



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 13rd September 2022

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

## Dear Parents / Carers,

We are already at the end of the third week of the Autumn term. Time has flown! We have been delighted that all children have settled into (or back into) school life incredibly well: They are focussed and energised for learning.

New parents may be interested to learn that this is the first of our fortnightly newsletters we produce. A huge amount of school news is communicated in this way and we hope that you find this, and future editions, informative.

## Drum Circle

We started the year with a fantastic drum circle, led by parent Mr Davydiuk. The children enjoyed a 45 minute session of playing the drums together, with some children taking the lead as conductor.

## My Beautiful Voice

The first week of term saw the whole school studying the same book in English. "My Beautiful Voice" by Joseph Coelho is a story about a shy child who finds her voice thanks to her dynamic and colourful new teacher. Each class has responded to the story with a piece of writing and these can be seen on display in the school corridors.

## The Big Frieze

As part of our Understanding Christianity Scheme for RE, there is a piece of artwork that tells the big story of the bible. The children joined their house groups to look at parts of this artwork in more detail. They went on to recreate the artwork in their own style. The results can be seen in a magnificent display on the walls of the School hall.

## Bikeability

As is a tradition at Blackboys, September began with our Year 6s undertaking

the ESCC Bikeability programme every morning throughout the first full week back to School. Well done Year 6!

## Pupil Leadership

We are thrilled to have Zac Sharp and Evie Messmer in the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl for this academic year.

They both wrote excellent letters of application and we are confident that they will do a great job.

We are also delighted to announce that our school prefects for the coming year will be: Grace Wright, Maisie Mulcahy, Mya Pitt, Lucas Cottingham, Rhys Williams and Ayla Wright. They will be led by Millie Gavin, who has the role of Senior Prefect.

We have two pupils with special responsibility for Audio Visuals and Data Projection: Ivy Davies and Henry Pistel.

Our House Captains this year will be Yellow House: Joel Hudson and Finlay Taylor; Green House: Connie Naylor and Josh Saunders; Red House: Edwin Hall and Olivia Payne-Hall; Blue House: Lola Luck and Evie Messmer.

## Y5 and 6 Football

Earlier in the week, the Year 5 & 6 football team qualified for the North Wealden Finals after coming second in the Uckfield College tournament. Rhys scored all the goals for the federation team and our superb goalkeeper, Zac, didn't let a single goal in! Well done boys!

## Uniform

Thank you to everyone for making a big effort with school uniform and school shoes this term, everyone is looking super smart.

## Harvest Festival, Tuesday 27th September

Despite not having a Vicar in situ we shall be leading our own Harvest Festival at our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield. We are asking that all children are dropped off directly to the church on this morning from 8.30am and the service will start at 9.00am prompt. Parents/Carers are of course welcome to join us for this annual celebratory service.

If your child is able to donate a non perishable item for the local Uckfield Foodbank this will be collected during the service.



**CURRENT FOOD REQUIRED: TINNED MEAT PIES, CORNED BEEF AND TINNED HAM, LONGLIFE JUICE, SPONGE PUDDINGS OR ANGEL DELIGHT, PASTA SAUCE, TINNED SPAGHETTI, CHOCOLATE, CRISPS, SNACKS**

Please note as previously communicated there will be **NO Breakfast Club facility at School on the 27th September.**

KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) will be returning to School via a coach (subsidised by the School). KS2 (Classes 3,4 and 5) will be taking their traditional hike back to School. They will require a change of clothes in a bag (rucksack ideally) with suitable walking/weather 'gear'. A packed lunch will also be required.

## Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '23

A reminder for all Year 6 Parents/Carers that Secondary School applications for a place within Year 7 needs to be completed via the ESCC online portal by **Monday 31st October 2022.**

## PTA AGM

Thank you to those who attended the PTA annual general meeting yesterday. Mr Sullivan will update the school community on this subject early next week. A big thank you also to Mrs Glenn who over the Summer break organised and helped with the revamp of the Class 1 outside area. It really looks quite splendid and allows more access outside all year round.

## Twitter

Please be aware that Blackboys School is on Twitter. News and events from our school are tweeted regularly. Please keep an eye on @blackboyschool. It's a great way of seeing what the children are experiencing and can be used as a discussion point with your child/ren at home.

## 22/23 Dates for your diary

If you take a look at the homepage of our Blackboys website, you will find that School 'main' events like Parents Evenings, Tempest Photos and even Sports Day are already confirmed for 22/23. You can click through week by week to see what is planned.

## KS1 Monster Phonics Session

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who joined the KS1 team for the Monster Phonics Session earlier in the week. The session was recorded and will be uploaded the School website for those who would like a re-cap or were unable to attend.



## Year R September '23

We are currently looking at projected pupil numbers for next September.

Can you therefore please let the School Office know if you have a sibling of a pupil already at Blackboys CE School, for who you intend to be naming Blackboys as your first choice of School on your application with County.

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As an additional reminder, even if you have a child already attending Blackboys, you still need to register preference of schools on-line via the East Sussex County Council website.

The deadline for primary school choices for September 2023 is Sunday 15th January 2023.

## Poetry Recital Competition

As per the information sent out earlier this week by your child's bag. As part of the Ringmer Alliance group of primary schools, we have been invited to take part in a poetry recital competition. There are three age categories, KS1 (Classes 1 and 2), lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4) and upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6).



During the School day on Friday 30th September, pupils will be invited to recite one of their chosen poems which were sent home. With 3 individuals (one from each category) being chosen to represent Blackboys School at Kings Academy, Ringmer on Thursday 06th October 2022.

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 19th September

### Class 1

George Clayton: For the effort he is putting into his writing. Great Cinderella work.

Ella Shepherd: For her wonderful Cinderella role-play, using language she has learnt from the book.

Ariana Capitanu: Fellowship - for always being a kind and helpful member of the class.

### Class 2

Ginny Lancaster: For working independently and always getting tasks finished.

Astrid Grimes: For making a beautiful booklet explaining the story of creation.

Izzy Mylon: For always showing respect and listening carefully to instructions.

### Class 3

Jonah Beale: For some brilliant effort and independent work in Maths this week.

Bea Bell: For some great inferences and predictions with 'Journey' in literacy.

Evie Bradford: For some lovely Harvest work, using chalk to make her basket of apples.

### Class 4

Hattie Dunbar: For always presenting her work beautifully and taking pride in her learning.

Noah Beale: For producing a lovely 'Guide to Yom Kippur' in RE and showing a great understanding of Jewish practices.

Alex Gill: For persevering with early bird maths! Keep it up!

### Class 5

Ayla Wright: For some excellent art and writing.

Monty Coates: for being consistently hard-working and helpful.

Ruben Owen: For excellent work in Maths this week.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 22/23

SEPTEMBER	
FRIDAY 23RD	WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED NHS ONLINE CONSENT FOR FLU IMMUNISATIONS (FOR NEXT WEEK) CLOSES
MONDAY 26TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 27TH	NO BREAKFAST CLUB - HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL - ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD. PUPILS TO BE DROPPED OFF FROM 8.30AM, PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME TO JOIN FOR THE SERVICE. KS1 WILL HAVE A COACH RETURN TO SCHOOL. KS2 WILL HIKE BACK; PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THE REQUIRED CLOTHES/WALKING SHOES AND A PACKED LUNCH AS PER THE RETURN TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SENT OUT VIA PARENTMAIL. YR 5/6 FOOTBALL B LEAGUE @ MANOR 3.45-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY 28TH	PARENT GOVERNOR COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS TO BE HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 12 NOON SELECTED PUPILS CROSS COUNTRY @ ROCKS PARK 1.30-3PM
THURSDAY 29TH	SCHOOL NURSE TEAM DELIVER FLU NASAL SPRAY TO THOSE PUPILS WHOSE PARENTS/CARERS HAVE CONSENTED 9AM-1PM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 30TH	POETRY RECITAL COMPETITION DAY! SEE LETTER AND DETAILS SENT OUT 20/09 AND THIS 23/09 SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER	
MONDAY 3RD	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 4TH	YR 3/4 FOOTBALL A LEAGUE @ MANOR 3.45-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY 5TH	MATHS PARENT/CARER MEETINGS VIA ZOOM CHOOSE FROM 9.05-9.35AM OR 3.30-4PM
THURSDAY 6TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM 3 MEMBERS, ONE FROM EACH OF KS1, LOWER KS2 AND UPPER KS2, REPRESENTING BLACKBOYS AT A POETRY RECITAL COMPETITION AT KINGS ACADEMY, RINGMER 1.40-3.20PM
FRIDAY 7TH	CLASS 1 CONSENTS TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BY TODAY FOR THE LEWES CASTLE TRIP ON 13TH OCTOBER WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
MONDAY 10TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 11TH	POTENTIAL SEPTEMBER '23 YEAR R STARTERS OPEN EVENTS 9.30-10.30AM AND 1.30-2.30PM YR 3/4 FOOTBALL B LEAGUE @ MANOR 3.45-5.30PM
THURSDAY 13TH	CLASS 1 TRIP TO LEWES CASTLE 9AM-3PM REV'D WILLIAM HAZLEWOOD, BISHOP OF LEWES LEADING WHOLE SCHOOL WORSHIP PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME 9.05-9.30AM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
MONDAY 17TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING 3.30-6PM
TUESDAY 18TH	YR 4/5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL @ MANOR 3.45-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY 19TH	YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR 1-3PM PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING 5-7.30PM
THURSDAY 20TH	CLASS 4 AND 5 TRIP TO ASHDOWN FOREST 9AM-3PM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

## REMAINING INSET DAYS 22/23:

TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023  
FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023  
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023