



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T2 Wk3: 21st November 2025

Y6 attend anti-racism event



Yesterday half of our Y6 cohort visited the Memorial Stadium to take part in a day of activities organised by Bristol Rovers Community Department in conjunction with Show Racism The Red Card.

Show Racism the Red Card is the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity. It was established in January 1996, thanks in part to a donation by then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop. His own personal experience of being racially abused at a petrol station before the group realised he was the Newcastle goalkeeper led him to the thought that education could be an effective strategy in challenging racism in society.

The children took part in a series of workshops aimed at understanding racism and the effects it has on individuals and groups. They discussed prominent sportspeople who have experienced racism both in real life and online such as Marcus Rashford and Bukayo Saka following their penalty misses in the Euros.

They were given advice on how to stand up to racist behaviour when they see it by telling an adult at home or in school.

They heard from ex-professionals about what it's like to play in front of 40,000 people. They also had the chance to take a tour of the stadium and sit in the dugout.



Christmas in a Box

Year 3 took started thinking about the Christmas story and the true meaning of Christmas by taking part in a morning of activities organised and run by volunteers from Christ Church Downend including parent Harriet Jolly.



The children revisited the Christmas story by focussing on the key characters and were provided with the opportunity to reflect on the importance of symbols. They discussed the importance of including everyone and helping others during the build up and celebration of Christmas. They talked about the importance of sharing love and kindness.

The church kindly donated resources to enable every child to create and decorate a box personal to them. They placed a range of objects in their box to represent different aspects of the story. These included a special



gem and a wooden character. Thank you to the volunteers for giving their time and sharing their faith with our children. They thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

Children in Need final total



The final total for donations to BBC Children in Need stands at a fantastic **£620** which is a record amount raised by the Blackhorse community. Thank you for your generosity.

Term 2 Diary Dates:

Tues 25th Nov: Y6 Weight and Height Check
Thurs 27th Nov: Football @ Stanbridge
Fri 28th Nov: INSET Day school closed to pupils
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

Attendance Champions this week:

I am pleased to announce that Reception are our attendance champions this week with attendance of 98.2% which is fantastic. Year 2 came in second place with 97.5%. Huge congratulations to Cherry and Elm who managed 100% attendance this week.

Chestnut also impressed with 99.3% Beech, Ash and Cedar all exceeded our 97% target.

Christmas Lunch Booking Open

Maria, Kath and Anna will be providing a festive lunch for the children on Wednesday 10th December. It is a highlight of the run up to Christmas at Blackhorse and the hall is decorated to make it extra special.

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings and the vegetarian roast dinner option will be the only choices available on that day. You can order your child's lunch on the Arbor App right now. To assist with ordering please order your meal by the end of Friday 28th November.

This week's Champions!

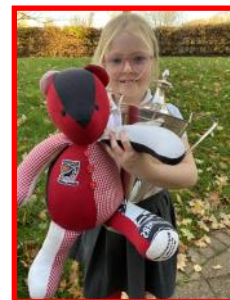
Each week, the staff nominate one child per class who has been a model pupil, demonstrating the values which we look for in Champion Learners! This week we have been focussing on the school value of Bravery This week our Champions are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Jack & Henry
Reception	Brielle & Reno
Year 1	Nura & Romeo
Year 2	Nicole & Hallie
Year 3	Amber & Noah
Year 4	Maxwell & Emily
Year 5	Bethan & Owais
Year 6	Doga & Darcie

This week's Champion...

Bravery is our focus this week and Hallie in Chestnut has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Waddicor writes 'Hallie is a brilliant Blackhorse Champion! She is always ready to learn and gives 100% in every lesson. Hallie is confident, enthusiastic and always up for a challenge - I am incredibly proud of her and everything she has achieved.'



Christmas Lunch

The children are invited to wear a festive jumper or something red to school on Christmas Lunch day. They will have the opportunity to make a party hat in the class in the run up to the day to help with the festive feeling.

The sound of Christmas songs is starting to drift from classrooms across the school as the children begin learning their lines for the performances they will be sharing with our community in the last two weeks of term. We look forward to seeing you there.