



NEWSLETTER

17th November 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been packed with lots of fun and enjoyable, themed lessons as well curriculum enrichment trips off site. The week started with anti-bullying, as a school, we took the opportunity to reinforce with children that we are all different and this should be celebrated. Lessons in class were tailored appropriately to the age of the children with the clear message that bullying is not acceptable and what they should do if they were made to feel upset or uneasy.

We have also been celebrating maths week, pupils have been carrying out specially designed maths activities in class, such as exploring maths in the working world, with the goal of promoting a love of maths. On Thursday of this week, we had 'Benny Factor' into school for some practical maths workshops. Each class had to work with a budget to design an event for the local community of Atherton. As you can imagine, it was a wonderful day jam-packed with lots of exciting maths work.

Finally, today we welcomed parents of our EYFS children into school to watch a performance of Nursery Rhymes. This was to celebrate Nursery Rhyme week! Founded by Music Bugs and launched in 2013, World Nursery Rhyme Week promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education. Over 5 million children from 113 countries have taken part since 2013. The initiative is open to parents, Early Years practitioners and anybody who works with children under the age of 7. For a glimpse of all of this week's exciting activities please visit our 'X' page @DT_BlacklowBrow. 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!

Nursery: Rudy
Reception: Ella
YEAR 1: Mason
YEAR 2: Niamh
YEAR 3: Joseph
YEAR 4: Isaac
YEAR 5: Francesca
YEAR 6: Alfie
Afterschool: Amelia C



Terrific Timekeepers

We would like to remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. Our terrific timekeepers for this week were Unfortunately we had late's in all of our classes this week. Please set those alarm clocks, and be on time!



Notice

There are no enrichment clubs next Thursday due to staff training.

Y6

Just a reminder that the next JCA instalment is due by next Friday.



Mickey Mouse Day

Tomorrow is Mickey Mouse Day. If there's one image that everyone can recognize, it's the iconic giant ears of Disney's Mickey Mouse. He graces everything from ceramic mugs to balloons, touching on every industry and area all over the planet. So are Mickey and Minnie married? There was never an onscreen wedding for the two, but Walt Disney admitted in 1933 that the mice were in fact married.



I Want To Ride My Bicycle!

Can we remind parents that children should not be riding their bikes on schools grounds, especially down the pathway leading to the Reception and Nursery entrance



Have You Applied!!!

Just a reminder that the Reception 2024 application are due in by the 15th January 2024. Please click 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	99.0%
RECEPTION	93.8%
Y1	98.3%
Y2	99.2%
Y3	100%
Y4	93.5%
Y5	98.3%
Y6	98.3%
TOTAL	97.6%
YEAR TO DATE	96.6%

Parent Teacher Association

This term I would like to reignite parental passion for the PTA so that children can continue to benefit from all the things a strong PTA can offer. I am therefore holding a PTA meeting for anyone who would like to know more about what they do, become involved and vote for who will be responsible for certain positions. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 22nd November at 5.50pm (school Hall)**

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

It has been Maths Week in Blacklow and we have had a range of exciting lessons and activities linked to this important subject. Children have been reading about famous mathematicians and learning about how maths is used every day in the real world. They have also enjoyed some fiction stories about maths and written various pieces to help explain mathematical concepts such as doubling and negative numbers. Finally, on Thursday, they were treated to a special visit from "Benny Factor" who led an assembly and a series of workshops for every class based on financial literacy and community cohesion. Each class had to budget for a community project (such as a park, inclusive football team or an art gallery) in order to win a donation from our "millionaire mathematician".

REMINDER: The TTRockstars battle against Park View is still on going so please make sure children in years 2 to 6 are logging on and playing to win -- and improve their times tables skills!



This week, we celebrated Anti-bullying week and the theme was: Make a Noise! We talked about the importance of speaking out about bullying. The children learnt about the different types of bullying and the roles people can play. It is important we call out bullying in all forms and stand together to ensure Blacklow Brow is a bully free zone. Thank you for your continued support.



STAMP Out Bullying

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
Fraction
ENGLISH
Nativity



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 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

23rd November: Y3 + Y4 Cinema Trip
12th December: Christmas Performances commence
19th December: Christmas Dinner Day
22nd December: Christmas Jumper Day
22nd December: School Closes for Christmas

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)