



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T2 Wk5: 2nd December 2024

Choir lead the Carol singing



The choir took centre stage at our PTA Christmas Illuminations event last night, performing a selection of Christmas favourites alongside members of the school community.

Once again the weather gods were not on our side as the wind and rain arrived just in time for the start of the evening. With everything moved inside apart from the hardy souls preparing the hot food on the barbecue, lots of you braved the elements and came along.

The choir took to the stage for two five-song sets starting with some classics before finishing with some Christmas favourites. The enthusiasm from the stage was quickly matched by the audience who joined in. Our music lead, Steph Phillips, did a great job of piano playing and conducting.

The most popular stall of the night was clearly the Tombola, with a queue stretching along the corridor all night. Y6 pupils, Owen and Charlie were particularly keen customers and both managed to walk away with at least 4 boxes of chocolates each!

Thank you to the members of the PTA who despite another wet night put on a festive evening for us all to enjoy.

Blackhorse' Got Talent Auditions



Now a part of the annual Blackhorse calendar and a firm favourite among the staff and children our annual talent show will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 19th December.

We are seeking one act per class to represent their class and perform in front of the audience and four specially selected and highly skilled judges.

In the past we have witnessed super singing, amazing dancing, incredible instrumental performances, some reasonably funny jokes the odd magic show and mesmerising martial art displays.

Any children that would like to have the chance to take part need to let their teacher know by lunchtime on Monday 16th December. Class auditions will be held that week and the children will choose their favourite act which will perform in the Thursday final. Acts can be solo performers, duets or larger groups.

Auditions can be performed live or via a pre-recorded video. These videos need to be sent to the class teacher by lunchtime on Monday 16th December. If the files are large it is worth considering a transfer site such as [wetransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com).

We look forward to seeing the large array of talent we have at Blackhorse.

Term 2 Diary Dates:

Mon 9th Dec: Choir singing at Badminton Gardens
Tues 10th Dec: Reception Nativity 9:30 and 2:15
Weds 11th Dec: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 12th Dec: Y4 visit to Roman Baths
Thurs 12th Dec: KS1 Christmas Performance 2:15 & 6
Fri 13th Dec: 9:15 Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly
Mon 16th Dec: Y3/4 Christmas Performance 2:15 & 6
Tues 17th Dec: Y5/6 Christmas Performance 2:15 & 6
Weds: 18th Dec: 9:15 KS2 Achievement Assembly
Thurs 19th Dec: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 19th Dec: Blackhorse has Talent
Fri 20th: PM Year Group Christmas Parties
Fri 20th Dec: Last day of Term 2
Mon 6th Jan: INSET Day: School closed to pupils
Tues 7th Jan: First day of Term 3

Attendance Champions this week

Once again Year 4 are our Attendance Champions this week with an average attendance of 98.2%.

Y6 visit library to meet Alex Wharton



On Thursday afternoon Y6 had the opportunity to attend a workshop with award winning writer, poet, performer and Children's Laureate for

Wales [Alex Wharton](#).

His latest book 'Doughnuts, Thieves and Chimpanzees' has been nominated for the Carnegie Medal for Writing 2025.

The workshop involved Alex performing a selection of his poems which the children really enjoyed. They illustrated his poems as he performed. They then had the chance to write their own poems and perform them to each other.

This week's Champions!

Each week, the staff nominate one child per class who has been a model pupil, demonstrating the values which we look for in Champion Learners! This week we have been focussing on the school value of success. This week our nominees are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Jack, James & Noah
Reception	Eli & Hallie
Year 1	Jamil & Alfie
Year 2	Ada & Frankie
Year 3	Frankie & Sara
Year 4	Josh & Sophie P
Year 5	Darcie & Hattie
Year 6	Eddie & Cerys

This week's Champion...

Bravery is our focus this week and Cerys in Willow has been chosen as our Champion.



Mr Denton-Collins writes Cerys is completely deserving of the trophy today. Watching her work diligently every day, be kind and caring to all around her and grow had been a pleasure all term. She has brilliant attitude towards her learning and is always leading the way with her behaviours for learning. Well done - you superstar!

Farewell and thank you

Next week we are saying goodbye to Lynsey Burston who has been an integral member of our After School Club since 2016.



Lynsey has a fantastic relationship with the children who attend After School Club and will be missed. We wish her luck in her new role setting up and running an After School Club at another school.