



NEWSLETTER

26th January 2024

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Blacklow Brow were acknowledged for our outstanding results in the 2023 Phonics screening check, with a letter from Damian Hinds, Government Minister for Schools. The letter was a commendation for being in the top 3% of schools in the country for our attainment. We had a 97% pass rate, which is absolutely amazing! Well done to all of our children, staff and parents for their hard work and dedication. It was heart-warming to be recognised and praised, and also gave us great pleasure in knowing that we have given our children a firm foundation for reading.



Mr D Kenny
Executive Headteacher

It was lovely to welcome our Chair Governors, Mrs Tuzio, into school this week. She spent her time touring the school and met with the school council. The council had a number of very pertinent questions for Mrs Tuzio who was delighted with their care, interest and dedication to making the school the best it can be. A huge well done and thank you to those who represented our school so well.

Through a small amount of government funding, we have been able to start our tutoring offer to some of our Year 6 children in school. These sessions are additional learning outside of normal lessons. It was great to see children and staff in early on a number of mornings this week and last, even during the snowy weather, focusing on gaps in knowledge.

Mr D Kenny - Executive Headteacher

Stars of the week

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



Reuben & Nolan

- Nursery: Isabelle
- Reception: Ella P'mans
- YEAR 1: Ralphie
- YEAR 2: Nolan
- YEAR 3: Reuben
- YEAR 4: Elyssa
- YEAR 5: Isla
- YEAR 6: Isla
- Afterschool: Tom F



Terrific Timekeepers

We would like to remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. Our winners this week were our pupils from Y2, well done! Being on time is a good thing! Gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind.



Swimming Lessons

Y6 will be having their swimming lessons week beginning the 5th February. Please ensure they bring a spare carrier bag for their wet towel etc.

BE PREPARED

International Lego Day

It is International Lego Day on Sunday. These little plastic coloured bricks have been sparking creativity and joy for almost 70 years! Did you know Lego is now so popular that 7 sets are sold every second, and if Lego Minifigures were to be classed as a population, they'd be the largest population in the world! With more than 4 billion of them in total. So get those Lego sets out and celebrate.



Parent App

We have had numerous queries regarding payments on the MCAS app and that card details are not getting saved. We have contacted MCAS who have advised that parents now need to click the small tick box underneath where you enter your card details when making a payment, this will then save your card details for future purchases.

Save card details for quick payment in the future

YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	87.0%
RECEPTION	82.9%
Y1	99.1%
Y2	91.3%
Y3	94.2%
Y4	94.8%
Y5	96.3%
Y6	100%
TOTAL	93.2%
YEAR TO DATE	96.1%

What Do I Do Outside School?

Well done to Ralph from Y5. Ralph attends Kuk Sool Won which is Korean martial arts, he recently took part in his first competition and absolutely smashed it and won his medal. Well done Ralph! This is amazing, keep up the hard work.



FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Boccia

Our children had a wonderful time at this weeks Boccia tournament! They showed excellent teamwork skills and enjoyed trying a new sport.



BOCCIA



Its All About The Sticky Notes

Year 2 have been learning about possessive apostrophes in English this week. The children used post it notes to label things that belong to their friends. e.g. Sharron's glasses. Daniel's shoe.



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

ENGLISH

Formal

MATHS

Quarter



Dates for your diary

- 5th February: Y6 swimming Mon-Thurs
- 7th February: Class Photographs
- 9th February: School closes 3pm for half term
- 19 February: School reopens
- 18th March: Y5 swimming Mon-Thurs
- 25th March: Y3 swimming Mon-Thurs
- 26-28th June: Y6 JCA Trip

CONGRATULATIONS

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D. Hinds

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results.

With 97 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at Blacklow Brow School meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 3 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you, your staff and pupils again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

D. Hinds

Damian Hinds
Minister for Schools

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

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)