



# NEWSLETTER

4th November 2022

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

On my visits to classes this week, it has been great to see so much focused learning taking place. Year 2 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London and King James 1. It was stunning to listen to the children identify the century (17<sup>th</sup>) in which the fire and King James' reign took place, whilst picking out the nouns, verbs and adjectives in their text. In addition, children in Year 4 have been 'hot-seating', interviewing each other as part of their 'writing to inform' topic.



Mr D Kenny  
Executive Headteacher

The children interviewed each other, wrote down the interview using the correct grammatical features and then carried out a drama activity in which they were the news reporters. Truly outstanding work! Next Friday 11th November, we will be holding a full school celebration of Armistice Day. The celebrations will be held in school for children only. I hope you have a peaceful weekend.

Mr D Kenny – Executive Headteacher

## Stars of the week

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



George Merrison

Nursery: Oliver Merrison  
Teddy Parle

Reception: Finley Kirman  
YEAR 1: Annabelle Coward  
YEAR 2: Alex Banim  
YEAR 3: Ryan Lee  
YEAR 4: Milly Ford  
YEAR 5: Reece Gillon  
YEAR 6: Ella Stickland  
PPA: Jackson Burns  
Afterschool: Faith Dunn

## Terrific Timekeepers

Can we remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. Our terrific timekeepers for this week are our Y1 pupils. Well done to those who arrived on time. Please get those alarm clocks set!



## Maths Week

Next week is Maths Week, we have lots of exciting activities planned for the children, also for children in Years 1-6 we have 'TT Rock stars Dress Up Day' next Thursday. We can't wait to see your maths themed rockstar outfits.



## National Candy Day

Today is National Candy Day. Whether they are hard, chewy, fruit flavoured or sour, candies have a long history of attracting us with their bright colours, fun sizes and shapes and delightful flavours. Just a fun little fact, did you know that 200 million Skittles are produced each day. Which candy will you celebrate with today?



## World Cup Event

Don't forget our World Cup Event Portugal vs Ghana live in the school hall with snacks, only £2.50 payable through ParentPay (Please see Dojo for more details).



## Photographs

All Photograph orders **MUST** be returned to school by the **18<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest.



YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	93.0%
RECEPTION	99.2%
Y1	92.1%
Y2	97.5%
Y3	100%
Y4	98.3%
Y5	96.7%
Y6	99.1%
TOTAL	97.0%
YEAR TO DATE	<b>95.5%</b>

## Firework Code

1. Only adults should light and hold fireworks.
2. Stand well back when watching fireworks and bonfires.
3. Never approach a firework that has not gone off or is used.
4. Enjoy sparklers safely by wearing gloves and holding them at arms length.
5. When a sparkler goes out put it straight into a bucket of water.
6. Keep your pets safely indoors.
7. Have a great time!

# FOCUS OF THE WEEK

At Blacklow Brow we value excellent attendance and punctuality as it is extremely important for the learning and wellbeing 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, you must provide medical evidence, such as a dated appointment card, care in the chemist, prescription or doctors/walk in centre 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.

## 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



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



## PTA News

We would like to thank the Copper Kettle Café on Tarbock Road for their donation of £100, towards our Halloween Disco. If you are passing the Copper Kettle, please call in and thank them.



Can we ask parents/carers for any cushions, blankets, decorative items to furnish our reading sheds, to make it more cosy for our children. Please pass these into the office.



## WORDS OF THE WEEK

MATHS – Inverse  
ENGLISH – Empathy

## Dates for your diary

7<sup>th</sup> November: Maths Week  
8<sup>th</sup> November: Enrichment Clubs start  
10<sup>th</sup> November: Y1-6 TT Rockstar dress up day  
14<sup>th</sup> November: Odd Socks Day  
14<sup>th</sup> November: Nursery Rhyme Week  
16<sup>th</sup> November: Y3 Trip  
24<sup>th</sup> November: World Cup Event

