

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,



Easter Gardens

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the making of an Easter Garden. Incredibly forty-two wonderful gardens have been created. Although they are all so different, they look wonderful on display together. Everyone who has managed to view them so far seems to have a personal favourite. Some people have mentioned the word 'competition' yet this was just an open invitation to take part. It has been a real joy to see the creativity, appreciate the efforts involved and to hear viewers discuss the creations. To every child who has designed a garden, a little gift of appreciation has been given.



Let's Get Playing

We are pleased to announce that Class 2 (Y1Y2), in the new term, will be involved, during the school day, in a musical project called 'Let's Get Playing', which will be starting on the first Monday back, April 17th. A peripatetic music specialist from NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust) will be leading sessions with the class. As well as singing, the children will be learning how to play chime bars together, along with other musical instruments. This project runs for 5 weeks and at the end there will be a short performance. Further details of which will follow in the new term.



Celebrating the Coronation

The coronation of the new King is going to be a grand occasion for celebration. We will soon be able to witness and be part of this exciting time in history. Therefore, we are planning a variety of ways to record and celebrate the forthcoming Coronation, at school.

On Friday 5th May, at 2.30pm, there will be an open event for the whole school community and beyond. The school will be hosting an afternoon tea party. There will be cream teas available, a cake competition, plus artwork and writing on display for all to see. Further details will be shared after the Easter break.



Clubs in Term 5

Below is an overview of the clubs that are going to be on offer to our children over Term 5 . We are continuing to vary our provision so we that we can cater for the wishes of a wider audience. Please be aware there are some changes to timings of clubs that were previously running.

We have a growing number of chess enthusiasts who have been keen to get a club up and running. Therefore, Chess club is starting at 12.30pm in Class 3 every Thursday. (Hot/cold lunches can be eaten in the classroom or early lunch sittings can be arranged.) If there are any unused chess boards at home that could be donated to the school they will be gratefully received. Thank you.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School			GLK Gymnastics 8-8.50am		
Lunchtime	Gardening Club Y1-Y6 Led by Rotary club		Freestyle Football Y1-Y6	Chess Club Y2- Y6 Nurture Natter Rec- Y6	Archery Y1-Y6
After school	Sports Club Y1-Y3 Starts 24/4/23 3.15- 4pm	Art Club Ks1 3.15-4.15pm		Reception Sports club 3.15-4pm Starts 20/4/23	Basketball Hotshots Both groups together 3.15pm- 4pm
		Art Club Ks2 3.15-4.15pm		Theatre Group Y1- Y6 3.15pm-4.15pm	

Beth Gibb will also be delivering tennis coaching over the summer term too as part of the PE Curriculum, starting 19th April. Further details will follow shortly.

If there is any interest in joining any of the above activities please make contact with the school office.
office@blakesley.pdet.org.uk For those children who are already part of the above clubs/activities no further action is needed.



Hotshots

Congratulations to our Hotshots team: Sonny, Archie, Tilly, Olivia, Joey , Ernie and George, who participated in a basketball tournament last Sunday in Northampton. We are very proud to say that they finished in Second place. Well done Team Blakesley.



Equestrian

On Sunday the school riding squad competed in the NESA show jumping competition held at Bury Farm, Leighton Buzzard. It was a tough competition as each category had over 30 riders. In her first ever 50cm competition, Lottie came 1st in the individual event, whilst Olivia came 4th and Polly 7th. Our 40cm team of Lily, Bertie, Lottie and Isabella came 4th. Our 50cm team of Polly, Tilly, Lottie, Jess and Isabella came 1st. Well done indeed.

Throughout the winter, Olivia has competed for Blakesley School in 4 competitions and from all of her points accumulated she has been ranked 3rd in the Final Championships. Well done Olivia you can be very proud.



Acts of Kindness

It has been most heart-warming to receive two e-mails about two different occurrences, from parents, detailing their observations of acts of kindness, carried out by some of our pupils, whilst out in the wider community. All the children have been praised. Thank you to the adults who took the time to write.



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	Thomas
2	Lily
3	Arthur + Oliver
4	Shiloh + Sophie

Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom

Forthcoming events

- End of consultation period for Length of school day KS2 31st March
- Training day Friday 31st March (School closed to pupils)
- Let's Get Playing project starts Y1Y2 17th April
- Theatre Club starts 20th April 3.30-4.30pm TBC
- Taster sessions Saints Rugby club visit 21st April
- Rev Sue Stanley leading Collective Worship 24th April
- Dolce Food tasting Event 3.30pm to 4pm 25th April
- Information Session Y6 Trip for Parents 3.30pm-4pm 28th April
- Coronation School Event 2.30pm Fri 5th May
- KS2 Sats week 9th May (Tues-Fri)
- Life Education Visit 16th May
- Y6 Residential 17th-19th May
- End of Term 5 Fri 26th May

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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