

BLACKFIELD NEWS



MLI – 'Making Learning Irresistible'

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Good afternoon parents and carers of Blackfield Primary School children. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with family and friends. The children have returned back to school refreshed and ready to learn and boy have they had an exciting week:

Year R have found a lost little Penguin who needs help, whilst Year 1 are going to help the Year R children by creating story books about the importance of sharing. Year 2 children have received post from Sonny the Meerkat in Africa and Year 3 have received a desperate plea from the publisher of the famous author Anthony Browne. An ancient Pharaoh has come to life in Year 4 as they travel back in time to learn about ancient Egypt and Year 5 are going into cooking mode in their Junior Master Chef ILU where they are making pizzas! They even got to eat some on Monday, honestly! Last but by no means least, Year 6 were visited by the Hobgoblin Theatre company who have set them the challenge to recreate the parts of the ancient Greek myths. I just love the first week back, it's so exciting!

Don't forget, the newsletter is now every two weeks instead of every week!

Proud Principal

This week I'd like to share how proud I am of our children and teachers in Year 6. You may or may not be aware, but a large number of schools across the country would be spending the Spring term worrying about SATs and teaching your children English and Mathematics, and nothing else. At Blackfield Primary school we believe in your children having fun whilst learning and making sure they are taught the breadth of the curriculum and not just the subjects the government measures school performance on. We're able to do this because we stay true to our educational beliefs and because your children are so focussed and work so hard to achieve their potential. That's why our Year 6's spent this week immersing themselves in the ancient Greeks, rather than sitting practice papers every day.



Reading Tip of the Week – Guess work!

Ask your child to make predictions - Read the title and look at the cover, then ask your child to tell you what they think might happen in the book. Most children will be quite uncomfortable with this in the beginning, as they don't know the answer and they want to please you by saying only correct answers. Encourage them by saying that there is no wrong answer, but rather you just want them to take a guess. Getting children to think about why they have got to that conclusion and to use evidence from the book is a key skill which they need to learn!



Clubs in the Spring Term

I am absolutely ecstatic with the variety and amount of clubs we have on offer at Blackfield this term. It's such an important part of a child's life, so please take this opportunity to encourage and sign your child up to something (or several). If you have any issues signing a child up to a club, please contact the school office who can help.

Remember, if you have had payment accepted for a paid club, then your child will automatically have a place.

Online sign up closes at 9:00 am on Monday 15th January.

Confirmation will be sent out via email by Friday 19th January, 5:00 pm.

Free clubs start on Monday 22nd January.

Year 3 Ferny Croft

DEADLINE FOR DEPOSIT IS

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

Pleeeeeeease, make sure you sign up and pay your deposits for the amazing Year 3 Ferny Croft residential trip. It truly is a fantastic experience that your children would never get at that price.

We see children develop and grow in independence enormously on these trips, so please don't miss out!



Term Dates 2018 – 2019

Our Term dates for the next academic year have now been finalised and are attached for your information. They can also be found on the school calendar on our website.

As always, please take advantage of this opportunity to book holidays during school holidays, when other schools are open.

VIP

This week we have been focussing on our values, Thinking and Responsibility. The children have been thinking about how they can challenge themselves, setting resolutions or making positive changes to their life. The children who have best demonstrated this value this week have been voted by their classmates as the VIP winner:

Little Bubbles (RLB) – Tierney Davis-Slade

Snowflakes (1VM) – Elise McGeoch

Reptiles (2EB) – Elliott Hampton

Rosen (3JA) – James Griffiths

Donaldson (3AK) – Cameron Eldridge

Turing (4PC) – Alfie Morrow

McCartney (5CB) – Kitty Spratt

Bowie (5JT) – Max Briant

Morpurgo (6DH) – Morgan Soutter

Little Rainbows (RKW) – Lichenya Tenner

Sunbeams (1SS) – Jack Brown

Amphibians (2SB) – Elizabeth Ezeibenne

Blake (3LM) – Harry Pearce

Farah (4AS) – Thomas Littler

Hamilton (4EB) – Adelle Williams

Lennon (5MD) – Dillon Thorn

Horowitz (6CH) – Brandon Lennox

Dahl (6JR) – Daniel Pinckney



All VIPs will receive an invite (with a +1 adult) to a Tea Party with myself and Mr Hindle on **Friday 19th January**. I look forward to seeing you.

New staff

I'd like to welcome several new members of staff that you may see at the gate at the end of the day or hear your children talk about. Please feel free to introduce yourself and join me in making them feel welcome to life at Blackfield Primary School.



Mr Langer, Y6 LSA
and Sports Coach



Miss McNally, Y5&6
LSA



Mrs Young, Y3&4
LSA



Mrs Milne, YR&3
Music teacher



Mr Shilo, Y6 Music
teacher

Attendance

A huge congratulations to the lucky winner of the £50 Waterstones voucher before Christmas. I hope you bought some lovely books to read over the holidays.

Remember, your child can be in with the chance of winning the £50 prize by having 98% attendance or above, for the Spring term.

This week's class with the best attendance is: **3JA - ROSEN**

Dates for your Diary

Tues 23rd Jan: 5:00 – 6:00pm - Year 6 SATs Parents Info evening

Tues 6th Feb: 4:30 – 5:15pm - Year 6 Outcome, parents invited in

Thurs 8th Feb: 3:00 – 5:00 pm – Year 4 Outcome, Egyptian Museum

Fri 9th Feb – Last day before the half term break

Mon 19th Feb – First day back.

Please remember that the newsletter is now every two weeks, so I'll look forward to updating you on all of the news then. Thanks for reading and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Sasso
Principal