

**Blakesley CE Primary School**  
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**Newsletter 6 T3**

Dear Parents and Carers,



**Hotshots Competition**

Thank you to Harrison, Elizabeth, Phillipa, Benjamin, Leo and Ella for representing our school in a Hotshots basketball competition held at Danes Camp Northampton, last weekend. Against some very tough opposition and much bigger schools, our team did us proud indeed. It must be noted that our team was the youngest team playing in the competition. Great teamwork, wonderful encouragement and a determination never to give up were all shown in abundance. Well done Team Blakesley.



**Maths Day**

Last Friday, our Y5 children took part in a Maths Day organised by PDET held at the Rock Centre, Irthlingborough. It was an opportunity to participate with other schools in an event based all around mathematics. Not only did the children listen to an entertaining comedian but worked together solving puzzles and problems. It was lovely to hear the children comment on the fun that they had and that the day was far better than they were expecting. What also is so pleasing to hear is the wonderful feedback that we have received about our children's exemplary behaviour. Well done Year 5. We are very proud of you.



**Highlights of the term**

Over the last few weeks there have been some wonderful learning opportunities taking place in all classes. Here are some highlights that the class teachers wished to share with you all.



**Class 1: The Dot**

Reception have been focussing on the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. The story is about a girl named Vashti who discovers her artistic talent. She believes she can't draw. When her art teacher notices that she left her assignment blank, Vashti is asked to just "make a mark and see where it takes you." Vashti is only able to make a small dot on her paper, but to her surprise, the teacher asks her to sign it and displays it in her office. Believing that she can do better than just that, she starts drawing more elaborate and colourful pieces centred around the dot motif, earning widespread attention and realising that she is indeed an artist.

There is a lovely end to the story, so no spoilers. The artwork created by the children and the sentence work constructed has been of the highest quality. Their work has been displayed in such a creative way too. Well done Reception.



### Class 2: Science and History

Class 2, as part of their science work, have had lessons on experiencing the five senses of seeing, smelling, hearing, tasting and touching. Touching new textures or tasting unusual foods caused great excitement. Impressively, by the end of the sessions, children were able to use words such as 'pungent' to describe certain odours that they had smelt. In history, studying the work of Florence Nightingale has highlighted to the children the difference between 'rich and poor' in Victorian times. Some of the drama work undertaken was very thought provoking to watch.



### Class3: Italy

Not only have Class 3 been finding out all about the physical and human geographical features of Italy but they have also been developing their designing skills by making very tasty, yet healthy pizzas. Recently, there have been some very appetising smells wafting around the school. Very busy hands produced very tasteful and well-presented savouries. In writing lessons, detailed yet persuasive pieces have been created enticing readers to visit Italy. If there is a dip in our attendance figures as people go on holiday, I will be blaming Class 3 !



### Class 4: Mountains

Some excellent Non-Chronological reports have been written by our oldest children on Mountains. A lot of research has been used wisely to produce reports of the highest standard and work that the children are really proud of. Impressive technical vocabulary and beautiful handwriting have been utilised to create pieces fit for display. In art there have been plenty of new skills learnt and applied to drawing, painting, collage and 3-d work. The pictures are so detailed and would grace any gallery.

*Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom*

## QUIZ NIGHT

### Quiz night

Tonight at 7.30pm in Blakesley Village Hall FABS are holding another Quiz night. Tickets are £10 per head and include a light supper. Teams can be made of up to 6 members. It is not too late to enter. There are prizes for 1st & 2nd place For tickets please contact Charlotte Cockerill on 07522 832824 or email [fabsofblakesley@outlook.com](mailto:fabsofblakesley@outlook.com)



### Mental Health and Well-being

Throughout the week all classes have continued working on 'Well-being' activities. Action for Happiness is a fantastic website with tips on managing wellbeing and mental health for the whole family. The site gives many examples of how to take action to create a happier and kinder world, together.

Please visit <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/> for further information.

### Forthcoming events

- 20/2/23 Term 4 commences
- 21/2/23 Lighthouse Trust Assembly
- 27/2/23 Parents' Evenings (Week beginning 27/2)

If there are aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss or if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a restful break.

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