



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

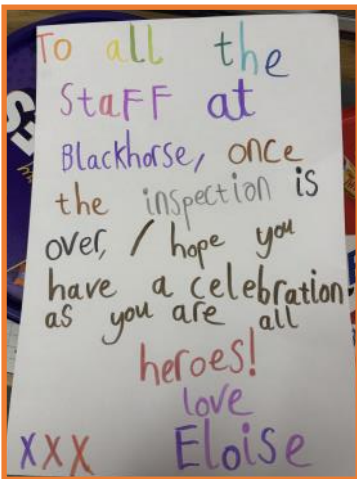
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A Successful Week To Be Proud Of



On Tuesday we were joined by four of His Majesty's Inspectors accompanied by a Senior His Majesty's Inspector who was quality assuring the team and the process. Throughout the two-day inspection every child showed our visitors what it is to be a Blackhorse Champion. They demonstrated our values of Respect, Pride, Bravery and Success and shone at every opportunity.



In every encounter with an Inspector, be that in the classroom, when sharing their learning, eating their lunch or talking to them, they impressed the Inspectors with their manners, active participation in learning, knowledge and the pride they have in their school. We couldn't be prouder of them.

Thank you to those who took to the time to complete the survey. The inspectors read every comment and shared many of them with us. They were impressed by the exceptionally high levels of support for the school. It was humbling to read the trust and faith you have in the school and our mission.

Special thanks go to every one of our staff: lunchbreak supervisors; the admin and premises team; our teaching assistants and fabulous teaching team who under intense scrutiny demonstrated how dedicated, knowledgeable and caring they are for your children every single day of the year. It was a pleasure to share our school with the visitors and show the continued hard work that has resulted in the learning they saw. The inspectors commented on the strength and pride within the team and how well they know every individual they work with.

Thanks go to our Local Governing Board who continue to offer challenge to improve and refine our school and whose detailed knowledge they shared as part of the inspection. We would also like to thank Ross Newman, CEO of The Leaf Trust, and Faye Kitchen, Director of Education, who were on site from dawn until dusk from Monday until the end of the inspection offering guidance and support to everyone.

The new framework grades schools on 7 areas: Safeguarding, Inclusion, Curriculum and Teaching, Achievement, Attendance and Behaviour, Personal Development and Wellbeing, Early Years and Leadership and Governance. The report will be published in January when full details will be available.

We are really pleased that the report will reflect the Blackhorse we are so proud of and the staff that make it such a special and unique school. Feedback from the team highlighted how respectful and delightful our children are and how difference is valued by them. The children were articulate in explaining how everyone at Blackhorse is treated equally. The lead inspector commented how Inclusion is a golden thread that weaves through every aspect of the school and that all staff have high expectations and aspirations for all children no matter their starting point. The Senior HMI asked for a tour of the school and commented how he would have loved the provision on offer at Blackhorse for his own children.

Yesterday in assembly we shared how pride we are of the children in assembly.

With three weeks left until the festive season we look forward to welcoming you to one of our eight shows which will get us all in the festive mood. The children can't wait to share their singing with you.

Term 2 Diary Dates:

Mon 1st Dec: Willow swimming begins

Mon 8th Dec: Yew swimming begins

Mon 8th Dec: KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30 & 2

Tues 9th Dec: Reception Nativity 9:30 & 2:30

Weds 10th Dec: Christmas Lunch

Thurs 11th Dec; PTA Christmas Carols & Winter BBQ

Fri 12th Dec: Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly 9:15 & 2:15

Mon 15th Dec: Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance 2 & 6

Weds 17th Dec: Y5/Y6 Christmas Performance 2 & 6

Thurs 18th Dec: Blackhorse Talent Show

Fri 19th Dec: Christmas Parties

Fri 19th Dec: Last Day of Term 2

Mon 5th Jan: Inset Day—school closed to pupils

Tues 6th Jan: Term 3 begins

This week's Champions!

Each week, the staff nominate one child per class who has been a model pupil, demonstrating the values which we look for in Champion Learners!

This week we have been focussing on the school value of success. This week our Champions are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Aubrey & Reece
Reception	Albatoul & Amaya
Year 1	Arthur & Nia
Year 2	Millie & Alfie
Year 3	Roman W & Blair
Year 4	Summer & Leon
Year 5	Jaxson & Tate
Year 6	Reuben & Jaiden

Attendance Champions this week:

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure your children are in school every day, it really does make a huge difference to them.

Year 4 are our attendance champions this week with attendance of 97.5% . Year 2 and Year 3 are second and third with 96.3% and 96% respectively.

A special well done to Beech and Chestnut who had attendance of 99% this week. Four classes; Cedar, Oak, Polar and Maple exceeded 98%

This week's Champions...

Every single child at Blackhorse has shown the true qualities of what makes a Champion throughout this week.



Through the respect they have shown each other and the exemplary way they have behaved, the pride they have shown in themselves and their school, the bravery to continue actively learning with visitors in their room and to talk to the inspectors and the successes they have shared we are super proud of each and every one of our champions.

Leaf Trust Book Appeal



As the season of goodwill approaches, we are reminded of the importance of kindness, community, and looking after one another. We also recognise that these are challenging times for many.

The Leaf Trust are launching a book gift drive to help ensure that children in the Trust family who may not have much this Christmas receive at least one present.— a book. Please see the letter attached to the newsletter email for further details.

Football Team Victorious

Our football team put on a great display on Thursday against local rivals, (in the nicest possible sense) Stanbridge.

The team played some great football going forwards and worked hard in defence. They took an early two goal lead but were pegged back and went into half time two—one up. A strong second half showing saw them finish the game with a five one victory.