



NEWSLETTER

8th November 2019

Head of School Message

Dear parents and carers,

A great first week back with a number of our classes involved in educational trips to the cinema with more to continue next week. Soon we will be publishing on our website a full list of the planned educational trips that we have in store to support our curriculum for the year.

This week we have had the first of our karate lessons introduced as part of our PE curriculum. Children and staff have had an extremely active time learning karate etiquette along with some new moves. This is of course is to support our main curriculum offer and our sports enrichment clubs.

On Monday we will be hosting a short Remembrance service that will start at approximately at 10.45 on the main school yard. We welcome as many parents, carers and grandparents as possible. We are honoured to be joined by 2 ex-soldiers, one who will be playing the Last Post on the bugle.

Finally, our Reading Garden is progressing nicely. Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram for all the pictures.



Mr D Kenny
Headteacher



Mrs J Williams
Head of School

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

NURSERY: Jake Weir

Pixie Billington

RECEPTION: Eddie Stickland

Sophie Mainwaring

YEAR 1: Katie Lackey

YEAR 2: Arthur Moongo

YEAR 3: Ella Stickland

YEAR 4: Jamie Keenan

YEAR 5: Lexi Weaver

YEAR 6: Olivia Adamson

PPA: Zack Snell

TERRIFIC TIMEKEEPERS



Can we remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.25am ready for lessons to start at 8.30am. Our terrific timekeepers competition restarts again this term. Please be on time and help your class win the title of Terrific Timekeepers.

Y2 Trip

Our Y2 cinema trip is next Friday, please remember to give your child a packed lunch, if they have not already pre-ordered a school packed lunch. Thank you



SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

Its Chinese Day next Wednesday, pupils can choose from curry chicken, rice, spring rolls and prawn crackers or a jacket potato for lunch at a **cost of £1**. N.B Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 do not pay for this as they are already included under universal free school meals.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Some families have moved address and changed their telephone numbers but have yet to inform school. It is imperative that you update your details in case of emergency.

YEAR	% ATTENDANCE W/C 21/10/19
REC	95.3%
Y1	98.7%
Y2	96.7%
Y3	95.5%
Y4	99.3%
Y5	95.2%
Y6	95.9%
TOTAL	96.7%
YEAR TO DATE	95.7%

WHAT DO I DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL?

Well done to Amelia Reeve from Y3. Blue Peter were awarding children with certificates for trying out new sports. Amelia has taken up Archery and is very good at it, she loves doing it and wants an archery set for Christmas.



NATIONAL MEN MAKE DINNER DAY

The one we KNOW all the women have all been waiting for! (Can you sense the sarcasm?!). Yesterday was National men make dinner day, so if you forgot im sure that's ok, we can drag it on and make it last today aswell. If you would struggle to find the kitchen let alone your way, then this is a REAL opportunity to impress your family and/ or friends. Surprise them with a culinary delight.



FOCUS OF THE WEEK – A BIT OF EVERYTHING

At Blacklow Brow we value excellent attendance and punctuality as it is extremely important for the learning and well being of a child. Children who attend school regularly and arrive on time are more secure and better able to learn. Not attending regularly or arriving late has a negative impact on their learning, self esteem, confidence and also their friendships. As parents/carers, you have a responsibility to ensure that your child attends school and we want to support you in this.

UNDERSTANDING ATTENDANCE

As you can see from the table (right), if your child were to be absent 1 week per term, this would equate to 4 weeks off per year. This would have a significant impact on their learning.

PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE	WHAT THAT MEANS IN WEEKS OFF PER TERM	WHAT THAT MEANS IN WEEKS OFF PER YEAR
95%	4 days	2 weeks
90%	1 week	4 weeks
80%	2 weeks and 4 days	8 weeks
70%	4 weeks and 1 day	12 weeks
60%	5 weeks and 3 days	16 weeks
50%	7 weeks	20 weeks
40%	8 weeks and 2 days	24 weeks
30%	9 weeks and 1 day	28 weeks

REMINDER REQUESTS FOR HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Changes to the Education Attendance Regulations 2013 have meant that there is no legal entitlement for parents to take their children on holiday during term time. The regulations also make it clear that Headteachers may not authorise leave during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, which does not include holidays. Absences are monitored by Knowsley Council who ensure parents adhere to the legislation and fines have recently been increased to £120 per child per parent.

Important Notice

If your child is absent for 5 or more days or their attendance is less than 95% (please see above table), you must provide medical evidence, such as a dated appointment card, prescription or Doctors note. Without medical evidence your child's absence will not be authorised and you could be subject to a monitoring visit from Knowsley School Attendance Service. Unauthorised absence can lead to a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority which is £120 per child per parent. Parents sometimes think that fines are only for taking your child out of school for holidays, but you can also be fined for persistent absence.

PUNCTUALITY

We cannot stress it enough about children arriving on time in school. It is imperative your child is in on time, we have children who live a fair distance from school and make it in on time, so there is no excuse. If your child is late regularly, please expect to receive a letter to come in to discuss your child's punctuality with the Headteacher.



IT'S NOT OK TO BE LATE!

WORDS OF THE WEEK

MATHS – Adjacent
 ENGLISH – Sequence
 Have a practice of these words over the weekend, who knows you could earn yourselves some house points when you return to school and use these words in your context.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th November: Y2 Cinema trip
 18th November: Y5 Cinema trip
 19th November: Y6 cinema trip
 21st November: Y5 Tatton Park trip
 21st November: Y3 Cinema trip
 25th November: Y6 Mock SATs

NURSERY HOURS

Don't forget to claim your 30 hours free childcare if you are entitled. Your code must be given into school by the 30th November in order to claim for your child's January hours.



LATE PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

If children are not collected at the normal pick up time of 2.30pm OR late being collected from an afterschool activity, they will go into afterschool which is charged as follow:

2.30-3pm = £3
 2.30-3.30pm = £5
 2.30- anything after 3.30pm = £10

