



NEWSLETTER

1st March 2019

Head of School Message

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been a great first week back at school with lovely weather getting us in the mood for spring. I hope it lasts! Attendance has taken a dip due to many children being ill with viruses. I can assure you that this is not peculiar to Blacklow Brow School and has been a problem with many schools in the area. The school nurse contacted us before half term to inform us that these virulent viruses have had an impact in many schools.

Year 1 have been to the Space Port this week. They were so excited to be going on a trip and were so well behaved during the day. Well done Year 1!

Today is the last day for Miss Gerrard who is going on maternity leave. We all wish her well and we are so excited to meet the baby boy or girl! All the children in Early Years will miss you. Good luck Miss Gerrard!

Have a super weekend.



Jackie Williams
Head of School

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's stars, we are very proud of you.

NURSERY: Ryan Lee

Louie West

RECEPTION: Ella Hall

Phoebe Kynaston-Kemp

YEAR 1: Arthur Moongo

YEAR 2: Jack Juggins

YEAR 3: William Napier

YEAR 4: Harry Shipman-Parkinson

YEAR 5: Kian Menarry

YEAR 6: Frankie Fitzpatrick (Maths)

Oliver Cooper-Finch (English)

Mrs Williams: Eugene Curran

TERRIFIC TIMEKEEPERS

Our Terrific Timekeepers title is once again up for grabs. Y3 have taken the title twice now, is anyone able to knock these superstars off the top spot. The race is on, help make your class the winners and be on time for school.



REMINDER

Can we remind Parents that your child's Parentpay account should be in credit as children's meals MUST be paid for in advance. School are having to send daily texts out to remind parents to top up their accounts as they are overdrawn. Please ensure you have sufficient funds in your account.

DON'T FORGET!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Why not come into school dressed as your favourite book characters, simply donate £1 towards our school library.



SPECIAL LUNCH

Carrying on with our World Book Theme Day. We will be having a special lunch next Thursday for £1 (Rec, Y1, Y2 will be free under the Universal Free School Meals Scheme). Lunch will be hotdog, curly fries and beans and a rocket lolly ice.

YEAR	%
ATTENDANCE W/C 11/2/19	
REC	92.7%
Y1	84.7%
Y2	94.3%
Y3	91.3%
Y4	93.1%
Y5	95.0%
Y6	74.7%
TOTAL	89.4%

YEAR TO DATE	95.9%
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NATIONAL BED MONTH

National Bed Month gets underway today. Did you know that nine out of 10 teachers complain that pupils are so tired they are unable to pay attention in class? And that more than a third said lack of sleep among youngsters is a daily problem for them. Ideally our children should be having 10-12 hours sleep per night, and ideally sleeping in at the weekends to give our parents a well deserved lie in.



STAFF NEWS

Miss Gerrard will be leaving us today to start her maternity leave. We wish her all the best with her new arrival. Will it be blue or will it be pink? I'm sure you will see her out and about with her new bundle of joy.



FOCUS OF THE WEEK – YEAR 3

Last half term, Y3 thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. In October, we started this topic by going to New Brighton Floral Pavilion to watch Horrible Histories Awful Egyptians. It was such an incredible and informative show which gave the children lots of knowledge before learning it in class. The children learnt all about how the Egyptians wrote, including writing their own hieroglyphic messages, how and why the Egyptians mummified themselves, all about Howard Carters discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and the mystery around Tutankhamun's death. This half term we are going to learn about the importance of the river Nile to the Egyptians.

In RE, Year 3 have been fascinated by learning about Jesus' miracles and modern day miracles. The children came to their own opinion and began to explain if they believed the stories were true. We are now learning about the Easter story.

The year 3's can tell you what their favourite colour is, how old they are, when their birthday is, where they live and what their name is in Spanish. They enjoy learning a second language and playing games to help develop their language skills.

In April, we are looking forward to going for a sleepover at the Catalyst Museum! We will have exclusive use of the Museum and then sleep under the stars in the glass walled observatory.



NURSERY REMINDER

Its that time again everyone. If you have a child in our Nursery and receive 30 free hours, you need to renew or apply for your code for the April intake by the **31st March 2019.**

Apply now for
30 hours free
childcare

HAVE YOU APPLIED?

The clock is ticking, have you got a child who is eligible to start our Nursery in September? The deadline date to apply for a place is the 10th march 2019, so be quick to get your application form in to the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th March: Y1 Trip to Huyton Library
5th March: Farm Visit (Reception + Nursery)
6th March: 'A Little Princess' Theatre Production
7th March: World Book Day (dress up day)
8th March: Y3 Class Assembly
11th March: British Science Week- Safari Workshop
15th March: Science Dress Up Day
26th March: Y2 SATs Parent Forum @ 5pm
1st April: Y6 mock SATs Week

10 No-Stress World Book Day costumes!

1. Polar Express

Pyjamas and a dressing gown - sorted!



2. Room on the Broom

Witches hat and a purple dress - or full on witch costume left over from Halloween. Could double up as the Worst Witch too!



3. Charlie Bucket

Blue jumper + Grey school trousers + A bar of chocolate (or if you're feeling crafty you could make a golden ticket!)



4. Matilda

Blue dress with a red ribbon in hair and carrying a few books



5. Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs

All you need is normal clothes and a plastic bucket full of dinosaur toys!



6. One of the dalmations from 101 Dalmations

Warning - this one involves a small element of artistic effort! White T shirt and a black marker to draw spots on it - if you want to push the boat out you could do a bit of face painting too!



7. Tintin

Blue jumper + trousers + hair gelled quiff. If you have a white toy dog all the better!



8. Angelina Ballerina

If you don't have a dancing outfit then beg, steal or borrow one. Use an eye pencil to draw on some whiskers



9. Oliver Twist

Brown clothes, a bit of dirt on the face and carrying a bowl!



10. The Boy in the Dress

Put him in one of his sister's dresses!

