



# Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

## T5 Wk1: 25th April 2025

### Autism Awareness

### & Neurodiversity Week

**We will be marking National Autism Acceptance Month next week as we hold our own Autism Awareness and Neurodiversity week. The theme for Blackhorse is Be Unique.**

Our Autism Champions, Kelly Lloyd, Michelle Melton and Diana Phillips, have been busy devising a series of activities throughout the week to celebrate the unique and diverse community we have at Blackhorse.

On Monday, Jacqui Taylor will launch the week in a special assembly and activities have been planned for children to take part in throughout the week. This includes the creation of a sensory trail around the school. Every child will produce a symbol of their hand in an array of colours and textures to form the trail.

On Friday, everyone is invited to take part in our 'I am Unique' day by coming to school in clothes that represent their uniqueness. This could be anything from pyjamas to football kit, club uniforms to bright and vibrant outfits, tee shirts featuring their favourite band or book character, the choice is endless. The kitchen will be producing special jigsaw cakes to celebrate how we all fit together into our Blackhorse community.

### A Celebrity Visit



**Today Reception and KS1 were visited by CBBC and Cbeebies star Andy Day.**

He sang two of his favourite songs from his band, Andy and the Odd Socks.

The children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed seeing Andy live and had great fun singing, dancing and jumping along. Look out for a flyer to a one day festival featuring Andy and the Odd Socks at Chipping Sodbury on May 26th.

### More from our parent survey...

**Qu 4: The school deals effectively with bullying.**



**25% of parents agreed with this statement**, 68% said they have no experience so can't comment with 8% disagreeing. **14 comments were left**, 3 supporting the school's approach, 3 relating to specific incidents and 1 relating to rumoured behaviour of others.

**What we're doing about it:** We strive to foster a culture of respect and inclusion where bullying is universally unacceptable. Prevention involves collective responsibility and proactive efforts by the entire school community. Children are made aware of who they can talk to if they are feeling sad or feel they have been treated unkindly. We use assemblies, PSHE lessons and class discussions to teach the differences between conflict and bullying.

We always take allegations of bullying seriously and investigate using a consistent approach. We regularly monitor and review incidents to look for patterns and report termly to our Local Governing Board.

**Don't forget, full results can be found [here](#).**

### Good luck

Good luck to Beverley Schurring and her team who are running the London Marathon this Sunday. Good luck to anyone else from our school community who is taking part.

We will make sure to look out for you on the television and welcome any pictures you may wish to share.

## Diary Dates:

**Mon 28th Apr: Autism & Neurodiversity Week**  
**Weds 30th Apr: Y1 trip to St Werburghs City Farm**  
**Thurs 1st May: Class Photos**  
**Thurs 1st May: CSET Cross-Country Series Race 3/3**  
**Tues 6th May: Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow in Rec**  
**Mon 1st 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**

## Attendance this week

**It has been a really positive week for attendance at Blackhorse this week which saw whole school attendance above our target of 97% for 3 days. On Thursday it was almost 99%! In fact whole school attendance for the week is at 97%**

We are very pleased to report that Year 4 are our attendance Champions this week with very impressive attendance of 98.8% Year 2 and 3 also exceeded our target of 97% with attendance of 98%. Let's keep this going throughout the Summer term.

## Author Visit

**Whilst KS1 were enjoying singing with Andy Day, our Year 5 and 6 children were at Emersons Green Primary to hear author Tamsin Mori talk to them about her brand new book Gargoyles.** A book about a crumbling mansion, a magical source and a living gargoyle. There are more author visits planned throughout the year.

## This week's Champions!

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

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Llewelyn & Lili
Reception	Olivia & Lorena
Year 1	Jonas & Cooper
Year 2	Blair & Kacie-Mae
Year 3	Summer & Lexi
Year 4	Anaiya & Charlotte
Year 5	Max & Noelle
Year 6	Lily & Harry

## This week's Champion...

**Respect is our focus this week and Blair in Chestnut has been chosen as our Champion.**

Miss Doulton writes "Blair is always showing respect by being ready for her learning and is speedy giving 5. She is always kind and caring to all of Chestnut and is super at tidying up! She is a great role model to everyone in Chestnut. Well done Blair, keep it up!"



## Y5 Visit SS Great Britain

**On Tuesday Y5 kicked off the term with a visit to the SS Great Britain to launch their enquiry that looks at the importance of Bristol Docks to the Victorians.**



They delved into the lives of the Victorians who sailed aboard. They also took the opportunity to make preliminary sketches for their art topic.