

Blackfell Primary School Newsletter



We are delighted to let you know that our Washington Councillors have launched a Primary Schools Art Project where all children can draw or paint a picture which could end up on the wall of the Croc Creek play area in the new Washington Leisure Centre which is due to open soon. Vince Cooper from the Washington Arts Centre visited our school to invite children to take part and talked about the theme of the picture. We look forward to working with the children on this exciting project.

Dates for your Diary

20th April -	School reopens for Summer term
7th May -	Reception assembly 9.15am
7th May -	Community room used as a polling station
11th May -	Sats week
18th May -	Multi Cultural week
19th May -	Year 4 skipping festival at Oxclose Academy
22nd May -	Break up for half term
5th June -	Derwent Hill weekend
11th June -	Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
15th June -	Nursery sports morning 9.30am
16th June -	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day 1.30pm
17th June -	Year 3,4,5 and 6 sports day 1.30pm
26th June -	School closed - Inset Day
1st July -	School Discos
9th July -	Summer picnic
10th July -	Reports go out to parent/carers
15th July -	Cinema visit for 100% attendance
15th July -	Year 6 leavers assembly 5.30pm
17th July -	Break up for summer holidays
1st September -	School reopens for Autumn term
Training Days for 2015/16 where school will be closed to children are:	
2nd November 2015	4th January 2015
27th May 2016	24th June 2016

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Headteacher's Update

As the spring term comes to an end, this academic year seems to be flying by! Once again, we have been a very busy school developing new and enjoyable learning opportunities for both children and their families. There have been many highlights this term such as our Cluster Sports tournaments, a wide range of Educational visits, World Book Day, Class assemblies, Comic Relief and our Healthy Lifestyle week to name a few!

We certainly have many talented children and parents/grandparents/carers in our school community and thank them all for their support with the fabulous entries in our 'All Things British' themed challenges (Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery and Reception children and a British Blackfell Egg Off competition in Years 1-6). The standard of all entries was very high and everyone who joined us for our British Cream Tea yesterday admired the winning creations! All children across our school received an Easter egg to thank them for their efforts!

We have many exciting plans for next term that includes developing further family learning events, discos, a summer family picnic, Sports days, Educational visits and a Multicultural Week (week commencing 18th May).

We hope that you all have an enjoyable Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you relaxed and refreshed for the beginning of the summer term.

With very best wishes

Julia Watkins

Social Media

It has been brought to our attention that some images/photographs and video clips have been posted on some social networking sites of class assemblies. As we always mention at the beginning of any performance, please only post images of your own child not of groups of children. We know that families want memories of special key events however if our policy is not adhered to and further concerns are raised, we will have to revisit practice in school. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Easter Celebrations

Nursery and Reception children entertained parents/grandparents at our annual Easter bonnet parade. Thank you to all parents/carers for their hard work and efforts to create such fantastic and innovative Easter bonnets. All children were presented with an Easter egg to thank them for treating us all to a fantastic assembly. Take a look at the children's class pages for more photos.



Easter Egg Competition

Mr Polden one of the school governors, visited school to judge the Easter egg competition. The entries were amazing and he had a very difficult job picking the winners from each class. Well done to:

Year 1 - Olivia Cameron Ball, Niamh Stevenson, Amelia Short

Year 2 - Brendan Tetchner, Callum Head, James Morrell

Year 3 - Matilda Reid, Emily Mein, Chloe Hamilton

Year 4 - Martin Smith, Layla Quinn, Aicha Bounkhaila

Year 5 - Anna Warrilow, Abigail Smith, Amy Middlemiss

Year 6 - Aimee Collins, Ella May Ho, Libby Wilkinson



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Children throughout school enjoyed our Healthy Lifestyle Week in school. Children learnt new skills doing HooplaZ and enjoyed making traditional British food with Nick the chef from Cooking4Life.

British High Tea

As part of our Easter celebrations parents/carers and grandparents enjoyed a traditional British cream tea. They were served by children from the school council and had the chance to view the winning entries from the egg competition. We raised £40 for the British Heart Foundation.



Good luck Mrs Little!

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Little who has been dedicated and respected member of the Blackfell team for eight years. Sue has worked over and above to keep our school 'spick and span'. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement and thank her for her hard work at our school.

Summer Picnic

We are hoping to hold a summer family picnic on **Thursday 9th July**. We are looking for parents/carers to help us organise and support this event. Letters will be sent out early next term with further details.

Attendance

104 children achieved 100% attendance this term. Children in Nursery were rewarded with a colouring book and pencils whilst the rest of the children were today served an American themed VIP lunch by staff. The children have requested that we have Domino pizzas for 100% attendance for the summer term. 56 children are on track for 100% attendance for the whole year. A visit to the cinema has been arranged for 9th July. Attendance overall from September to date is 97.8%. Thank you for your continued support.