their ongoing campaigns.



Early notification - Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 19th November **3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.**
Wednesday 20th 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 21st October via eSchools. Please contact the school office should you require help with accessing this.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

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Wake up Shake up daily
8:30am -8:45am

Positive Start daily
8:30am -8:45am

Reception Baseline Assessment Wk. commencing **Monday 23rd September**

Year 5 National Mining Museum Visit
Thursday 3rd October

Year 2 Saltaire Visit
Wednesday 9th October

U11s Girl's football Tournament
Thursday 10th October

Individual pupil photographs:
Friday 4th October

Year 1 visit to Industrial Museum (washday workshop)
Thursday 17th October

U9 boys' football event
Thursday 17th October

Year 6 knife crime workshops rescheduled to
Tuesday 22nd October

Year 4 residential to Nell Bank
Monday 21st October – Wednesday 23rd October

Year 6 visit to Blackpool Pleasure Beach: **Wednesday 23rd October**

School Closes:
Thursday 24th October. This will be a non-uniform day

School reopens:

PTFA Events

We are always looking for new members who are enthusiastic about helping us raise funds for the 'sparkly' bits of school. For example, last year, the PTFA bought:
 Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies,
 Equipment for Reception outdoor provision
 15 IPADs for classrooms
 A whole school pantomime – Snow White
 Inflatable Fun Day treats (ice-creams) for the whole school

PTFA members met on Tuesday this week to discuss fundraising events for this year. Here are a few dates for your diary:

School 'Dress to Impress' themed disco: **Tuesday 12th November**

Christmas Fair: **Monday 2nd December (after school)**

Secret Santa Stall: **Wednesday 18th December**

School disco: **Tuesday 11th February**

We love to see new members and would be delighted to see you at our next meeting which is in school on Tuesday 22nd October at 6:00pm. It is a great way to get involved in school life!

PLEASE HELP: All enquiries should be directed to: coleen.kellyblakehillptfa@gmail.com



Hot Chocolate Friday

It is also great to see the return of Hot Chocolate Friday. This Friday afternoon treat is for children who ALWAYS demonstrate positive learning behaviours, attitudes and conduct. It's Mrs Keighley's favourite way to end the school week.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for supporting our Jeans for Genes Day this year. Together we managed to raise £304.55.



Positive playtimes - improving social and emotional wellbeing

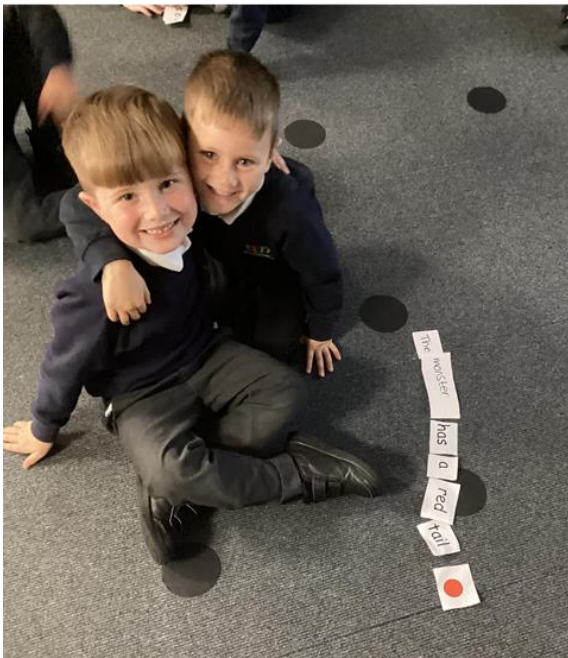
It is great to see the children having so much fun and enjoying lunch and break times. The addition of new play equipment, the range and organisation of activities provided and an increase in adult participation including; lunchtime supervisors, teaching assistants, Mr Lumb, Mr Hargreaves, Mrs Bottomley and the occasional energetic teacher, means that we are all involved in promoting positive interaction during these less structured times of the school day - and it is paying off.



Year 4 Residential

Children in Year 4 will visit Nell Bank Outdoor Learning Centre in Ilkley between **Monday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd October** as part of their science and geography learning. Parents should have received kit lists and other relevant information. Please see your child's class teacher/contact the school office should you require further details.

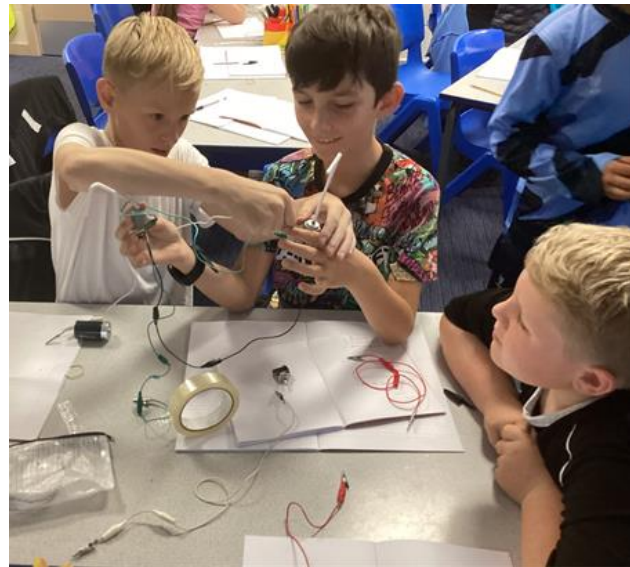
The Best Days of our Lives
We look at enriching learning experiences every day, providing our children with a curriculum that is broad, rich, engaging and meaningful. Take a peek at some of our learning so far...



Building sentences is so much fun when you work together.



Developing our communication and teamwork skills in year 4



What happens when we add two motors to our circuit?

The bulb is not working
Can you investigate why year 6?

Year 1 developing their geographical skills and knowledge



Children and adults had a 'monstrous' day in school on Wednesday during their dress as a monster day.



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.

3N and 1M top attending classes!

Attendance - making every day count!

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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 into a weekly prize draw.

100% attendance prize draw winners.



Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2024-25 class assemblies are:

5J: Friday 15 th November	1W: Friday 28 th February	2SG: Friday 20 th June
5P: Friday 22 nd November	1M: Friday 7 th March	2H: Friday 27 st June
4SJ: Friday 29 th November	RD: Friday 14 th March	1W: Friday 4 th July
4R: Friday 6 th December	RS: Friday 21 st March	1M: Friday 11 th July
6GH: Friday 10 th January	5P: Friday 28 th March	Both Reception Classes: Friday 18 th July
6N: Friday 17 th January	5J: Friday 25 th April	
3R: Friday 24 th January	4SJ: Friday 2 nd May	
3N: Friday 31 st January	4R: Friday 9 th May	
2SG: Friday 7 th February	3R: Friday 23 rd May	
2H: Friday 14 th February	3N: Friday 13 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.

Celebration Assembly award winners
Monday 16th September and Monday 23rd September.

