



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T1 Wk7: 17th October 2025

Year 3 and 4 take centre stage



Music took centre stage in a special assembly on Wednesday when Year 3 and Year 4 gave a recorder performance to the rest of the school.

For the past four weeks they have been receiving expert tuition from parent and professional musician Emily Correa. She was so impressed by their progress she volunteered them for their first performance. They chose a seasonal theme with two spooky songs, Monster Mash and Scary, Spooky Skeletons.

The lessons are part of our Music Development Plan that aims to improve the skills and knowledge of all of our children alongside developing a love for music. Every child in KS2 has their own recorder and takes part in weekly lessons. There are more performance opportunities planned throughout the year.

Recognition for Helen Bruten

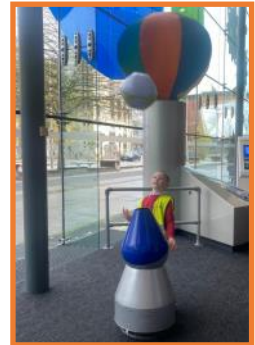


Congratulations to Helen Bruten who was presented with her Leaf Award in assembly on Thursday. Leaf Awards are awarded to members of staff who have been nominated by their peers and recognise extraordinary dedication and commitment.

Helen, part of our Reading Intervention Team, was recognised for the effort, care and determination she shows in helping children to learn to read. She also shares her passion for reading with children and staff and helps foster a love of books and the joy that they bring. Well done Helen.

A Great First Term

As we arrive at the end of Term 1 we look back and celebrate what a great first term it has been. It was great to see a packed hall and library over two evenings this week for our parent meetings.



These meetings provide the chance to see how your child has settled into the routines of the new year and their early successes along with ways we can work together to support them to achieve. We really appreciate your time and contribution to these. External visits have shown the children have excellent learning behaviours and are actively engaged in their learning. Our teachers and support staff teach highly effective lessons and there is a high degree of consistency across the school. Our most vulnerable learners, including those with SEND, receive high quality support and adaptations to help them succeed.

It is great to see our Year 6 children bringing the lessons they learned at PGL about independence, bravery and teamwork back to school and applying these on a daily basis. Year 2 had a fantastic time at We the Curious on Tuesday consolidating the science learning they have been doing in school.

We are always looking at ways to improve what we do. Today, the first Leaf Inset of the year, our teachers are taking part in writing moderation with other Leaf colleagues to help them plan next steps for term 2. The teaching assistants are taking part in the annual Leaf conference at Blackhorse focussing on adaptive practise and how we can support our most vulnerable learners.

Diary Dates:

Fri 24th Oct: INSET Day: school closed to pupils

Mon 3rd Nov: Start of Term 2

Mon 3rd Nov: Y4 trip to library for theatre performance

Thurs 6th Nov: ESFA Boy's Football Tournament

Thurs 6th Nov: PTA Books at Bedtime

Fri 28th Nov: INSET Day school closed to pupils

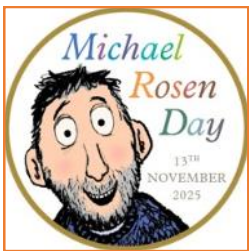
Attendance Champions this week:

It is a another positive week for attendance at Blackhorse. Our attendance champions this week are Year 1 with 98.3% Year 2 and Year 3 also beat our target of 97% this week

Poplar and Chestnut both had attendance of 99% this week which is amazing. Special mention also to Birch and Cedar with 98.5% and 98% respectively.

Our attendance champions for the term are Year 2 with attendance of 97.9%. They have earned an extra break-time in the first week back. Year 1 and Year 3 were a very close second and third.. It is great to see that 8 classes altogether exceeded our 97% target. Cedar are the Champions with 98.2% They will be joining Year 2 for the extra breaktime.

Michael Rosen Day



Our Reading Intervention team and English lead, Laura Jenkins, are always looking for ways to inspire reading and writing at Blackhorse. Their next initiative is celebrating Michael Rosen Day on Thursday

13th November.

The children will be taking part in a live webinar on the day with schools across the country. Michael Rosen will be reading a selection of his poems live including his infamous Chocolate Cake poem.

Well done to the children who entered the funny food poetry competition. We look forward to seeing if any have been chosen by Michael to be performed during the live webinar.

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	Maria & Noah
Reception	Marcelo & Michael
Year 1	Olive & Lennon
Year 2	Harvey & Kaitlyn
Year 3	Annabelle & Roman
Year 4	Harlow & Henry
Year 5	Ava & Theo
Year 6	Jackson & Eloise

This week's Champion...



Success is our focus this week and Harlow in Maple has been chosen. Miss Urry writes; 'Harlow is a superstar who could win this award every single week! She is a true role model and shows all our

values in all she does, by being brave when facing challenges and taking pride in all her work. She has been extra-successful in maths this week, being the first person in Maple to reach the challenge in 2 lessons! As well as all this success and general brilliance, Harlow is a kind and helpful member of her class. Well done you Superstar!

Emily competes at British Open

Well done to Emily in Y4 who competed at the British Open last weekend. We have been watching Emily's progress as an Irish dancer in recent years and she is now competing on the national stage at the British Open. Later this year she will be competing at the World Championships. Good luck Emily.

