

Swap Shop

A reminder that there are many new and nearly new items in the Community Room. If you require school uniform please check to see if there are any items that you can use before buying new, everything is free of charge. There is also a selection of good quality winter coats. Parents/carers can call any time (except from Wednesday morning) when toddler group is on.

Staff update

Miss Clark will be starting her maternity early February. We wish her the very best of luck. We will keep you updated on any news.

Nissan visit

Year 6 had a brilliant visit to Nissan. We learned about the history of Nissan, their production and production lines. They told us about the cars they build and the process all cars go through to be built to a high quality. Then we had a go at building some cars using Lego and introduced our own production lines. We learned how to make our production lines more efficient and timed ourselves for improvement.

In the afternoon we had the chance to see some of the Nissan robots in action and practised our reflex skills. Thank you Nissan for a great day out!



Our school councillors for the Spring Term of 2024 to work alongside Mrs Agar and Mrs McMeiken are: Year 1 - Frankie and Bradley, Year 2 - Oliver and Eadie-Rae. Year 3 - Alexis-Mae and Nate, Year 4 - Lewis and Molly, Year 5 - Harvey and Kaci-Leigh, and Year 6 - David and Lily. Our main theme this term is 'Health and Well-being'. Over the Spring Term, we will be helping to organise competitions and events across school for all to enjoy. Our first project will be in preparation for Safer Internet Day. Next week, children in Years 1-6 will be given a quiz to bring home. This will include images from or logos of familiar apps and games you might play on. Your job will be to find out what the app or game is, and how old you must be to play or have an account. Completed quizzes must be handed in by Tuesday 6th February (Safer Internet Day) and school council will be choosing a winner from each key stage.



Blackfell Bulletin - January 2024

Headteacher's Update

Welcome back to the spring term and Happy New Year! All of the children across school have settled well and enjoying their new topics following the Christmas holiday. I hope that you found your spring Curriculum Overview informative. All important dates for the rest of the academic year are on our school calendar.

A warm welcome to Mr Hoggett, our new site supervisor. He has already settled in at Blackfell. Please give him a wave at the gate as he is there every morning supporting me to see the children into school safely.

Congratulations to our newly elected School Council members. We look forward to sharing your ideas and activities to support the work of our school during the spring term.

We will be celebrating, alongside other local schools, Washington's 60th birthday in the summer term. We hope that this will be a fantastic community event and something to look forward to in July.

Best wishes
Julia Watkins

Winter - Safe Site

During the winter months when the ground is snowy or icy a reminder of the access/collection points around school. When the yards are too icy, entrance into school will be through the main school entrance (via the office for all children from Year 1 to Year 6). For Reception and Nursery children the footpath that leads into Reception entrance is to be used, this will avoid parents walking across the car park. On collection of Nursery children the top gate will be opened and the path cleared to walk to the Nursery door to collect children. Collection of children will be at their normal collection points.

Attendance / Timekeeping

Well done to Year 1 for winning December's attendance of the month with 96%. Children were rewarded with a movie afternoon with treats. During the month of February children who attend every day for the whole month of February will be entered into a prize draw. There will be a winner out of each class who will win a £5 voucher to spend.

A reminder that the school day starts at 8.45 am. School gates open at 8.30am, breakfast club opens at 7.45am. Registration takes place promptly at 8.45am. Children need to be settled, in class and ready to undertake their morning activity. If your child is running late or absent please call the school office by 9.00 am. A reminder that no holidays can be authorised, holidays should not be booked in term time. If your child is needing to be absent for any reason other than illness a leave of absence form will need to be completed so for safeguarding purposes we know the whereabouts of every child.