



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T3 Wk6: 14th February 2025

Join our 20th Birthday Party!



This week, all the children have been taking part in a special themed week studying the school's 57 year history, ready for the 20th birthday of the current school building on 25th February.

Each year group has focused on a different aspect of our long history, creating art and writing which will be displayed throughout the foyer and hall.

On the 25th itself, Mr Phil Winterburn (who was Deputy Headteacher when the school opened - and is now Head of Professional Development for the Leaf Trust), will be returning to lead an assembly, telling the children the story of the school's official opening.

And you are invited to come to our birthday party on 25th February between 5-6pm!

Between 5-6pm we are inviting current parents, and children, along with ex-pupils from the 1950's onwards to join us in the hall for a cup of tea and a cake and to look through the old albums and view the children's new work.

We'd love you to join us, so come along if you're available!



Year 3 to search for buried Treasure!

As part of our birthday celebrations, Year 3 have been focusing on creating writing about how our school is now for a new time capsule which we will be burying to be dug up in 2050!



They will also be trying to uncover the location of a time capsule buried in 2005 when the school was first built. Our appeal to the local community in the Emersons Green Voice uncovered its rough location and now Mr Mead (Chloe's Dad) has kindly found us a 'Ground Penetrating Radar' and a company which he has worked with who are happy to lend us a technician to use it to find the capsule buried at the back of the hall.

Some of the Year 3 children will be helping Mr Mead and his team dig up the time capsule on Monday 24th February so fingers crossed they dig up some buried treasure!

Amazing Author Visit

Reception and KS1 had a great time on Wednesday morning as author Mevan Babakar visited them to read from her book *The Bicycle*.

The book tells the story of Mevan's life as a refugee and how one act of kindness changed her life forever. The children listened attentively as her story unfolded and they discovered the journey she had taken as a refugee.



Diary Dates:

Fri 14th Feb: INSET Day—school closed to pupils

Mon 24th Feb: Start of Term 4

Mon 24th Feb: Positive Mindset Parent Workshop

Tues 25th Feb: School Opening 20th Birthday Party

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

Thurs 20th Mar: Football v St Stephens

Tues 25th Mar: Parents' Evening

Thurs 27th Mar: Parents' Evening

Tues 1st Apr: Fun Run for Meningitis Trust

Tues 1st Apri 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

Tues 22nd Apr: First day of Term 5

Attendance statistics Term 3

Year 4 are attendance Champions this term with an average attendance of 96.8%. In second place are Year 1 with 96.6% and Year 3 are in third with 96% Well done to these year groups for their continued efforts.

Special mention goes to Oak, Chestnut and Lime who have all hit our target of 97% for the year so far.

Scooter Thefts

Please remember to take your bike or scooter home at the end of the day as unfortunately several scooters have been taken overnight this week from the bike shelters.

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	Aubrey & Gus
Reception	Ollie & Albie
Year 1	Felicity & Hallie
Year 2	Finley & Kosuke
Year 3	Oliver & Eloise
Year 4	Pia & Sandy
Year 5	Josh & Noelle
Year 6	Izzy & Alfie

This week's Champion...

Pride is our focus this week and Josh in Poplar has been chosen as our Champion.



Miss Mellish writes "Josh is incredibly deserving of champion this week! Josh is the type of person that gets stuck into anything you put before him, and he does so with enthusiasm and resilience. In class, I know I can always rely on him to stand up and share his brilliant ideas. He sets the example everyday for how a 'champion' should act. In our recent PE lessons, Josh has showed bravery through performing his own choreographed dances, which impressed us all! Thank you Josh, for always doing your best! .

Parking (again!)

We are once again having issues with a small number of parents who are parking in the staff car park at pick up and drop off, some arguing with staff when asked not to.

No parents/ carers, other than those with a disabled badge, are allowed in the staff car park between 8:15 - 9:15 and 3pm - 5pm. If you see parents breaking these rules please let us know so that we can remind them of their responsibilities to our community.