



# NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to welcome one of our Trust colleagues into school on Monday and Tuesday of this week to showcase the inspiring work our children and staff have been producing over the first 5 weeks. The visit was extremely positive with encouraging feedback given regarding our sustained progress. In our continued effort to offer a world class curriculum for all, we have timetabled in dedicated opportunities for children to recall learning in all curriculum areas. In doing this, it is pleasing to see the impact already, with children, knowing more and remembering more.

It is great to see so many of our students take up leadership positions in the school. The student council will have its first meeting of the academic year next week. Already there has been some deep discussion about ideas and plans to further enhance our school. I look forward to hearing the proposals in the near future. Similarly, the student subject leaders are gearing up to support staff in monitoring their chosen curriculum areas. This will involve looking at books, speaking with children and on occasions visiting lessons. This will then feed into the subject leaders quality assurance to teachers.

This week we had our AGM for the PTA. Unfortunately, there was extremely poor attendance and the meeting had to be postponed. As a result, there will be no Halloween disco for the children this year. This is extremely disappointing. I will soon be writing to all parents to ask for support to completely reestablish the PTA with clear and defined leadership roles. A more detailed letter will follow next week.

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!



Poppy J

Nursery: Isabella  
Reception: Oliver Ma  
YEAR 1: Bodhi  
YEAR 2: Zach  
YEAR 3: Jake  
YEAR 4: Nancie  
YEAR 5: Jack  
YEAR 6: Faith  
Afterschool: Sylvie



## 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 Y4. We do monitor punctuality, those who are late on a regular basis will be required to meet with our attendance officer, if no improvements are being made.



## Messages

There are a number of parents who are not reading messages sent from school, either about overdrawn balances, absences etc. Please check you messages regularly.



## Dinners

School are contacting a lot of parents to remind them to top their child's dinner accounts up, despite reminder emails being sent every Saturday. Please stay on top of your accounts and ensure they are in credit

1 week = £11  
Until end of term = £22  
Until Xmas Holidays = £99

## School Photographs

**NEXT TUESDAY**

YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	99.6%
RECEPTION	92.5%
Y1	95.7%
Y2	98.3%
Y3	99.2%
Y4	96.6%
Y5	100%
Y6	97.5%
TOTAL	97.4%
YEAR TO DATE	<b>96.8%</b>

## What Do I Do Outside School?

Well done to Reeva, Scarlet and Emily who all attend 'Songbird' the Performing Arts and Music Academy. The girls recently did their Lamda exam and passed with flying colours. Well done girls! Will these girls make it to 'The Brit School'? Watch this space!



## National Dessert Day

Tomorrow is National Dessert Day. Dessert can happen at home with family, or you can pick them up from your local store, and there's always grandma's house? The only important question is: What is your favourite dessert? You might be surprised to know that the most populist dessert is the apple crumble, and that chocolate cake didn't come in the top 10!



# FOCUS OF THE WEEK

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October it was World Mental Health Day. Here at Blacklow Brow we aim to support the mental wellbeing of our children, staff and parents.

The theme for this years Mental Health Day was; **'Mental health is a universal human right'**

Mental health is a basic human right for all people. Everyone, whoever and wherever they are, has a right to the highest attainable standard of mental health. This includes the right to be protected from mental health risks, the right to available, accessible, acceptable, and good quality care, and the right to liberty, independence and inclusion in the community.



ACTIVATE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH The Dean Trust Blacklow Brow School

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR COMMUNITY SESSIONS WHICH WILL COMMENCE 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

**'FREE SESSIONS'**

FOR BLACKLOW BROW CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR OCTOBER  
HEAD TO THE BOOKING LINK BELOW. FULL DETAILS OF CLASSES / TIMES ARE ON THE WEBSITE  
AT CHECKOUT PLEASE ENTER THE CODE  
**'COMMUNITY'**

BOXING YOGA DANCE AND DRAMA

CLASSES WILL BE LOCATED AT  
BLACKLOW BROW SCHOOL  
HYTON, LB6 5XW

**BOOK NOW**

World Mental Health Day

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## School Nurse

Our School Nurse has a drop in session for parents from 2-3pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October to get any advice you might need, or to discuss any medical issues your child might have. Please call to the school office on the day to meet with her.



## Request For Leave Of Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason other than sickness, then you must complete a 'Request for leave of absence' form, available from the school office. Simply telling your child's class teacher will not suffice, a form MUST be completed. Thank you



## Term Dates 2024/25

Please click on the below link for our 2024/25 term dates.  
<https://www.blacklowbrowschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/10/BLB-Term-Dates-2024-25.pdf>

## 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**  
Estimate  
**ENGLISH**  
Curious



## SEND

We have our SEND Parent Surgery available on Thursday'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



## Dates for your diary

- 17<sup>th</sup> October: School Photographs
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Parents Evening
- 25<sup>th</sup> October: Parent Evening
- 27<sup>th</sup> October: Half Term
- 9<sup>th</sup> November: TT Rockstars dress up day

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)