



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T3 Wk4: 31st January 2025

Children's Mental Health Week



Next week we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. The theme is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself and aims to encourage

children to embrace self-awareness and explain what it means to them. This will help them grow and develop resilience to cope with what life throws at them.

The week, organised by children's mental health charity Place 2 Be, will put a spotlight on how we can build resilience, grow and develop by understanding who we are and what makes us tick. The more we understand about ourselves, the better we're prepared to tackle life's ups and downs.

We will kick off the week in assembly on Monday and follow up with in-class activities. The resources incorporate the characters of Inside Out and Inside Out 2 and explore the importance of expressing our emotions. We will round the week off with an extended breaktime on Friday where there will be a range of mindfulness activities on offer.

This week, our new parent Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding, Greg Lyle, spent time talking with children in Upper KS2 about their responses to the children's survey. He was impressed with the way they articulated their thoughts and feelings. Despite sometimes finding the work challenging, they knew which adults to turn to in the class to support them when it got tricky and who to turn to if they had any worries they needed help with.

2025 Parents' Survey is now live!

Every year we ask our parents for their thought and feelings about our school, and it is once again time for us to ask you to complete our parental survey.



The survey uses the questions OFSTED typically ask parents during a school inspection and take no more than five minutes to complete. By completing it, you help us understand what we are doing well, and how we could improve further.

You have until Friday 28th February to complete the survey, after which we will feedback the results, in full, on the school website (although we will redact any staff or pupil names/ year groups). We also summarise the results in the newsletter, telling you any actions which we intend to take as a result of your feedback.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

Thank you for watching our 'Vision Reels'

Thank you to everyone who has so far watched our 90 second 'vision reels', explaining how we build champion learners. We've had some great conversations with parents as a result.

If you've missed them, you can catch up with them on the [school website here](#).

Diary Dates:

Weds 5th Feb: Gone Green Day

Thurs 6th Feb: Y6 trip to Lifeskills

Fri 7th Feb: PTA Rags to Riches Collection

Fri 7th Feb: 9:15 Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly

Weds 12th Feb: Positive Mindset Parent Workshop

Thurs 13th Feb: 9:15 KS2 Achievement Assembly

Thurs 13th Feb: Last day of Term 3 for pupils

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: Author, Mevan Babakar, visiting Rec & KS1:

Mon 3rd March: Leaf Literature Festival Begins

Tues 4th March: Maths Parents' Morning

Thurs 6th March: PTA Quiz Night

This week's Champions!

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

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Arlo & Noah
Reception	Tushaar & Arthur
Year 1	Ivy & Krisha
Year 2	Elliot G & Milo
Year 3	Esme & Elsie
Year 4	Poppy & Bethan
Year 5	Meadow & Theo K
Year 6	Zayn & Finley P

Attendance Champions this week

Our attendance champions this week are once again Year 4 with attendance of 96.9% . Please remember the importance of arriving on time every day as drifting into class late on a daily basis has a significant impact on learning.

'Gone Green' Day



Have you Gone Green? Every week in assembly we celebrate those children who have turned their heatmap green on TTRS. This means they are able to answer all times table facts up to 12x12 in less than 4 seconds for each fact.

On Wednesday we are holding a Gone Green Day. Children can come to school wearing something green. The day will launch with a special assembly and then throughout the day children in KS2 will have the chance to take part in live battles against their friends and teachers. The kitchen are also getting involved by producing a range of green desserts.

Let's rock!

This week's Champion...

Bravery is our focus this week and Bethan in Oak has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Bet-tany writes "Bethan always puts tremendous effort into her learning.

She can always be trusted to be doing the right thing, setting a brilliant example for everyone at Blackhorse. Bethan has made a huge amount of progress recently because of the pride she consistently demonstrates and her ever-increasing bravery to stand up, answer questions and share her fantastic ideas in class. Well done Bethan - you truly deserve your place in the hall of champions.



Save the Date

The PTA would like to remind you of two upcoming events.

Next Friday 7th offers the chance for you to get rid of any unwanted clothing with a Rags 2 Riches collection. Please leave any bags under the tree next to the bike shelter.

On the evening of **Thursday 6th March**, they will be hosting their ever popular PTA Quiz, with food from their very own chef, Chris Wheeler, questions posed by Mr Fry and Mr Botten and a fully stocked bar.

