

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,



British Values: The rule of law

On Tuesday Class 4 had two magistrates visit and lead a workshop demonstrating how a courtroom works.

The role of the magistrate was examined and how it fits into the British Justice system as well as beginning to appreciate the role in society by having to uphold the law, all whilst volunteering.

The classroom was set up as a courtroom where the children took part in a mock trial linked to our online safety and PSHE curriculum. The trial was conducted with everyone taking on all the roles of the court. Then in groups a final decision was made about the defendant's behaviour and choices. A final verdict was reached. This experience linked with our British values: the rule of law, respect to others and freedom of speech.

Even though the exercise covered a serious subject of 'on-line harassment' and the accused was found guilty, the experience was both enjoyable and informative.



Quiz night

On Friday 10th February 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. There are prizes for 1st & 2nd place For tickets please contact Charlotte Cockerill on 07522 832824 or email fabsofblakesley@outlook.com



Dolce: Price increases

Unfortunately Dolce, our school dinner provider have had to give notification of new price increases that will come into effect on 1st April 2023. Please see the table below:

Meal price	Child Paid Meals	Child Free Meals
Current	£2.45	£2.35
New	£2.66	£2.59



Safeguarding: Influencers

Currently in the news there are a number of stories about the power of Influencers and how their power can spread. Their effect does not only apply to youngsters. Attached is information showing how Social media influencers are people who have established credibility in a specific industry and have the power to affect other people's decisions. Most commonly associated with YouTube and Instagram, 'influencers' usually have a large number of followers and are viewed as authentic by their audience. For this reason, many influencers are often paid by big companies to promote their products in the hope of persuading their followers to purchase those goods.

In the guide, there are tips on avoiding potential risks such as body image, bad habits and unrealistic role models.

Update regarding Strike action

So far only one teaching union has declared strike action, which will be taking place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Wednesday 1 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

At present the school will remain open as usual on the dates listed above.



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	Genevieve
2	Ethan and Rio
3	Nick and Ridley
4	Milly and Amelia

Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom

Forthcoming events

- 30/1/23 NSPCC visit
- 3/2/23 Y5 PDET Maths Enrichment Day
- 6/2/23 School Nurse Y6/Rec children Height/weight recording
- 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.

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Headteacher