



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 04th March 2022

Christian Value for Term : Respect

Dear Parents / Carers,

### World Book Day

I hope you have had an exciting World Book Day yesterday. The purpose of the day is to inspire everyone to read more and to cultivate the all important love of books. Classteachers put on a great array of learning in classes, together with fun activities like the popular Masked Reader event. Please have a look at the day on our school Twitter feed @blackboyschool.

### London Trip

Last Friday I had the pleasure of taking our Year 6 pupils to London for the day. As well as a sightseeing walking tour, the highlight is a visit to the Houses of Parliament. There we were met by our local MP and friend of the school Nus Ghani, who treated the children to a bonus tour, including setting foot into the actual House of Commons chamber. The children were a credit to our school; being quizzical and enthusiastic about what they saw. Thank you to Mrs Sheffield and Governor Mrs Butler for helping on the trip.



### Covid-19

Just a reminder that the school will provide home learning when your child needs to remain home due to Covid-19. This will be emailed to you. In line with other schools, since half term, we have no longer been informing parents of individual cases of Covid-19 within the school. If there are major cases with high numbers of children off

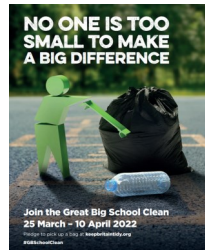
ill, we will inform necessary year groups. Should you be worried and require an update on how Covid-19 numbers look within the school, in order to protect vulnerable family members at home, please ask Mr Sullivan on the school gate. As testing starts to be less accessible, we will be come more reliant on parents making informed judgements on whether their child is well enough to attend school or not.

### After School Club

We are at capacity for After School Club most days now. Therefore we have to be strict on the 24 hours notice we require when trying to book in to the club. We will be unable to take same day bookings and there will be occasions when there will be no available space. Best advice is to book places as far in advance as possible. We remind parents that After School Club is primarily to support parents who need childcare for work or training. It is not a lifestyle choice or a playdate provider.

### The Great Big School Clean 2022

We have signed up to the 'Great Big School Clean 2022'! As a school, we have pledged to collect 30 bin bags of litter between 25th March and 10th April. We would be delighted if as many as possible pupils took part. Litter pickers are available to borrow from the office. Certificates will be given out to all who take part. We'd be delighted to see some photos of you taking part! Please send these to sustainability@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk



### Guess the Staff Members Favourite Book

The Winners, all with 5 out of 17 guesses correct, were Josh, Reuben & Jesse and the Saunders Family, Team Lola & Connie and Harriet and the Marchant Family. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part!

### Inclusion at Blackboys School, Tea & Talk with SENCO Mrs Levey

At Blackboys we value everybody and respect the differences that make us all unique. Our intention is that our whole school community shares and supports this inclusive ethos.

For us inclusion is about achieving equality of opportunity for all children and the teaching and learning, achievements, attitudes and wellbeing of every child matter equally.

With this in mind we would like to invite any interested parents and carers to join us Wednesday 30th March, 2.15 - 3.00pm for an informal 'Tea and Talk'. We would like to focus conversation around our re-vamped House Point system and gauge opinions.

It will also be an opportunity to meet Zoe Holland who is our Federation inclusion governor. Please let the Office know if you would like to join us. Mrs Levey

### Class led Acts of Worship and Easter Service

For those of you who keep a close eye on the School diary (available via the homepage of the Blackboys School website) you will have noticed that there have been the following class led Acts of Worships set:

Class	Date
Class 3	Thursday 17th March 9.05am , School Hall
Class 1	Wednesday 23rd March 9.05am, School Hall
Class 2	Thursday 24th March 9.05am, School Hall

Parents are very welcome to attend.

At the end of term we shall also be inviting Parents/Carers to join us at our Easter Service, which will take place on Wednesday 30th March at 9.00am.

Please drop your child/children off directly to the Church on the 30th from 8.30am. KS1 will be returning to School via a Coach following the Service.

KS2 will 'hike' back to School. Packed lunches will be required! Pupils will also need to bring with them weather appropriate clothes to change into following the service and wellington or hiking boots.

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE EASTER SERVICE THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST CLUB FACILITIES AVAILBLE ON THE 30TH MARCH**

### Friday 18th March, Staff v's Pupils Netball Match

On Friday 18th March we shall be celebrating, alongside the rest of the Country, Red Nose Day, Comic Relief. Parents/Carers are invited in to School should they wish to watch a staff v's pupils Netball Match. Teas and coffees will be available for a donation (please see next page).

The pedestrian gate will be opened at 2.20pm for Parents/Carers to take their places alongside the court.



The match will start at 2.30pm and finish in time for the normal end of School day.

If able, please bring with you some small change for our bucket collections. All proceeds from this will go to Comic Relief.

**PTA Quiz Night**



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.00pm in the School Hall for a 7.30pm start.



- Cost £12 per person teams - maximum of eight, teams can be made via the night which also includes food.
- Book via the School Office: by emailing office@blackboys.nhs.uk or calling 01323 690403 with your food choices (see below)
- Please sign up by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 3.30pm!
- Food choices are jumbo sausage & chips or fish & chips
- Bring your own sauce and table, along with money for the PTA bar!



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As per the ParentMail email sent out last week our PTA are currently busy organising our popular Quiz Night. Taking place on Friday on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm the evening is sure to be one which is fun filled and knowledge testing!

Food choices this year are either a jumbo sausage and chips OR fish and chips. This will need to be pre-ordered and therefore firm quiz night numbers will be required a week before.

Please register your places with the School Office by at the very latest Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 3.20pm.

**Term 4 Charity**

Alongside this newsletter you will find information about an initiative to support The Children's Respite Trust Charity and with this in mind our School Council have decided to name this as our Charity to support for Term 4.



Gold Book Awards for week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> February

Class 1

Eddie Vine: For painting a beautiful picture of spring flowers.  
Ayla Williams: For her great writing in World Book Day activities.  
Dottie Fieldhouse: For the progress she is making in phonics and with her reading.

Class 2

Bea Bell: For a good understanding of Footpath Flowers.  
Hugo Brodie: For great sentence writing for our chronological report.  
Benjy Cottingham: For trying really hard to apply what he learns in our Maths interventions in class.

Class 3

Bolton Richardson: For working really hard in our topic of length and grasping equivalent lengths.  
Tilly Clayson: For some great reading comprehension work.  
Muffin Sharp: For trying really hard to work out her spellings, checking if they don't look right and changing them.

Class 4

Noah Dilley: For delivering his line in assembly with great confidence!  
Theo Morton-Cobb: For doing a great job of learning our poem and performing with great expression.  
Ruben Owen: For showing great understanding of 'blood' in science this week.

Class 5

Claudia Neilson: For her excellent story of Princess Pearl!  
Ivy Davies: For a brilliant piece of homework writing.  
Jacob Fordham: For his excellent positive attitude in everything we do!

**ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22**

**MARCH**

THURSDAY 3RD - SUNDAY 27TH	WORLD BOOK DAY TOKENS VALID TO SWAP AT LOCAL BOOKSELLERS
MONDAY 7TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 8TH	YR5/6 TAG RUGBY COACHING UCKFIELD COLLEGE (BOTTOM FIELD) 3.45-5PM
THURSDAY 10TH	CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 11TH	PTA QUIZ PLACE AND FOOD ORDER DEADLINE PUPIL-LED CHARITY BAKE SALE 3.15PM
MONDAY 14TH	CLASS 4 AND 5 MAYAN HANDS ON HISTORY DAY CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 15TH	YR3/4 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION UCKFIELD COLLEGE (BOTTOM FIELD) 3.45-5.15PM
THURSDAY 17TH	CLASS 3 LED ACT OF WORSHIP/ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL - 9.05-9.30AM CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 18TH	NATIONAL RED NOSE DAY - SPORTS RELIEF STAFF V'S PUPILS NETBALL MATCH TAKING PLACE AT 2.30PM. GATES WILL OPEN AT 2.20PM FOR PARENTS TO START TO CONGRGATE ON THE PLAYGROUND. WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED PTA SPRING QUIZ NIGHT IN THE SCHOOL HALL 7PM LAST WEEK OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS
MONDAY 21ST - FRIDAY 25TH	
FRIDAY 25TH - SUNDAY 10TH APRIL	GREAT BIG SCHOOL CLEAN - COLLECT AS MANY BIN BAGS OF LITTER BETWEEN THESE DATES, LET US KNOW HOW MANY YOU COLLECT AND SEND US A PHOTO OF YOU TAKING PART!
MONDAY 21ST	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 23RD	CLASS 1 LED ACT OF WORSHIP/ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL 9.05-9.30AM
THURSDAY 24TH	CLASS 2 LED ACT OF WORSHIP/ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL 9.05-9.30AM CLASS 1 VISIT TO WILDERNESS WOOD 9.30AM - 3PM CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
MONDAY 28TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 30TH	NO BREAKFAST CLUB AS EASTER SERVICE. ALL PUPILS TO BE DROPPED DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH. EASTER SERVICE AT ST THOMAS À BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD 9-10AM. KS1 COACH RETURN, KS2 HIKE RETURN 10AM-1PM TEA AND TALK AT BLACKBOYS - INCLUSION GROUP, LED BY OUR SENCO MRS LEVEY AND GOVERNOR MRS HOLLAND 2.15-3PM
THURSDAY 31ST	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4</b> END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY 2-3PM

**APRIL**

FRIDAY 1ST	<b>INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL</b> U9 MIXED FOOTBALL TEAM EAST SUSSEX QUALIFIER - EASTBOURNE BOROUGH FC - LEAVE SCHOOL AT 8AM FOR A 9AM START. FINISH AT 1.30PM RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR 2.15PM COLLECTION FROM PLAYGROUND
MONDAY 4TH - MONDAY 18TH	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
FRIDAY 15TH	GOOD FRIDAY
MONDAY 18TH	BANK HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 19TH	NATIONAL OFFER DAY FOR PLACES WITHIN YEAR R SEPTEMBER 2022 <b>START OF TERM 5</b>

**INSET DAYS 21/22:**  
Friday 01st April  
Thursday 21st July