

**Blakesley CE Primary School**  
**Blakesley**  
**NN12 8RD**  
**July 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Newsletter 5 T6**

Dear Parents and Carers,



**Class 3 trip: Gurdwara**

Last Friday, as part of their studies of Sikhism, Class 3 visited the Gurdwara- a Sikh place of worship- in Northampton. The children learnt about scriptures, called the Guru Granth Sahib and how to live a holy life.

The five Ks: Kesh (uncut hair), Kara (a steel bracelet) Kanga (a wooden comb) Kaccha (cotton ) and Kirpan (steel sword) are physical symbols worn by Sikhs to show they have dedicated themselves to a life of devotion. These were explained in detail.

Our children were commended on their behaviour, the quality of questions they asked, and their respectfulness shown. So much so, they were invited to stay for a small meal which was readily accepted.



**Class 2 trip: MAD museum**

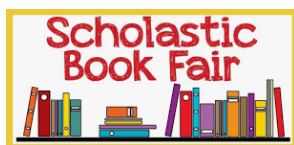
On Wednesday, Year 1 and 2 spent the day in Stratford-upon-Avon and had a fantastic time exploring the MAD Museum, picnicking and playing games in Bancroft Gardens, with a little sightseeing mixed in too - spotting the birth place of William Shakespeare!

The Marble Room at the museum proved very popular. The teamwork, attempting trial and error tasks, plus the creative design skills displayed by the children were all very impressive! As was their behaviour and approach to the whole day - an enjoyable day was had by all, including the adults. Well done Class 2, not only did you have a super day out, but you did Blakesley School proud.



**Girls on Track:STEM**

On Tuesday, another group of girls from Class 4 had the opportunity to attend Girls on Track organised by Motorsport UK at Silverstone Museum. Ahead of the Grand Prix, this event had been organised to inspire girls to study STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects. The girls had a tour of the museum, performed a pit stop challenge, participated in engineering activities, carried out a resuscitation and met role models from a Formula 1 team. The group certainly returned full of excitement with lots of recounts to tell.



### **Book Fair**

Thank you to all who purchased books from the Book Fair. In total over £350 was taken. If there are any issues still to be resolved, please contact Cassandra in the office on [C.Bowman@blakesley.pdet.org.uk](mailto:C.Bowman@blakesley.pdet.org.uk)



### **Values Passport**

As part of our Collective worship service, a special presentation will be held at 9am on Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>. Families of the children who have been successful with their entries, have been invited to attend.



### **Art week**

At 2.30pm, today, there will be the open afternoon so that parents can view our artwork created this week, plus have a look at some books too. The final pieces 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.



### **Sports Day**

Our School Sports day is scheduled for the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 9.30am. If there are any volunteers prepared to offer their help during the 'round robin' part of the event, please contact your child's teacher. Classes will need adults to keep score as the children circulate doing a range of athletic activities. Thank you.



### **Safeguarding**

Please find attached a safety guide about Rumble, which is a video-sharing platform that features some outspoken influencers and, frequently, uncompromising political views. It was designed as an alternative to YouTube and in the last two years and has begun to gain more popularity. From a safeguarding point of view parents need to be aware of the extreme views and controversial topics that can easily be viewed or shared.



## 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	Ralph + Evie + Herbie
2	Benjamin + Evie
3	Lexi + Thom
4	Max + Jess

## Forthcoming events

- July 12<sup>th</sup> Values Passport Collective Worship
- July 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Transition Sponne
- July 17<sup>th</sup> End of Year reports
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Sports Day (9.30am)
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Reserve Date for Sports Day (9.30am)
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Church Service pm 2pm
- July 21<sup>st</sup> 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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