



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T5 W2: 2nd May 2025

Autism Awareness & Neurodiversity Week



This week we have been celebrating our uniqueness and differences as part of Autism Awareness and Neurodiversity week. It began on Monday with an assembly entitled 'Everyone's Different, Everyone's Special.'

The children have been learning more about Autism in their classes along with other things that make us different and unique. They have shared their own stories and experiences about being different and discovered why Blackhorse is such a special school.

The children each created an individual handprint from a variety of fabrics inspired by the following poem:

"These Hands"

Some hands tap beats like they're in a band,
On desks, on walls, on someone's hand.
Some hands flap like they're ready for flight—
Or just forgot how to wave right.

Some hands stack things in perfect rows,
While humming tunes that no one knows.
Others doodle across the page,
Starring unicorns... and a T-Rex in a cage.

These hands are quirky, cool, and bright—
Some wear gloves just for delight.
Neurodiverse? Oh, you bet—
These hands are the best weird friends you've met.

So when you see hands that don't "fit the mold,"
They're probably busy being bold.
Wave back, and maybe do a jig—
These brilliant hands just think *big*.

The hands have been used to create a whole school sensory trail with a board of hands placed along the corridors.

School was a sea of colour on Friday as children celebrate their uniqueness and individuality by coming to

School dressed to express themselves. Some children went for bright colours whilst others chose their favourite Disney character or football team. It was great to see the children embrace the opportunity.

Huge thanks go to Michelle Melton, Diana, Phillips, Kelly Lloyd and Jacqui Taylor for the thought and effort they put into planning the week and creating the sensory trail.



Joy as Trophy Returns to Blackhorse



Team Blackhorse were celebrating last night as their efforts over three legs of the CSET Cross Country Series saw them come out on top and win back the trophy they had been working so hard to win.

Training for these races started back in the September sunshine and continued through the cold and wet winter months with the team turning up and putting in the effort.

This practice saw the Boy's A team win the Boys' trophy. The Girl's A team came 2nd. Their combined score was more than enough to win the shield for the 13th time in 15 years. The children from both teams worked hard as a team with individuals giving their all to do their best.

Huge thank you to the small army of parent coaches, ex BH runners and Lucy Bettany who have helped throughout the year.

Diary Dates:

Tues 6th May: Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow in Rec

Mon 1th May: KS2 SATs begin

Fri 16th May: Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly

Mon 19th May: Quadkids Athletics

Weds 21st May: PTA Spring Disco

Thurs 22nd May: Y2 visit to Bristol Zoo Project

Thurs 22nd May: South Glos Cross Country

Fri 23rd May: KS2 Achievement Assembly

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

Thurs 5th June: Y4 Tented Camp

This week's Champions!

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

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	James & Henry
Reception	Florence P & Mariam
Year 1	Lotta & Cerys
Year 2	Elliot & Frankie-John
Year 3	Eva & Henry
Year 4	Jakob & Ayah
Year 5	Jaxon & Reuben
Year 6	Charlie & Buwa

Attendance this week

It has been another really positive week for attendance at Blackhorse this week. Year 1 are our attendance Champions this week with very impressive attendance of 98.3% Year 2 and 3 and 5 also exceeded our target of 97% with attendance 98%, 97.9% and 97.5% respectively.

Y1 St Werburghs City Farm



Year 1 spent a gloriously sunny day at St Werburghs City Farm this week to support their learning in their Enquiry

'What type of animal am I?'

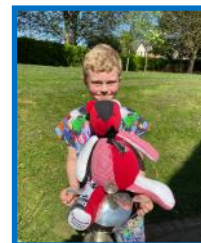
They enjoyed spending time with the animals, the pigs and guinea pigs were a particular favourite with the children.

They also got to show their creative sides by making Boggarts out of clay. A boggart is a supernatural spirit that looks after the forest. The children designed and made their boggarts and then explored the wood to find the best place for them to live. Felix chose to make one in the image of Mr Fry as he thought this would be an effective way to keep the spirits away. :)

This week's Champion...

Pride is our focus this week and Jakob in Maple has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Urry writes "Jakob is a true Blackhorse Champion! Because of his brilliant attitude and enormous amounts of personal effort, he is making incredible progress in all areas of his learning, as he brings energy, joyfulness and enthusiasm to all tasks, no matter how challenging. He is a kind, thoughtful and caring friend to all his peers, and he really tries his best to do the right thing, every time, no matter what. Well done Jakob - we are all so proud of you!"



Summer Term and Warm Weather

It has been a lovely week with the sun shining, let's hope we are set for a wonderful summer.

Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and send them in with a hat to wear and a water bottle. They are also permitted to bring roll-on sun screen to apply at lunchtime.

Please remember our [uniform policy](#) through the summer term. We remind you that PE kit has to be Blackhorse kit or plain with no logos.