



NEWSLETTER

13th January 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw the start of our enrichment timetable across school for all pupils. It was wonderful to see the variety of enrichment activities taking place across school from outdoor learning club to cookery club – where the pupils made their very own fruit salad. A reminder that signing up for clubs takes place on the 'My Child at School app', so ensure you have this set-up ready to go.

In Year 2, as part of their English topic learning to write instructions they are using the book 'Hidden Figures' and linking it to their maths work. As part of their book launch they made their own rockets using their previous knowledge and skills, and launched them in class. The pupils engagement was entrancing and the way the pupils were able to talk about their learning was truly inspiring. Have a look at our school Dojo page to see the rocket launch. In Maths, the main focus across school has been on multiplication and division. Having a good recall of times tables facts is essential for this and it supports many other areas of the Maths curriculum, so it is very important that the children keep practising them. Remember, if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress please speak to their class teacher via 'Class Dojo'.

Finally, please be advised that there has been a change to the Blacklow Brow term dates for 2023-2024. This change is to bring the school in line with other Knowsley schools. The change affects the October 2023 Half Term break as we will now be on holiday from **Monday 30th October 2023 until Friday 3rd November 2023**. You can find all the BLB dates for 2023-2024 on the school website. Mr D Kenny – Executive Headteacher



Mr D Kenny
Executive Headteacher

Stars of the week

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



Lily Glasstone

Nursery: Harla Kandal
Tommy Evans-White
Reception: Esmae Askew
YEAR 1: Noah Kilroe
YEAR 2: Thomas Furlong
YEAR 3: Polly Kynaston-Kemp
YEAR 4: Harry Woodhead
YEAR 5: Hattie Cooper-Finch
YEAR 6: Freya Edwards
PPA: Emma Lackey
Afterschool: Ellis Morgan

Terrific Timekeepers

Can we remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. Our terrific timekeepers for this week are our Reception and Y3 pupils. Please ensure your child is on time for school, turning up late causes disruption in the class of a morning, when important instructions and messages are being given to the children.



Term Dates

Please visit our website for our updated 2023/24 term dates.
<https://www.blacklowbrowschool.co.uk/wpcontent/uploads/sites/4/2023/01/Blacklow-Brow-Term-Dates-2023-24.pdf>

Urgent Reminder

The deadline for Reception Class 2023 application forms closes on Sunday. Please click on the link to apply
<https://parentportal.knowsley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

Wraparound Care

There are still parents who are not booking their breakfast/afterschool sessions on the MCAS App. Please ensure you have booked on, in order for them to stay.



YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	97.0%
RECEPTION	97.9%
Y1	98.8%
Y2	96.7%
Y3	95.5%
Y4	99.2%
Y5	99.2%
Y6	97.1%
TOTAL	97.7%
YEAR TO DATE	95.6%

National Strawberry Ice Cream Day

On Sunday it is National Strawberry Ice Cream Day. Red, ripe, juicy strawberries churned and frozen with some fresh cream and a bit of sugar is all that is needed to make a delicious strawberry ice cream. Celebrate this special day with a trip to an ice cream parlour or grocery store and say a very berry hello to the sweet strawberry!



PTA Message

As we enter the new year, our aim is to get new parents on board to help and support in any way you can. Get in touch with Carla on 07920101331 to be a part of something rewarding. Donations towards our new library can also be made via
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/blacklow-brows-reading-shed?qid=71dca13eb9e385d38516d5c29c6d6d28>

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Knowsley Safari Park came to visit us and taught us all about Colin the Cockroach and how cockroach's help to clean our environment. We learned how we can help too by remembering to put our rubbish in the bin and recycle. Everyone really enjoyed it and we learned so much.



Sports News

KS2 children had a wonderful time at the Goalball competition. They showed determination and passion throughout and came in 3rd place overall!



Dates for your diary

7th February : Last session of Boxing Therapy
 10th February : School closes
 20th February : School opens
 22-24th May : Y4 trip to Bispham Hall
 14-16th June : Y6 JCA Trip

WORDS OF THE WEEK

MATHS – Pentagon
 ENGLISH – Illuminate



All wraparound care is to be booked through the MCAS parent app. Our numbers are capped, so please remember to book, as we may not have availability on the day. If you have booked an afterschool sessions 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 1 hour up until 5.30pm = £10 per day
 (Late after 5.30pm - £1 for every minute late)