

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,



KS2 Sports Festival

'Well Done' to Amelia, Sophie, Sheldon, Shiloh, Ridley and Rory for representing our school with such enthusiasm at the KS2 Sports Festival held at Sponne School yesterday afternoon. Our team had the opportunity to compete against other schools in archery, boccia, table tennis, curling and rowing. Of all the events, using the rowing machines was the highlight of the afternoon. Everyone appeared to enjoy the challenge of racing, especially as each participant could watch their progress on a big screen. We certainly had some winners in the individual and pairs events. The sportsmanship, encouragement and determination shown by all of our team was a joy to witness. We are still waiting to receive a final placing.



Squash taster session

Last Friday, all of Year 5 children were able to participate in Squash taster sessions at Daventry Squash club. A wide range of activities were provided covering all aspects of the game of squash, such as striking a ball, movement skills and ways to develop strategies to outwit an opponent. For most children it was the first time any of them had set foot inside a squash court. From the smiles on their faces on their return, maybe some will take up the game in the future? Thank you to Mrs Rose and Mrs Klegeris for organising the event and for all the parents who helped with transport.



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



Values Passport

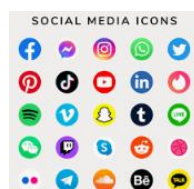
The second opportunity to participate in Our Values Passport is nearly over. The Values Passport has been designed as a set of challenges and activities that link to our core values of COURAGE, COMPASSION, THANKFULNESS, FELLOWSHIP and WISDOM. Whilst some activities are easier to complete, others are more challenging; some activities could have been completed quickly, other activities will have taken a longer period of time.

If wishing to be considered for the award, Values Passports must be returned to the headteacher by 9.30am on Monday February 6th 2023. (head@blakesley.pdet.org.uk)



Children's Mental Health

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week 2023. The theme for the week is Let's Connect. Throughout the week all children (and adults too) will be participating in activities to encourage children to consider how we can make meaningful connections that support our mental health.



Safeguarding: social media and mental health

An estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming; what they're posting; and what interactions they're having.

On social media, it can be very easy to become addicted to 'apps' that are not always beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted – sometimes to tragic effect. However daunting it may seem, it remains every adults' duty to help children be mindful of their mental wellness: helping them recognise when something isn't OK ... and helping them know what to do about content that upsets them.

Attached is a guide that provides tips such as how to hide content, setting daily limits and discussing what children have seen online.

Forthcoming events

- 6/2/23 Collective Worship to be led by Rev. Sue Stanley
- 6/2/23 School Nurse Y6/Rec children Height/weight recording
- 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.

Laurie Hill
Headteacher