



# Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

## T2 Wk1: 8th November 2024

### Anti-Bullying Week



**Next week we will be joining schools around the country by taking part in the Anti-Bullying Alliance Anti-Bullying Week. The theme of the week is Choose Respect with fits perfectly with our school value of Respect.**

The theme has been chosen as children across the country expressed a need for a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

They have issued a call to action which our children will be discussing in their PSHE lessons next week : From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives. This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose?

Respect will be next week's value of the week and our Champions will be selected for demonstrating respect.



On Tuesday 12th November, our Mission Masters have planned an assembly which they will be delivering to everyone to share messages about how children at Blackhorse can choose and show respect both online and in the real world.

We are encouraging everyone in the school community to wear odd socks on Tuesday as a way of celebrating what makes us all unique.

Some classes will also be taking part in a Live Lesson organised by BBC Teach featuring Hacker T Dog.

Anti-Bullying week complements the work children do in their PSHE lessons throughout the year which provide them with the skills to build positive friendships.

The children are always encouraged to talk to a trusted adult if they feel sad or have any worries about friendships or bullying.

Remember, as adults we can model respect to the children in the way we act and behave in front of them. They look to us to lead by example and imitate our behaviours.

### Success for our Football Squad



**Our football squad played their first games together yesterday at the ESFA tournament.**

Two 1-0 wins and a 0-0 draw saw them top their group and qualify for the district tournament where they will have the chance to qualify for the County finals in Gloucester.

A powerful free kick from Ralphie and an audacious back heel from Cai helped win the games against Woodlands and St Steohens.

## Term 2 Diary Dates:

- Thurs 14th Nov: EYFS Intake 2025 Open Morning**
- Wb 18th Nov: Infant Agility & Sportshall Athletics**
- Tues 19th Nov: ESFA District Finals**
- Fri 22nd Nov: PTA Wreath Making Event**
- Tues 26th Nov: SEND & You coffee morning**
- Thurs 28th Nov: Flu Vaccines**
- Fri 29th Nov: INSET Day: school closed to pupils**
- Thurs: 5th Dec: Blackhorse Illuminations & Carols**
- Tues 10th Dec: Reception Nativity 9:30 and 2:15**
- Weds 11th Dec: Christmas Lunch**
- 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**
- Fri 20th: PM Year Group Christmas Parties**
- Fri 20th Dec: Last day of Term 2**

## This week's Champion...

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



Miss Bettany writes Esme is the perfect example of a Blackhorse Champion and this brilliant achievement is well-deserved! Every day, she takes an enormous amount of pride in all parts of her learning, she strives to be the best version of herself by consistently being ready and respectful and by having high expectations of herself.

Esme is not afraid to get stuck into her learning by asking questions and listening to others, she is always at the heart of class debates and discussions which is fantastic.

As well as all of these fantastic qualities, she is also kind and the first person to help others when they need it. Esme you are a superstar!

## 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 bravery This week our nominees are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Rory & Laiken
Reception	Raven & Aron
Year 1	Jesse & Elsie
Year 2	Noah & Harper
Year 3	Archie & Chloe
Year 4	Teddie & Esme
Year 5	Tilly & Ivy
Year 6	Ivy & Ralphie

## PTA Wreath Making event

**Friday 22nd November**

**The PTA are now taking bookings for their annual wreath making event which starts at 7:30pm. The cost is £30 per person.**

To book a place please [email the PTA](#) and include your name and make a £30 payment to the PTA bank account with your name as the reference. Your space is not guaranteed until payment is received.

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## Attendance Champions this week

**Year 3 are our Attendance Champions this week with an impressive average attendance of 98.7%.** Years 1, 2 and 4 are also above our target of 97%. It is pleasing to see over half of our year groups exceeding our target. Remember you can check your child's attendance by visiting the Arbor App.