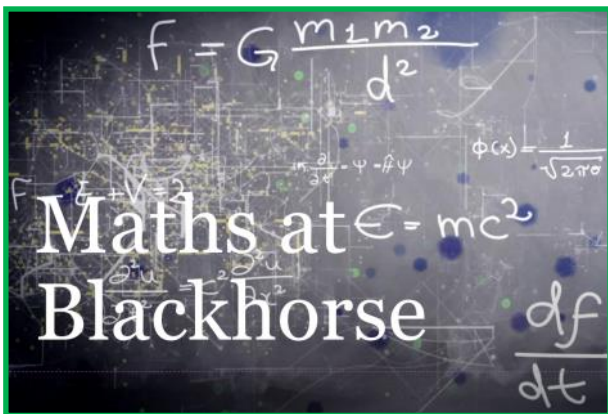




Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T5 W5: 23rd May 2025

Mastering Maths at Blackhorse



We had a fantastic turn out to our two maths mornings this week with over 150 parents joining us in the hall to find out how we teach maths at Blackhorse.

The workshops delivered by Joshua Denton and teachers from each year group provided parents with an insight into the maths teaching children receive each and every day.

Sessions in both Key stages follow the same sequence with sections on fluency, varied fluency and reasoning. Fluency is a crucial part and ensures children can complete calculations efficiently and accurately before moving forward to apply this knowledge. It gives children time to practise the same specific skill over and over again.

Teachers model the learning taking place by following the structure of I do, We do and You do. This gives children a worked example from the teacher followed by an example they work on as a class before the children have a go independently.

We hope you found these workshops useful. Do get in touch if there are other areas of teaching and learning you would like to know more about in the future.

Norbot is coming to Blackhorse

Exciting news! Norbot is coming to Blackhorse.



As part of the Gromit Unleashed 3! Trail, Blackhorse have secured a Norbot statue for the school. He will be added to our collection and join our original Gromit, Shaun the Sheep and Feathers McGraw,

The [Gromit Unleashed 3! Trail](#) will take place

from June 30th to August 31st and promises to be bigger and better than ever. Our Norbot, all 100cm of him, once completed, will join other Norbots in a special school's exhibition, at a location to be decided, in September.

This is where you come in. We need every one of our children to be creative and come up with a design for Norbot. Our Gromit contains a thumbprint from every child in the school. Shaun is covered in shells and Feathers is adorned with coins. This time we are looking for a design that can be painted to make a Norbot Blackhorse can be proud of.

Attached to this newsletter is a template for children to add their design to. Paper copies will also be available from the school office. Please complete your design and hand to your child's teacher by **Friday 14th June.**



Diary Dates:

Fri 23rd May: Last day of Term 5

Mon 2nd June: INSET Day: School closed to pupils

Tues 3rd June: First day of Term 6

Tues 3rd June: Explorer Dome in school for 3 days

Weds 4th June: Parent's Forum: Personal Effort

Thurs 5th June: Y4 Tented Camp

Tues 10th June: Y4 trip to The Matthew

Tues 10th June: Rec Reflective Space with Christ Church

Weds 11th June: Cricket Squad Tournament

Thurs 12th June: Girl's Cricket Tournament

Fri 13th June: Sports Day and Family Picnic

Mon 16th June: Music Concert with Emily Andrews and Francisco Correa

Tues 16th June: Y3/4 Cricket Tournament

Thurs 19th June: MAD Olympiad

Fri 27th June: Reserve Sports Day

Tues 1st July: Rec trip to Redwood Learning Centre

Thurs 3rd July: Y1 trip to Blaise castle Museum

Fri 4th July: PTA Summer Fair 4pm to 7pm

Mon 7th July: Leaf Bristol Beacon Concert

Thurs 10th July: Y3 trip to Westonbirt Arboretum

Weds 16th July: Y6 trip to Houses of Parliament

Thurs 17th July: Y6 Leavers' Party

Tues 22nd July: Last day of year

Attendance this week

Year 2 are our Attendance Champions this week with fantastic attendance of 99.3% Reception and Y3 also exceeded our target of 97%. Well done.

This term sees Y2 top the attendance charts with attendance of 97.6%. They are closely followed by Year 3 with 97.4% and Year 5 with 96.7%. An impressive 9 classes exceeded our attendance target of 97% this term. Thank you for your continued efforts with attendance.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS

This week's Champions!

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

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Maria & Gus
Reception	Natalia & Malachy
Year 1	Caleb & Maisie
Year 2	Charlie & Harper
Year 3	Lillie & Adam
Year 4	Marnie-Rae & Mia
Year 5	Darcie & Dan
Year 6	Zoe & Bella

This week's Champions...



Respect is our focus this week and Zoe in Willow has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Jenkins writes, 'Zoe is so deserving of the trophy - she is an absolute superstar. Zoe holds herself to such a high standard: she never settles for anything but her best. In class, she engages in learning, no matter the lesson; she is respectful and kind towards peers and adults alike and she seizes every opportunity offered to her. I am so proud of you Zoe - what a champion!'

Laser Run

Our children have been enjoying their Laser Run enrichment with Miss Mellish this term. From this group, a team has been chosen to



represent Blackhorse at the Festival of Youth Sport on June 7th. They have been taking part in training with Team GB coach Phil Hobbs. If you are at The Bath & West show at the end of half term, Phil will be there in the Sportzone offering 20 minute sessions for free.