



# Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

## T4 Wk3: 14th March 2025

### Leaf Literature Festival Week 2

Here is the second report from our Leaf Literature Leaders, James Daymond and Alfie Douglas.

After another week of the Leaf Literature Festival, many more exciting events have taken place, such as: multiple author visits, including Jen Reid for years 4-6 on Monday, Fleur Hitchcock for years 5-6 at Emersons Green School and Louie Stowell for the whole of KS2, online, on Friday; Bravery Books are being created across the whole of Blackhorse, a new poem of the week has been learnt and performed, pen pal letters have been signed off and the Reading Team have done a survey across the whole school on what books people would like in the school library.

We interviewed children across years 1-5 about the second week of the Leaf Literature Festival and this is what they said:

The year 5s that we interviewed have already finished their Bravery Book and went into detail about the characters, setting and storyline and sounded very proud of it. One said, "I really enjoyed Fleur Hitchcock's visit, and it inspired me to become an author when I grow up." They agreed the best genre of books are non-fiction and they like books about the human body and natural disasters.

Two Year 4s said that they enjoyed Jen Reid visiting and thought that she was fun and entertaining. They are also looking forward to Louie Stowell's virtual visit, saying that they really liked her books.

The Year 3s that we talked to agreed that Jen Reid visiting was "The best thing ever and I'd read her book all day." They have also finished their Bravery Book; they said, "Our book is about a boy who got stranded on a jungle island and he has to be brave to get resources to build a raft and return home off of the island."

The year 2s that we talked to said "We really wanted books about football, sport, and ones about the sea." They also told us about their Bravery Book that is based underwater, and the main character is a mermaid called Pearl, and they sounded very enthusiastic about it.

The Year 1s said that they have enjoyed the Leaf Literature Festival. They were telling us about their Bravery Book, which is about a lifeguard that can't swim and a clumsy gingerbread man.

It has been a fantastic fortnight of reading and writing.

### Sycamore visit Badminton Road Bridge



Sycamore had an opportunity to learn about engineering close up on Wednesday by visiting the site of the Badminton Road bridge engineering works. They were invited by the contractor overseeing the works, Taylor Woodrow.

They were invited to see one of the huge machines that is being used to remove the bridge from Friday 21st March. The machine arrived yesterday following a 24 hour journey from Liverpool and was put together on site. The machine operators explained how it will take the bridge down. The large claw weighing 10 tonnes will peck at the bridge and remove it in sections. The concrete will then be crushed on site and reused.

As a school, our mission is to build Champion Learners and we do this in a number of ways. Two aspects of our recipe are Expert Tuition and Extensive Opportunities. The visit met both of these perfectly.

It was great for the children to see the engineering that is happening just outside school up close and provide an insight into a range of careers. They were wowed by the sheer size of the machine that is being used to carry out the demolition.



## Diary Dates:

- Tues 18th Mar: Parent Champion Forum 2:30pm**
- Tues 18th Mar: Y3 trip to see Eleanor Grant & Gus McQuade live concert**
- Thurs 20th Mar: Football v St Stephens**
- Thurs 20th March: Y4 Tented Camp Meeting**
- Mon 24th March: Chestnut visit to Christ Church**
- Tues 25th March: Elder visit to Christ Church**
- Tues 25th Mar: Parents' Evening**
- 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**

## Attendance this week

**Year 2 are our attendance Champions this week with attendance of 97.4%.** Year 6 are within one tenth of our target of 97% at 96.9%. Well done.

## Reading Rangers



**Our Year 6 Reading Rangers are a group of volunteers who give up their lunchtime to read to our younger children.**

Being proud of the work they do to provide a space for KS1 children to listen to stories they approached Mr Botten to help them make a short reel to share their mission.

They had watched the reels we made on [How we build Champions](#) and wanted to make their own version. You can view their [reel](#) here.

## 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	Arlo & Noah
Reception	Jules & Teddy
Year 1	Harvey & Lottie Sm
Year 2	Ellana & Poppy
Year 3	Blake & Harri
Year 4	Hassan & Angelina
Year 5	Oskar & Florence R
Year 6	Isabella & Neveah

## This week's Champion...

**Respect is our focus this week and Angelina in Oak has been chosen as our Champion.**

Miss Bettany writes "Angelina consistently embraces new challenges with enthusiasm and makes the most of every opportunity that comes her way. As a result of her bravery to try new things, she is now a respected Mission Master, an important member of track team and a Playpod Leader too. She shows courage and determination every day through being at the heart of class discussions and she always tries her absolute best. Angelina is keen to keep improving and be successful and she does this by asking for help when she needs it and acting on the feedback she gets. Congratulations Angelina you are a Blackhorse Champion!"



## PTA KS1 Craft Event

**On Thursday 3rd April the PTA are hosting an Easter craft event in the hall.**

You can come along with your child and enjoy some together making Easter hats, colouring and buying cake. Places are limited to 35 children and parents must attend with their children. The event is limited to 35 children. Tickets go on sale tonight at 6pm.

The PTA have also announced that the Quiz raised an amazing profit of £1063.81. Thank you to all who came.