

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Newsletter 2 T6

Dear Parents and Carers,



Prayerspace

On Monday, the Lighthouse Trust came to deliver a transition session for our Y6 pupils based around Prayerspace activities.

The children were mesmerized by the set-up within the hall and the peaceful background music. Their responses and comments left at each station showed a deep level of compassion or understanding in each subject or question. Many of their comments were just beautiful to read. Even some children who might not usually choose to give a response, felt confident enough to explain what they had enjoyed and why, and what they had gained overall from the experience.

Tim and Peter, who led the session, were very impressed by the thoughtful responses given and the high level of engagement shown by our pupils.

Standards & Testing

Phonics +MTC

This week, our Y1 pupils and Y4 pupils have completed their statutory tests. Year 1 had their Key Stage One Phonics Screening Check and all of our Year 4 pupils completed the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Whatever the results are, we are proud of the levels of concentration, application and the attitude shown by our pupils.



Forest School

Congratulations to Mrs Cox who has now successfully completed her final Forest school assessments.

This term, each year group is having the chance to experience activities across the curriculum in our forest school setting. Yesterday, Class 2 produced some stunning artwork inspired by their studies of the work of Andy Goldsworthy. We look forward to displaying some evidence of their creations during Art week coming soon.



Art week

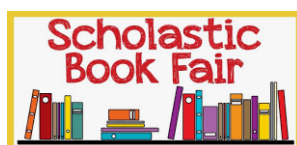
During Art week, starting 3rd July, all classes are going to be producing work based on the book *The River* by Marc Martin. Throughout the week, the children will be acquiring and experimenting with new skills, exploring their creativity, plus recording their ideas and developments in their sketchbooks as they work towards an outcome. The final piece of artwork will be framed, exhibited, and then sold. Any monies raised will be used towards specific art resources that will enhance the full provision of art throughout the school.



Reading books Amnesty continues

Thank you to the families and children who returned books to school that had either been treasured or forgotten about. The Book Amnesty is now being held open for another week as we are still trying to locate some missing material. Please check for any school reading books at home that may have been misplaced or not yet returned. As before, no questions will be asked. Please just return them. Thank you.

As stated last week we are in the process of trying to improve our provision of reading material across the school, and to replenish our stocks of free- choice, accelerated reader and phonics material. If any family has any unneeded reading books that they would be prepared to donate to school, please contact your child's teacher. All appropriate books in good condition will be gratefully received.



Book Fair

A Scholastic Book Fair is being held at school from 27th June to 4th July. All purchases are to be conducted electronically. No cash sales will be available. For further details please refer to the email that has been distributed earlier.



Big Breakfast

FABS' Big Breakfast is being held tomorrow, Saturday 9am-11am in Blakesley Village Hall. There are many combinations of breakfasts on offer and the prices are very reasonable. So, miss the breakfast cereal at home bypass MacDonalds and come along to give your support. The meat supplied is from Radmore's farm and there are vegetarian options available too. All food will be served with tea and coffee.



Safeguarding: Heat and hayfever

The West Northants Health Protection Team have created a webpage on the West Northants site called "Heat Health". Click on the following link for access.

[Heat health | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/heat-health)

This site provides advice and guidance on staying safe during the summer months as temperatures rise. High temperatures can cause severe problems for some people. It's important to protect those most vulnerable including our children, those with health conditions and the elderly, as well as keeping adults safe.

Please look at the attached document which also gives useful information on helping how to manage hay fever too.



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	Blake
2	Gilly + Livy
3	All of Y4 pupils + Grace
4	Alf + Sybil

Forthcoming events

- New Intake Evening 19th June 7pm
- New intake days
 - 20th June (9-11.30am)
 - 27th June (9-11.30am)
 - 4th July (9am-2.45pm)
- June 27th- 4th July Scholastic Book Fair
- June 30th Class Photos
- July 3rd Arts Week
- July 7th Open afternoon (2.30pm)
- July 20th Church Service pm (TBC)
- July 17th End of Year reports
- July 18th Sports Day (9.30am)

Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom

- July 20th Reserve Date for Sports Day (9.30am)
- July 21st Y6 Leavers Service (9am)

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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