



# NEWSLETTER

21st April 2023

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the summer term. You will be aware that this half term is not typical with many interrupted weeks due to bank holidays and teacher strikes. Please ensure you have the appropriate days noted and arrangements made. This week a letter was sent regarding the specific arrangements for the two strike days - 27th April and the 2nd May. If you did not receive this, please check the school app or request a copy from the school office.

This term also brings with it many statutory assessments in several different year groups. We recognise that the disruption in teaching days is not ideal, however, we have been implementing strategies over an extended period of time to ensure no, or minimal, impact on the children's achievements. Please continue to support the children by ensuring high daily attendance and a commitment to supporting your child with homework and/or additional tuition.

On my tours around school this week it was a delight to see how engrossed the children were in the launch of their new book for this term. Year 1 children could not wait to tell me about their book, "The Giant Jam Sandwich". Similarly, the year two children were engrossed in their new book, "The King's Pants". I am looking forward to seeing how these excellent children's books ignite learning across the curriculum.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr D Kenny – Executive Headteacher



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## Stars of the week

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



Jacob M (Y2)

Nursery: Merci

Ada

Reception: Michael

YEAR 1: Elizabeth

YEAR 2: Aimee

YEAR 3: Reuben

YEAR 4: Ralph

YEAR 5: Darcy

YEAR 6: Honey H

PPA: Elsie D

Afterschool: Holly HW



## Terrific Timekeepers

We would like to remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. Our terrific timekeepers for this week are our Y5 and Reception pupils. There are a few pupils who are just missing the gate, please leave a few minutes earlier to make it on time. Thank you



## School Notice

There will be NO enrichment clubs Week commencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. All children will need to be collected at 2.50pm unless they are booked in for Afterschool Club.



## PAYMENTS

We are still having to contact a handful of parents daily to remind them to top their accounts up. Reminder emails go out every Saturday evening to prompt you to top your payment accounts up.



## Strike Day

Please be advised that on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May, school will only be open for pupils in Nursery, Y4 and Y5. School will reopen again to all pupils on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	90.0%
RECEPTION	95.7%
Y1	92.9%
Y2	95.0%
Y3	91.4%
Y4	94.2%
Y5	92.5%
Y6	100%
TOTAL	94.0%
YEAR TO DATE	<b>95.8%</b>

## National Tea Day

Today is National Tea Day. we consume more than 60 billion cups a year. That's upwards of 165 million cups a day. It came as no surprise that when it comes to tea and biscuits, they're a match made in heaven! So the favourite dunker for our tea was a draw between the custard cream and digestive. How will you celebrate National Tea Day today!



## What Do I Do Outside School?

Well done to Aurora from Reception. She attends swimming lessons at Knowsley Cultural Park, and recently swam to success and passed her level 1 in swimming. This is amazing Aurora. Have we got another Rebecca Addlington on our hands, watch this space!



# FOCUS OF THE WEEK

**Performing Arts Day:** Performing Arts Day was a huge success. Children developed their determination when trying new skills and improved their confidence through performing. Children took part in poetry, a maths workshop, a persuasive writing workshop, gym apparatus and a variety of activities focusing on their agility, balance and co-ordination. A great day was had by all.



## And they're off!

Reception started their Balanceability sessions this week. This program will support children in developing their gross motor skills, spatial awareness, dynamic and static balance, bilateral co-ordination along with the necessary skills to learn how to ride a bike in the future.'



## Earth Day

This afternoon was "Earth Day" at Blacklow Brow, with a host of activities based around the need to look after our planet. Classes looked at various ways to help wildlife, alternative sources of energy and a lot more.



## WORDS OF THE WEEK

**MATHS**  
Pentagon

**ENGLISH**  
Illuminate



## SEND

We have our SEND Parent Surgery available on Monday's from 1:45 onwards, to book a 15 minute slot, please email Mrs Humphreys on [Send@BlacklowBrowSchool.co.uk](mailto:Send@BlacklowBrowSchool.co.uk) Or contact the school office



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

## Dates for your diary

27<sup>th</sup> April: Strike Day for Rec, Y1,2,3,6  
2<sup>nd</sup> May: Bank Holiday  
3<sup>rd</sup> May: Strike Day for Rec, Y1,2,3,6  
8<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday (Kings Coronation)  
22-24<sup>th</sup> May : Y4 trip to Bispham Hall  
14-16<sup>th</sup> June : Y6 JCA Trip

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)