



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 03rd March 2023

Christian Value for Term : Respect

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we begin another term, I would like to share a Bible verse with you that is linked to this term's Christian Value of Respect. As before, this is for you to share as a family and to lead conversations about what respect means. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10

Beautifully linked to this, we have welcomed Chris, from Project Touchline, into school last week and this week. He has introduced the idea of respect within sport, focusing very much on the verse above. After an introduction in assembly during week 1, Chris worked with each class, giving time for reflection and discussion about respect and love before teaching the children some games that use the skills of Rugby. The children all enjoyed a new way of working together.

This week, Chris has begun a prayer club at lunchtime. The KS2 children who attended really enjoyed the peace and quiet and felt confident enough to pray aloud.

Are you worried about what your child is doing online? The Parent Zone have shared a webinar, that took place in January, which helps parents to learn to feel comfortable and safer with their family using TikTok. It is a 13-minute session that explains what parents need to know.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/tech-tips-live>

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day, with some children and staff choosing to dress up as their favourite book characters. There were some fantastic characters and thanks goes to all parents/carers who supported their children in putting together an outfit. Last night, we joined with Framfield School to have bedtime stories with a cup of hot chocolate. We have also been holding our Masked Reader competition this week. The staff members were revealed this morning to much surprise!

We have noticed an increase in the number of KS2 children who are having a snack at playtime. Please can I remind parents/carers that this snack should be fruit or raw vegetable-based, eg: an apple, a raw carrot or some raisins. It shouldn't be a cereal bar, biscuits or anything else. These items should be kept for lunchtime and children shouldn't be selecting items from their lunch to eat at playtime. If you are sending a snack in with your child, please ensure that they know what the snack is.

Last week, a small group of Year 4 and 5 girls visited Mayfield Girls' School to take part in a netball event. The girls were trained by the sixth form students and then took part in a mini tournament. They enjoyed playing on full size pitches!

School Council

This term the School Council have collectively decided to plant flowers that will attract bees and butterflies. They would also like to make a bug hotel for the bugs.

An area for planting has been allocated and will be behind the all weather pitch by the fence area that is currently grass. This will be the School Council's environmental project for Term 4.

KS2 Author Visit

As per the letter sent on Monday (27th February) via ParentMail email, next Friday 10th March all of KS2 will be welcoming popular children's author Michael Mann to School. Michael is the author of 'Ghostcloud' and 'Nightspark'. Michael will talk to the children about his experiences of being an author and what has inspired him to write. This will be a great opportunity for the children to learn from a prize-winning and professional author.

If you'd like to buy copies for the author to sign, below are links that you can use to buy copies of the book in advance of the visit. Please then send your child in to School on Friday 10th March with copies of the book for signing.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ghostcloud-Michael-Mann/dp/1444959301/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Nightspark-Ghostcloud-Book-Michael-Mann/dp/1444959786>

PTA Quiz, Friday 17th March 2023, School Hall, 7pm for a 7.30pm start

The PTA are currently putting together the infamous Blackboys Quiz Night and Dinner. Details were sent out via ParentMail email 22/02.

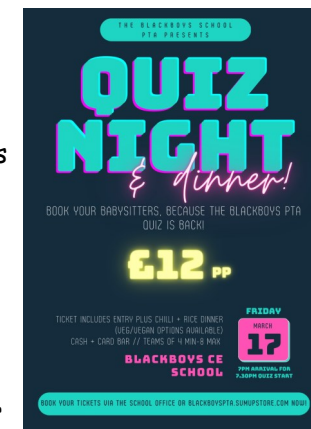
To secure your spot please use the link <https://blackboyspta.sumupstore.com/>

Usborne Book Fair & Sponsored Read

A massive thank you to all those families who supported and took part in the 'Ready Steady Read' Usborne's Sponsored Reading Challenge over half term. Alongside the Usborne book fair which was held on Monday, incredibly over £1500 has been raised. This means each class has over £300 worth of credit to spend on books with Usborne. This really is brilliant. The winners of the 'Ready Steady Read' challenge will be announced over the next couple of weeks. Well done to all those who took part.

Term 3/4 Charity

For the whole of Spring term we have decided that our charity to support is DEC, the Disasters Emergency Committee, who currently helping in Turkey and Syria following the terrible Earthquakes which have struck.



Year 6 Houses of Parliament Trip



Last Friday, our Year 6s had the fantastic opportunity of visiting the Houses of Parliament. They had a great tour of Parliament seeing where the MPs work and finding out more about the job of an MP. They finished the day with a meal in Pizza Express.

Wealden Street Art

Please see the attached poster for a great event celebrating Street Art in Wealden. This looks like a fantastic event.

Coffee & Chat Sessions

There are some Coffee and Chat sessions on the theme of Autism coming up in East Sussex. Please see the attached poster for further details.

The Big Green Poetry Machine

Earlier in the term our School Council encouraged pupils to submit poems to The Big Green Poetry Machine. We were contacted this week by the organisers of the initiative who informed us that pupils who submitted work will have their work published in a book! Parents/Carers will have received a letter with details on how to consent to their child's work be published. Please note the deadline for consenting is Friday 10th March. The collection is due to be published towards the end of April and we look forward to receiving a copy of the book in School!



Gold Book Awards for week beginning 27th February

Class 1

George C: For his great ideas during World Book Day. He made some lovely predictions about the story.

Ariana C: Perseverance. For working hard with Mrs Mylon, focusing on her writing.

Dottie F: For her creative creature design and descriptive writing.

Class 2

Missy-Rose R: For being excellent at drawing lines of symmetry.

Izzy M: For an amazing description of her failed project "Hamtat".

Jessica R-H: For making an excellent plan for a playscript about Oliver Twist.

Class 3

Arthur T: For some great work using fractions and scales.

Evie B: For doing work at home even when she was poorly.

Saffron M-C: For being ready to learn and showing respect.

Class 4

William P: For a great story inspired by The Barnabus Project on the theme of respect.

Evie H: For some great work with fractions, showing a lot more confidence.

Huw R: For some great work in class and showing respect during Project Touchline sessions.

Class 5

Lucas B: For excellent work in Maths and about The Barnabus Project.

Mya P: For her hard work on percentages this week.

Connie N: For showing great respect at clubs/Project Touchline by always saying thank you.

ACADEMIC YEAR 22/23

MARCH

FRIDAY 3RD	CURRENT YEAR 4/5 PGL SECOND INSTALLMENT FOR SEPT '23 PGL TRIP DUE WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED PRIMARY CUP SUSSEX CHESS TOURNAMENT AT FRAMFIELD CEP SCHOOL, MEMORIAL HALL. 1-3PM
MONDAY 6TH	CLASS 3 LED ACT OF WORSHIP. ALL WELCOME. SCHOOL HALL. 9-9.30AM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 7TH	YR 5/6 TAG RUGBY COACHING @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5PM
WEDNESDAY 8TH	DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF CLASS 4 AND 5 CONSENT SLIPS FOR NATURAL HISTORY MUSUUM TRIP (20/03) BLACKBOYS NETBALL TEAM NORTH WEALDEN FINALS - BEACON ACADEMY 3-5.30PM SELECTED YEAR 5/6 GIRLS TO UCKFIELD COLLEGE - 3G PITCH - LETGIRLSPLAYFOOTBALL 3.45-5PM
THURSDAY 9TH	OPEN THE BOOK LED ACT OF WORSHIP. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 10TH	CURRENT YEAR 4/5 PGL THIRD INSTALLMENT FOR SEPT '23 PGL TRIP DUE PUPILS WHOSE POEMS/ENTERIES FOR 'THE BIG GREEN POETRY MACHINE' CHOSEN PARENTAL / CARER DEADLINE FOR PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED - DIRECT ONLINE TO THE BIG GREEN POETRY MACHINE AS PER LETTERS SENT RETURN OF SELECTED U9 GIRLS TOURNAMENT AITC COMPLETED SLIPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY ALL OF KS2 - AUTHOR VISIT - MICHAEL MANN. 10.45-11.45AM
MONDAY 13TH	CLASS 4 LED ACT OF WORSHIP. ALL WELCOME, SCHOOL HALL. 9-9.30AM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 14TH	YR 3/4 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5.15PM
THURSDAY 16TH	KATE DILLINGHAM LED ACT OF WORSHIP. ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30AM CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 17TH	RED NOSE DAY RETURN OF SELECTED U9 MIXED TOURNAMENT AITC COMPLETED SLIPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED AITC U9 GIRLS FEDERATION TEAM QUALIFIER TO EASTBOURNE BOROUGH FC (ACTUAL START AND FINISH 9AM - 1.30PM) PTA QUIZ NIGHT! SCHOOL HALL. 7-10.30PM
MONDAY 20TH - FRIDAY 24TH	LAST WEEK OF ALL LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED
MONDAY 20TH	YEAR 6 RETURN OF COMPLETED PASSPORT FORMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR FRENCH TRIP 24TH MAY. CLASSES 4/5 NATURAL HISTORY MUSUUM LONDON 7.30AM - 5.15PM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 21ST	YR 5/6 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45 - 5.15PM PTA MEETING 7 - 8.30PM

REMAINING INSET DAYS 22/23:

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023

CLASS+ Coffee & Chat Sessions

East Sussex
County Council



Come and join the CLASS+ team and other parents to talk about all things **Autism**. This is a great opportunity to listen, share questions, ideas and experience with other parents. This session is designed to support parents/ carers who have an autistic child or are on the Autism pathway.

28 February, Burwash Primary School, 9:00am to 10:30am

28 February, Denton Community Primary School, 1:15pm to 2:45pm

6 March, Annecy Primary School, 9:00am to 10:30am

9 March, Robsackwood Primary Academy, 9:00am to 10:30am

13 March, Harbour Primary School, 9:00am to 10:30am

13 March, Willingdon Primary School, 9:15am to 10:30am

23 March, Hollington Primary Academy, 9:00am to 10:30am



Photos by: Sara-Louise Bowrey, Phoebe Wingrove, Tiffani Graveling, Kim Hall

Fun, **FREE**
street theatre
this spring
in Wealden



Experience *our Culture* **STREETS** *OF*

POLEGATE FRI 3 MARCH Puppet Show 4.30pm

CROWBOROUGH

SAT 4 MARCH 11.30am-2.30pm

HAILSHAM SAT 11 MARCH 11.30am-2.30pm

HEATHFIELD FRI 17 MARCH Puppet Show 4.30pm

UCKFIELD SAT 18 MARCH 11.30am-2.30pm

FREE! No bookings
Arrive early to avoid disappointment
Suitable for ages 5+

STREETS OF

POLEGATE FRI 3 MARCH Puppet Show 4.30pm

ST GEORGES HALL, 110 EASTBOURNE ROAD, POLEGATE BN26 5DF

Hulla Balloony Moon Time! by Long Nose Puppets

Little children will feel the magic at this riotous, zany show. 45 minutes of cakey fun, puppets and a dance with the moon. Based on 'Pat-a-cake Baby' by Joyce and Polly Dunbar, with music and songs by Tom Gray.

HEATHFIELD FRI 17 MARCH Puppet Show 4.30pm

UNION CHURCH HALL, STATION ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8LB



Woodland Tales by Pickled Image

Something is happening in the woods, voices can be heard, and a strange metallic smell fills the air. Laura the ladybird, Jeffrey the spider, Brett the Woodlouse and Willoughby the Woodpecker are worried. Velda the Vixen knows there's one person who can help them – Granddad. But is there enough time to save the wood? For ages 3+.

By Pickled Image and Hattie Naylor.



STREETS OF

CROWBOROUGH SAT 4 MARCH 11.30am-2.30pm

The Seal by Circo Rum Baba

Salana the seal and Marina Mudflat the marine biologist are very friendly. Just watch out for seal spit!

The Enchanted Flower Globe by Show Globe

Say hello to beautiful Floris in her miniature world, brimming with butterflies, flowers and Spring colours.

The Wardens by The 2 Men

They have been empowered with the jurisdiction to enforce any rule or law they see fit.

Watch out or you may end up with a ticket!

Crimplene Crusaders by Vamos Theatre

These twin-set clad campaigners will keep a firm eye out for any slouching, flirting, or hand-holding, making sure that good old fashioned values are championed.



CRIMPLENE CRUSADERS



THE SEAL



THE WARDENS

STREETS OF

HAILSHAM SAT 11 MARCH 11.30am-2.30pm



HODMAN & SALLY

Hodman Dodmanott and Sally Forth by The Flying Buttresses

Two tiny elderly backpackers set out to fathom the modern world! An interactive, unforgettable, spell-binding act.

The Sea Sphere by Show Globe

An enchanting mermaid glides through Hailsham in a beautiful, bubbling, shimmering underwater world.



SEA SPHERE

Granny Turismo

The world's first (and only) shopping trolley dance display team! When these girls arrive on their souped up shopping trolleys, everybody knows about it.

UK African Acrobats Sizzling skills honed on the streets of Dar Es Salaam: these dazzling acrobats make hair-raising feats look simple.

Dolly Delicious will be towering above us all in **Crowborough, Hailsham** and **Uckfield**.

STREETS OF

UCKFIELD SAT 18 MARCH 11.30am-2.30pm

Yeshe The Yak by Thingumajig Theatre

The gentle, mysterious Yeshe is very fond of children, especially those who carefully stroke his nose or tickle his fringe.

The Sea Sphere by Show Globe A mermaid glides through Uckfield in a beautiful, bubbling, shimmering underwater world.

The Tourists by The 2 Men East End geezers, Terry and Derek, have won a competition in The Sun newspaper to attend this event. Help them find some pie and mash, top up their tans and take in the sights of Uckfield!

The Whizzers by Circo Rum Baba These small, unpredictable sprites perform mesmeric gliding dances. Get ready for them to chase, or dance with you!

Xena Flame Hula Hooping funtime for everyone! Xena will be performing in **Hailsham** and **Uckfield**.



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Programmes are subject to change



UK AFRICAN
ACROBATS



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