



NEWSLETTER

14th January 2022

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year to all of our Blacklow Brow families and Community. The children have returned to school full of vigour and enthusiasm for their learning and it has been wonderful to see their efforts and enjoyment at being back in school.

Year 3 have been diligently making Roman busts from clay as part of their history topic, 'Roman Britain'. These accurate, artistic sculptures are available to view via the Year 3 Class Dojo page. Years 3 and 4 have both been tackling tricky fraction problems this week and have shown determination and perseverance when faced with difficulty.

In summary, the children have had a fantastic start to the spring term.

As the temperature has certainly taken a dramatic dip over the last week, please can you ensure that the children have suitable clothing so that they are able to enjoy their experiences in school. We also ask that they wear extra layers in school as due to Covid-19 guidance, we need to have ventilation in classes to reduce transmission therefore it is colder than usual in school.



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Star of the week

Congratulations to this week's Stars. We are very proud of you.

NURSERY: Esme Askew

Sophia Constantinou

RECEPTION: Raphaela Knight

YEAR 1: Claudia Dixon

YEAR 2: Jessica Hilliard

YEAR 3: Lottie Gossage

YEAR 4: Poppy Foster

YEAR 5: Honey Holt

YEAR 6: Lucas McFall

PPA: Austin McArdle

Afterschool: Kai Hessey

Terrific Timekeepers



Can we remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am.

Our terrific timekeepers for this week are our pupils from Reception, Y4 and Y6. New year, new start, let's banish those lates and be on time!



URGENT

Can we remind parents to top their child's ParentPay accounts up regularly. School send reminder emails out every Sunday to prompt you to do this. If accounts go overdrawn, parents receive a text message reminder, if account is still overdrawn after this you will receive a letter. Maybe set a reminder on your phone to remind you to do this, to save any embarrassment of receiving a reminder text or letter.

Special Lunch Offer

Next Thursday, pupils can choose from beef burger and chips, or a filled sandwich, chocolate mousse and strawberry milkshake for lunch at a **cost of just £1**. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 do not pay for this as they are already included under universal free school meals.



YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	94.7%
RECEPTION	86.7%
Y1	91.5%
Y2	88.8%
Y3	86.7%
Y4	98.3%
Y5	95.8%
Y6	88.3%
TOTAL	91.4%
YEAR TO DATE	95.7%



National Hot and Spicy Food Day



On Sunday is it Hot and Spicy Food Day. One red-hot day a year, that the world's chilli heads and heat-seekers love. Did you know that people have been using hot spices in their meals and recipes for more than 6,000 years? Why not celebrate by having a cook-off and see who can create the best hot and spicy dish!



What Do I Do Outside School?

Well done to Sasha from Y4. During the Christmas break he performed on stage at the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic as a member of the Liverpool Philharmonic Children's Choir. It was his first performance on a big stage and he was superstar. Has he got a taste for stage life? Will we see him at Broadway one day? Watch this space!



FOCUS OF THE WEEK

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.

Important Notice

If your child is absent for 5 or more days, 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. 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.

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.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



UNDERSTANDING ATTENDANCE

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

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

Doors open: 8.20am
Lessons start: 8.30am



Maths in Reception



We have been very excited to find out and work with our new maths resources. They are helping us a lot with our number investigations.

PIC•COLLAGE

WORDS OF THE WEEK

MATHS – Factor

ENGLISH – Derive

After School

Please email the school office to book your afterschool requirements. Our numbers are capped, so please remember to book, as we may not have availability on the day. **If you have booked an afterschool session and no longer require it, please email the school office ASAP.** Thank you

LATE PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

If children are not collected at the normal pick up time of 2.50pm OR are late being collected from an afterschool activity, they will go into afterschool which is chargeable as follows:

½ hour from school close time= £3 per day

1 hour from school close time= £5 per day

anything after a 1 hour stay up until 5.30pm = £10 per day
(Late after 5.30pm - £1 for every minute late)

Dates for your diary

7th February: PTA Valentines Disco

18th February: School closes