

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,



Easter Gardens

As Easter is approaching, all pupils have been encouraged to make an Easter Garden using any materials they wish. These gardens can be any interpretation of what an 'Easter Garden' may be like. There are plenty of inspiring examples to stimulate ideas on the internet. Please encourage creativity and remember to browse safely.

If the Easter gardens could be brought in by Wednesday 29th March (or sooner) then we can display them to the whole school community on Thursday 30th March at the end of the school day.



Class 3 Trip

It was a real pleasure to accompany Class 3 (Y3Y4) on their trip to the local museum, at Towcester, as part of their ongoing history studies on the Romans in Britain. Not only were our children polite and well behaved but their eagerness to learn and share all that they knew was so wonderful to see. The Curators and helpers at the museum commented most favourably about them all. Whether handling a range of artefacts, playing with Roman toys, watching dramatisations, listening carefully, or trying on costumes the highlight appeared to be dressing up as a Roman soldier in full armour and holding a sword. Some children looked very formidable indeed.



Curriculum Overviews

Responding to some feedback after Parents' Evening, please be aware that the focus of learning and the subjects children are studying each term, are displayed on our school website as Class Overviews. Please follow the link below and click on the relevant class under the title 'Planning Termly Overviews'.

<https://www.blakesleyprimary.org.uk/index.php/curriculum/curriculum-overview>

Next term these overviews and some knowledge organisers will be emailed to families as well as continuing to be placed on our website. Knowledge organisers have been designed to clarify information, summarise and streamline the key facts of a particular subject and encourage learners to retain this knowledge. We hope you will find these documents useful.



Music Festival

It was delightful to see and hear our school brass orchestra practice and play together on Wednesday morning. Mr. Fleming, our brass musical peripatetic teacher, does a wonderful job with our pupils. Playing instruments together is a glorious feeling. Excitedly, we are in the process of working with Mr Fleming to host a music festival, inviting all local schools under his tuition to come to Blakesley in the Summer term and perform together. Further details will follow in the near future.

If your child is interested in having musical tuition please make contact with the school office:
C.bowman@blakesley.pdet.org.uk Please note there are contractual obligations and costs involved.



Police visit/Blue butterfly

On Wednesday, all of our classes had the Blue Butterfly presentations by the local police team. The 'Blue Butterfly' is a project that takes its name from the term 'butterflies in the tummy' -the sensation people experience when they are scared. The aim is to help children recognise the emotions they might experience if something does not feel right. The mascot, the butterfly, acts as a reminder of the messages the children have been given about topics such as crime, bullying, violence, domestic and verbal abuse. Children should not keep fears to themselves and have been reminded of all the adults who can help them.



Blakesley Gymnastics Squad

Congratulations to our Gymnastics team that entered the GLK competition, held in Northampton, last Saturday. For a number of our children this was the first competition that they had ever entered, and they did us all so proud. Out of the 27 schools that competed, we are very pleased to announce that our final ranking was 6th place overall. Considering the size of our school this is an outstanding achievement. Apologies that there are too many competitors to name individually, but please know we are so impressed by every one of you who represented our school in this event. Thank you to the parents as well who helped support our team and endured a very long day.



Values Passport

It is nearly time to launch the third opportunity for children to participate in our Values Passport challenge.

Our Values Passport has been designed as a set of challenges and activities that link to our core values of COURAGE, COMPASSION, THANKFULNESS, FELLOWSHIP and WISDOM. Some activities are easier to complete, others are more challenging. Some activities will need to be completed at home, others can be completed in school. Some activities can be completed quickly, whilst other activities may take a longer period of time.

Please look out for more details of how to possibly complete a Passport. Examples from successful entries so far, will be shared next week.



Dolce Food tasting

On Tuesday 25th April from 3.30-4pm Dolce are holding a presentation/tasting session in the hall. This is an opportunity to come and sample some of their menus plus a chance to ask questions or give feedback. All are welcome.



Equestrian

On Sunday the school riding squad will be competing in the NESA show jumping competition being held at Bury Farm, Leighton Buzzard. Good luck to our competitors: Olivia, Jess, Polly, Tilly, Lottie, Isabella, Lily and Bertie.



Praise

Well done to the following children who were nominated for Special Praise in assembly this morning. We are very proud of you all.

Pupils who received Praise from their class teachers	
Class	Names
1	Harriet + Herbie
2	William + Hunter- Mae
3	Evan + Thom
4	Libby + Joey

Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom

Forthcoming events

- Rev Sue Stanley leading Collective worship Mon 27th March
- Lighthouse Trust leading Collective Worship Tues 28th March
- Final day of term Thursday 30th March
- End of consultation period for Length of school day KS2 31st March
- Training day Friday 31st March (School closed to pupils)
- Theatre Club starts 20th April 3.30-4.30pm TBC
- Dolce Food tasting Event 3.30pm to 4pm 25th April

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.

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Headteacher