

NEWSLETTER

15th September 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I had the pleasure this week of spending most of my time touring the school and visiting lessons to give me a clear understanding of how the children have settled back into routines as well as assess the standard of work so far. I am pleased to say I was delighted with all aspects of school life.

In our curriculum, we use the class reading book as the vehicle to facilitate learning. This means many of the other subjects the children are learning will have links to their novels. This way, learning is much more connected making it easier for the children to retain knowledge and skills. This year we have also introduced timetabled opportunities for recall learning which allows the children to recall key facts and learning on a more regular basis. In turn, this aids information being retained in children's long-term memory rather than their short term.

In Reception class, it was lovely to meet so many of our new children who were eager to tell me about their book, "Owl Babies". We discussed an owl's habitat and what they enjoyed to eat. At the other end of the school year 6 have hit the ground running getting their teeth into "Gaslight" with many cross-curricular links such as History, Geography and PSHE. Please ensure your child is reading every day at home. This will help them with their fluency and accuracy while questions and discussion about the text will support understanding and inference.



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!



Charlotte G

Nursery: Teddy
Reception: Forest
YEAR 1: Michael
YEAR 2: Alex
YEAR 3: Oliver
YEAR 4: Eddie
YEAR 5: Sonny
YEAR 6: Bobby
Afterschool: Holly HW



Terrific Timekeepers

We would like to remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. Our terrific timekeepers for this week were our pupils from Nursery, Reception, Y4 and Y5. Well Done! Please get those alarm clocks set and be on time to school and ready to learn.



School Car Park

Due to health and safety reasons, we can now only allow **3** blue badge holders entry into the school car park. This is due to the car park being over crowded and there being an influx of blue badge holders trying to gain entry. The safety of our pupils is paramount, and therefore this is why we have had to put this measure into place.



Admissions

Just a reminder that the Secondary School and Reception Class applications portal is now live. Please click on the link to apply.
<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures>

| YEAR | ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK: |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| NURSERY | 100% |
| RECEPTION | 96.7% |
| Y1 | 99.1% |
| Y2 | 96.3% |
| Y3 | 96.7% |
| Y4 | 100% |
| Y5 | 100% |
| Y6 | 97.5% |
| TOTAL | 98.3% |
| YEAR TO DATE | 96.9% |

Do You Want To Be Famous?

Would you like to be in our newsletter? Do you take part in any exciting activities after school? If so, why not email a photograph of you into school to office@blacklowbrowschool.co.uk and tell us a bit about what you do, and who knows you could find yourself in our newsletter!

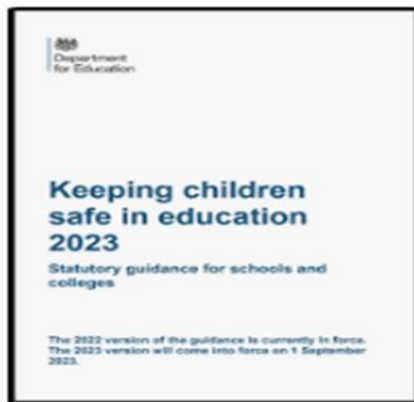


FOCUS OF THE WEEK

At Blacklow Brow, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone's responsibility** and our top priority. Anyone who comes in to contact with children and their families has a role to play.

We recognise that all staff and governors have a full and active part to play in protecting our pupils from harm, and that the child's welfare is our paramount concern. We ensure that anyone, paid or voluntary, who seeks to work in our school is safe to do so.

Our school takes pride in offering a safe, caring, positive and stimulating environment that promotes the social, physical and moral development of the individual child free from discrimination or bullying where children can learn and develop happily. By sharing these newsletters with you, we hope you will see all of the work that goes in to keeping your children safe.



We take part in Operation Encompass



Report any concerns

If you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Kenny or Deputy Safeguarding Lead Mrs Gibson Burkert. You can also contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on: 443 2600.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999

Keeping Children Safe in Education

Keeping Children Safe in Education is a statutory Department for Education document, which all schools must follow when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It covers many aspects of safeguarding including different forms of abuse, early help process, safe recruitment, how concerns must be reported and the role of the designated Safeguarding Leads.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Safeguarding

If you have any concerns or worries about a child please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Kenny and Deputy Safeguarding Lead Mrs Gibson-Burkert. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all people in the school community have a statutory duty to act on any concern. You can always ring Mash on 0151 443 2600.



WORDS OF THE WEEK

MATHS
Value
ENGLISH
Create



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 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

19th September: Y6 Meet the teacher
20th September: Y2, Y3, Y4 Meet the teacher
21st September: Y1 Y5 Meet the teacher
27th October: Half Term

If children are not collected at the normal pick up time of 3pm 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 = £12.50 per day
(Late after 5.30pm - £1 for every minute late)