



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T4 Wk1: 28th February 2025

20th Birthday Party



The Blackhorse community, past and present, came together on Tuesday 25th February to celebrate the 20th birthday of the school building. It was fantastic to see so many faces sharing memories and taking the opportunity to reminisce about their own personal memories of life at Blackhorse.

Deputy head at the time of the school opening, Phil Winterburn, delivered a fabulous assembly based around the journey the school has been on since 1958 and his own memories. The children particularly enjoyed his story about the white line painted on the playground to keep the children on the yet to be developed school field.

Our wonderful kitchen team had worked hard to bake cakes, biscuits and a special 20th birthday cake for the visitors and our KS2 Mission Masters did a great job of helping to host.

First to arrive were former staff members, sharing stories and anecdotes about their time working at Blackhorse.. At 5pm former pupils arrived, some with their own memorabilia. It was lovely to see representatives from across the decades with one gentleman remembering his time at Blackhorse in 1958 when it opened.

The event showed what a special place Blackhorse Primary is and the part it has played in the local community since 1958.



Leaf Literature Festival

Monday sees the start of the 2nd Leaf Trust Literature Festival, a fortnight long celebration of the magic of children's books. A full programme of events including author visits, book writing and World Book Day has been planned.



It starts on Monday with a special launch assembly led by Trust CEO, Ross Newman where the winner of the Bookmark and writing competitions will be announced.

Author Visits

Our first author visit takes place on Tuesday when Nicola Colton comes to school to read to Rec and KS1. On Friday 7th, KS2 are joining children across the Trust for a virtual visit from Ian Eagleton. On Tuesday 10th, Jen Reid, author of *A Hero Like Me*, is coming into visit KS2,. Year 4 are especially excited as they studied her book last term. Our friends from Emersons Green are also joining us in the hall.

On Thursday 13th, year 5 and 6 head over to Emersons Primary to meet Fleur Hitchcock. KS2 join the rest of Leaf on Friday 14th to round of the Festival with a virtual visit from Louie Stowell.

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March is World Book Day. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. At 230pm everyone across the Trust will be dropping everything to read for half an hour at 2:30pm.

During the fortnight Year 1 and Year 2 will be paying a visit to Emersons Green library. Classes will be pairing up with their friends at Emersons Green to write a collaborative class story on Bravery. They will also be paired with another school within the Trust to write pen pal letters

It promises to be an amazing fortnight.

Diary Dates:

Mon 3rd Mar: Leaf Literature Festival Begins

Thurs 6th Mar: Yew Swimming begins

Thurs 6th Mar: Football v Bromley Heath Juniors

Thurs 6th Mar: PTA Quiz Night

Fri 7th Mar: Enrichment begins

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

Tues 25th Mar: Parents' Evening

Thurs 27th Mar: Y2 Flute Workshop

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Tues 1st Apr: Fun Run for Meningitis Trust

Tues 1st Apr Musical Theatre: Into the Woods 2pm & 6pm

Weds 2nd Apr: Y2 visit to SS Great Britain

Weds 2nd Apr: Musical Theatre: Into the Woods 4pm

Thurs 3rd Apr: Y3 visit to Roman Baths

Thurs 3rd Apr: PTA

Fri 4th Apr: Last day of Term 4

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	Lex & Jonnie
Reception	Mia & Zara
Year 1	Hugo & Maiya
Year 2	Neven & Tommy
Year 3	Harry M & Navy
Year 4	Rocky & Beau
Year 5	Tilly & Josh
Year 6	Vinnie & Grace

This week's Champion...

Success is our focus this week and Vinnie in Willow has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Jenkins writes " Vinnie is so deserving of this title: he is incredibly kind, respectful and trustworthy.

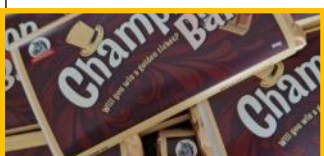
He has been representing Willow Class wonderfully as our Mission Master, showing great maturity and leadership skills. As well as being a positive, smiley presence in the classroom, he works incredibly hard, attending morning groups, trying his best in class and always asking how he can improve. Well done Vinnie!



Attendance this week

Year 2 are our attendance Champions this week with fabulous attendance of 98.2%. Later this term our Mission Masters will be meeting to discuss the importance of regular attendance and planning an assembly to share their message.

Champion Bars



To coincide with the Leaf Literature Festival the PTA have planned an exciting opportunity for the children.

They have purchased 420 chocolate bars, printed special Champion bar wrappers and wrapped them all individually. Inside are golden tickets to be found which will unlock a range of prizes to be won.

Please see the email sent home today for further information.

Special Menus

Next week the kitchen have planned two special menus.

On Tuesday they will be offering a pancake station for pudding to mark Shrove Tuesday. There will be a selection of toppings available for the children to choose.

To celebrate World Book day on Thursday the menu will be Beef Burgers or Vege hot Dogs with wedges.

Book your child's lunch via the Arbor App.

