



# THE DEAN TRUST Blacklow Brow School

## NEWSLETTER

15th March 2024

### Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week here at Blacklow Brow. Firstly, we welcomed renowned author Peter Bunzl. His captivating storytelling and interactive session left our students feeling inspired and ignited a passion for reading. We are grateful for the opportunity to expose our students to such enriching experiences that foster their love for literature.

Our Y2 pupils recently showcased their talents in a special assembly, which was attended by proud parents. It was heart-warming to witness the confidence and growth displayed by our young learners as they took centre stage.

In line with our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, we organised a County Lines workshop in collaboration with Activate for our Y5 and 6 pupils. This workshop aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of involvement in criminal activities and equip our students with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions. We believe that education is the key to empowering our students to make positive choices and lead fulfilling lives.

I am delighted to share that our Teaching Assistants recently underwent specialised training on how to support anxiety in the classroom. This training will enable them to provide targeted assistance to students who may be experiencing anxiety, ensuring a nurturing and inclusive learning environment for all.

Staff members have participated in top-up training on paediatric first aid. This training equips them with the necessary skills to respond effectively to medical emergencies, ensuring the safety and well-being of our students at all times. We are immensely proud of our staff's commitment to continuous professional development and their unwavering dedication to the welfare of our students.

Lastly, we are currently seeking a parent to lead our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). If you are interested in taking on this rewarding role, please complete the expression of interest form available on the school gates or email Sharron at reception. Your involvement in the PTA is invaluable and greatly contributes to the vibrant and supportive community we have at Blacklow Brow. Warm regards, 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!



Nancy

Nursery: Eliseo  
Reception: Millie  
YEAR 1: Aurora  
YEAR 2: The whole class  
YEAR 3: Ivy  
YEAR 4: Evelyn  
YEAR 5: Penelope  
YEAR 6: Freddie  
Afterschool: Sheena



### Terrific Timekeepers

We would like to remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. Our winners this week were our pupils from Y1. Attending School regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work on time.



### Easter Competition

Don't forget to get your Easter egg colouring competition entries in by the 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



### Read, Read, Read!!

We have our sponsored read from the 15-21<sup>st</sup> March (Y1-6). Please get involved, all sponsorship money is to be in by the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please hand this to your child's class teacher. The more money we raise, the more books we can buy!



**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR FEES?**

We send 2 reminder emails every week, and are still having to contact parents.

### Year 5

Just a reminder to not forget your swimming kit next week.



YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	85.0%
RECEPTION	87.9%
Y1	98.7%
Y2	97.4%
Y3	94.0%
Y4	91.8%
Y5	93.3%
Y6	95.0%
TOTAL	92.9%
YEAR TO DATE	<b>95.8%</b>

### What Do I Do Outside School?

A massive congratulations to James from Y5, for winning one silver and three bronze medals, in a recent competitive swimming competition. This is amazing! Well done James.



### National No Selfies Day

Can we really go a day without taking a selfie? Well you are going to have try really hard, as tomorrow is National No Selfie Day. The selfie has become one of the most uploaded types of photos on a daily basis. It's actually been revealed that the average person spends 1 hour and 24 minutes each week trying to capture that perfect selfie, and the average person will take around 25,700 selfies throughout their lifetime.



## FOCUS OF THE WEEK

We are delighted to share with you some images from our recent visit of the talented author, Peter Bunzl, to Blacklow Brow School. It was indeed a day filled with literary magic, creativity, and great inspiration for the children.

Peter Bunzl (author of the Cogheart series) with his infectious enthusiasm for storytelling and creativity, graced our school with his presence and conducted an assembly for KS2, visited all classrooms, carried out a book signing and an engaging workshop with Year 6 that left a lasting impact on all who attended.

Through interactive sessions, Mr. Bunzl inspired our students to explore the depths of their imagination, unravel the secrets of storytelling, and embark on exciting literary adventures.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Peter Bunzl for his generosity, passion, and dedication in sharing his love for literature and storytelling with our school community. His visit has not only enriched our students' literary knowledge but also inspired them to dream big, think creatively, and embrace the power of storytelling in their lives.

## Assembly

Year 2 performed their assembly for parents this week, their focus was Tolerance! Using songs, sign language and religion, they explained how we show this in school and how the British Values help us to grow.



## County Lines Workshop

Year 5 and 6 took part in an important workshop this week about "County Lines" and the dangers involved in youth crime. They learnt how to avoid becoming part of a gang and some of the tricks used by gangs to try and recruit young members.



## Sports News

Our girls football team played extremely well in the final round of the Sylvie Gore League. They have shown amazing resilience, teamwork and communication throughout!



## Childcare Choices

Visit [Childcare Choices](#) to see what support you might be eligible for, now and in the future, so you can juggle work and life: [Childcare Choices](#) | [30 Hours Childcare](#), [Tax-Free Childcare](#) and [More](#) | [Help with Costs](#) | [GOV.UK](#)

## 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**

Vocabulary  
**MATHS**  
Segment



**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



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

18<sup>th</sup> March: Y5 swimming Mon-Thurs  
25<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 swimming Mon-Thurs  
20-22<sup>nd</sup> May: Y4 Dolly Hall Trip  
26-28<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 JCA Trip

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:

1/2 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)