



# Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T4 Wk4: 21st March 2025

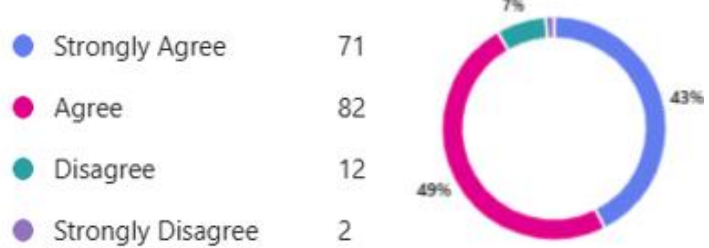
## Parent Survey Special

Every year we ask our parental community to complete an online survey and then we report back what you told us and what we're doing about it! Unlike most school, we also post the full results, and all the comments (good or bad), on our website as we like to give you the full picture about what you have said about our school.

Over the next few weeks we will be devoting a portion of this newsletter to this survey, starting with the first 4 questions today...

In total, 168 parents responded to the survey (between 25-35 per year group, and 10 from Resource Base).

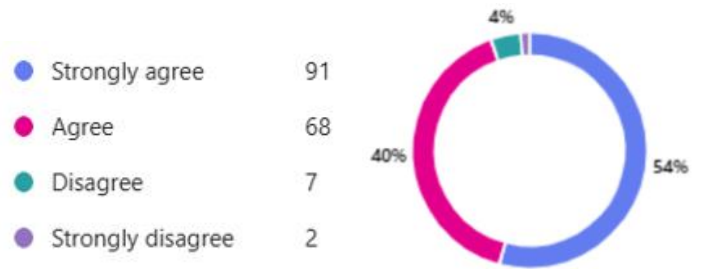
### Qu 1: My child is happy at school.



**92% of parents agreed with this statement**, with 14 parents disagreeing. **55 comments were left**, 38 praising the school, 11 suggesting their child was unhappy and 3 mentioning specific incidents.

**What we're doing about it:** There is no general theme in the responses which we can respond to directly. We are lucky enough to have an extensive pastoral team, so please let us know if you think your child needs support in this area. Additionally, Jacqui Taylor has met with our parent champions and has looked at how we can add a greater variety of clubs on offer and as a result **20 clubs** will run in T5-6, including many new opportunities such as Science, animation, and lots of art clubs. Our Mission Masters have also been filming a 'well-being toolkit' to support children with some practical tips, which will be available soon!

### Qu2: My child feels safe at school.



**95% of parents agreed with this statement**, 9 parents disagreed. **36 comments were left**, 15 praising the school, 8 relating to playtime incidents and 5 relating to a range of other matters.

**What we're doing about it:** This year we have continued our termly focus on e-safety, with Simon leading a parents' e-safety action group, looking at the school's stance on smart phones. Mrs Stainsby received training from the NSPCC to deliver a specially-adapted version of 'Speak out, stay safe' to our older children with SEND. We have also invested in improving site security by adding securing fencing to the back of the school hall. However, there is always room for improvement in this area and we will discuss the comments as a staff.

### Qu 3: My child is well looked after by staff.



**94% of parents agreed with this statement**, whilst 10 disagreed. **41 comments were left:** 25 praising the school, 3 raising concerns about playtimes and 6 raising comments about single issues.

**PTO.**

## Fantastic Concert Experience

Year 3 and 4 at joined children from Emerson's Green



Primary and Barley Close Primary Schools at an amazing concert at The Resound Centre this week. They had the opportunity to hear a variety of music from 400 years ago to today, classical to jazz, all extraordinarily beautifully performed by [Eleanor Grant](#) and [Gus McQuade](#) on double bass, voice and guitar.

You could have heard a pin drop at some moments, and at others the children clicked the backbeat, asked lots of great questions, and contributed their insightful comments on the moods of the music.

And the fun and learning doesn't stop there.... Eleanor and Gus have prepared worksheets and sound files for the children to do in class later in the week, to give them a chance to process their thoughts and consolidate and develop their learning from the concert.

This whole project was organised by Ham Farm Festival and funded by Paragon Trust and councillor Rachael Hunt from [@southglosCouncil](#) - so huge thanks to them for making it possible..

## Clubs in Terms 5 and 6

**At Blackhorse we strive to offer all of our children as many opportunities as possible to enhance their skills and knowledge in a wide variety of ways. Our extra-curricular offer is a key driver of this.**

Recently, we have been working with our Mission Masters to find out what our children enjoy doing and what they feel is missing from our current offer. Our first Parent Champion Forum also focussed on this and the parents who attended provided valuable feedback.

We rely on our staff to give their time to provide these opportunities and next term we are pleased to be able to offer 20 clubs. In an attempt to remove barriers to attendance, some clubs will run at different times, as we appreciate children also take advantage of many opportunities out of school.

The offer includes our usual offer of Sports clubs with Netball, Multi-skills and a range of Cricket clubs. There will be the chance for children to take part in STEM clubs like Computing, and Science and The Human Body. Creative clubs are also on offer including Drama and water-colours. Our ever popular Playrangers club is also available.

For the first time, Mrs Barker, will be running A Faith Space for children of any or no faith. She will be joined by Julie Gardner from Christ Church Downend to explore bible themes in fun and interactive ways such as art, drama, music and video editing.

You can express an interest in any of these clubs via Arbor right now.

## Red Nose Day



Huge thanks to everyone for making such an effort to help us celebrate the 40th birthday of Red Nose Day. Everyone looked great dressed in red and we saw some great examples of 80s style.

The bake sale was fabulous and the children thoroughly enjoyed the sweet treats on offer. So far we have raised **£125** on our [JustGiving](#) page. We raised a further **£198** at the cake sale. Thank you for your generosity.

## Your Chance to sing at the Bristol Beacon



Our choir will be joining the choirs from the other Leaf schools this July for the annual Leaf Concert. This year all 400 children will be brought together on the same night to perform on the stage of the Bristol Beacon. Miss Phillips is looking for children to join her choir who are currently rehearsing for the show. She is particularly interested in boys who would like to sing. Sign up via Arbor.

## Diary Dates:

**Mon 24th March: Chestnut visit to Christ Church**

**Tues 25th March: Elder visit to Christ Church**

**Tues 25th Mar: Parents' Evening**

**Thurs 27th Mar: PTA Mother's Day Wrap**

**Thurs 27th Mar: Y2 Flute Workshop**

**Thurs 27th Mar: Parents' Evening**

**Fri 28th Mar: Rec/KS1 Achievement Assembly**

**Tues 1st Apr: Fun Run for the MS Trust**

**Tues 1st April Into the Woods 2pm & 6pm**

**Weds 2nd Apr: Y2 visit to SS Great Britain**

**Weds 2nd Apr: Into the Woods 4pm**

**Thurs 3rd Apr: Y3 visit to Roman Baths**

**Thurs 3rd Apr: PTA KS1 Craft Event**

**Fri 4th April: KS2 Achievement Assembly**

**Fri 4th Apr: Last day of Term 4**

**Tues 22nd Apr: First day of Term 5**

## 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	Mason & Vienna
Reception	Florence J & Zoja
Year 1	Archie & Kriti
Year 2	Amna & Roman W
Year 3	Amia & Chloe S
Year 4	Zena & Alfie
Year 5	Scarlet & Daisy-Mae
Year 6	James & Alfie

## Attendance this week

**It has been a positive week for attendance at Blackhorse. We are very pleased to report that Reception are our attendance Champions this week with attendance of 97.5%.** Years 1 and 3 also have attendance above our target of 97%. Six classes exceeded our attendance target of 97%.

Thank you for your continued efforts with attendance, it [makes a huge difference](#).

## PTA Champion Bars

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Champion bar in the recent PTA event. They made a profit of £352.92. It was great to see the excitement on the children's' faces as they opened their bars. The lucky winners enjoyed attending the hot chocolate café last week.

Look out for more PTA events coming soon. These include the Mother's Day Wrap on 27th March where the children have the chance to buy a gift for that someone special in their life. They are also planning a PTA Disco for Wednesday 21st May.

## This week's Champion...

**Pride is our focus this week and James in Willow has been chosen as our Champion.**

Miss Jenkins writes " James couldn't be more deserving of the trophy this week. He works hard, showing that putting in personal effort

every day really pays off. During the Literature Festival, he represented our school brilliantly as one of our Leaf Literature Leaders: writing reports for the newsletter, interviewing pupils and judging competitions. His attitude to learning and behaviour in class is brilliant and we are immensely proud to have him as part of the Willow Class team. Well done James - you deserve this! "



## Survey continued...

**What are we doing about (staff caring for children):**

The whole team: leaders, teachers and support staff meet and discuss how to support children monthly to decide how to best support children and families. We are also currently looking at improvements to After-school provision and more information will be coming on this in the next couple of weeks!