



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 19th May 2023

Christian Value for Term : Understanding

Dear Parents/Carers,  
I'd like to start by welcoming the children who have started at our school over the past couple of weeks. We hope they settle into their new classes and that their families feel welcomed in school and at our many PTA events.

## KS2 SATs

Last week, our Year 6s took their end of KS2 SATs tests. I was really impressed with how maturely the children approached their tests and the perseverance they showed in working through some of the more difficult questions. We hope that they enjoy their remaining time at Blackboys School. The school will receive these results in July and they will be passed onto parents.

## KS1 SATs

Following in the footsteps of Year 6, our Year 2 children have begun taking their end of KS1 SATs tests. They have a couple more to do next week, but they have been very sensible and hard-working so far. The tests are marked by Mrs Sullivan and will help to form her decisions about whether the children are working at the expected standard for Year 2. Parents of children within Year 2 will get the final decision in the end of year reports.

## Parent Survey

In order to help school development planning for academic year 2023/24, we would be grateful if parents could spare a few minutes to fill out this online questionnaire. If you have a number of children at the school, you may wish to complete a separate form for each child, unless their experiences and views are similar.  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH3zPUCZ3dH0SHXzmHZaTHfsBp439scteuIt2GzmaUMm-A0w/viewform>

We will close the questionnaire at the end of May half term.

## New KS2 teacher

After a successful interview process a couple of weeks ago, we are pleased to announce that we have employed a teacher to replace Miss Reis when she moves on at the end of the year. Miss Rietdyk will join our staff in September from the University of Sussex, where she has been studying for a degree in teaching. We look forward to introducing her to the children later in the term.

## Mount Snowdon



Having learnt about mountains this term in Class 3, Bertie and his family have decided to visit Snowdonia in half term to climb Mount Snowdon. They plan to raise funds for the PTA to put towards a new Prayer Shelter for our patio area. If you would like to sponsor the whole family to climb the mountain, please use the link below to donate to their JustGiving page.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bertieanddottieclimbsnowdonia?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=d6YMNYDq8](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bertieanddottieclimbsnowdonia?utm_id=1&utm_term=d6YMNYDq8)

## Newhaven Fort

Yesterday, our Year 4 and 5 children enjoyed a trip to Newhaven Fort. Dressed as evacuees, the children spent the day enriching their learning about the Second World War.

## Scooter and Skateboard Sessions

We are always keen to encourage our pupils to be active, and to help with this, all pupils will take part in either a Key Stage 1 Scooter session or a Key Stage 2 Skateboard session next Thursday 25th May. These sessions are entirely funded by the school, led by qualified trainers and all equipment will be provided. It should be a great day.

## Year 6 French Trip

Parents/Carers of pupils within Year 6; please remember that next Monday 22nd May is the date to hand your child's passport and EHIC/GHIC card into the School Office in preparation for the French Trip, Wednesday 24th May.



Don't forget to set your alarms early Wednesday morning, the coach will be leaving Blackboys promptly at 6.10am! Bon Voyage!

## Year 6 Swimming, Term 6

During Term 6, Year 6 will be attending Swimming sessions every Monday afternoon at local Primary School, Cross-In-Hand. The letter has been sent home via bags and ParentMail email. Year 6 Parents/Carers please return the consent and information slip to the School Office at the very latest by Friday 26th May.



## Telling the Time

Many of our classes have recently been working on telling the time in Maths. This is an important life skill and it is very hard to master telling the time in just a few lessons each year. Please could we ask that children are encouraged to look at clocks and to tell the time at home. Asking children how long it is until they have to go somewhere, or what time a cake will be finished in the oven, are great ways to encourage your child. They need to be able to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks. Maybe you could make it a half term challenge!

## Summer Term is busy!

With the final term of the academic year being incredibly busy, can we urge all Parents/Carers to keep up to date with all things School via our calendar which is constantly updated on the homepage of our Blackboys School website <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/>  
Please also keep a close eye on your ParentMail emails as letters are sent via this form of communication regularly.



## Rounders

On Tuesday, a group of Year 5 and 6 children went to Uckfield College to take part in a Rounders Festival. The children played brilliantly and beat some tough opposition to be the overall winners.

## Netball

Yesterday, we welcomed a group of Year 6 children from Annan School to play a friendly netball match.

## Albion in the Community

Last week we also sent a group of Under 9 boys to play in the finals of the Albion in the Community tournament. The boys had previously qualified and were playing against some stiff opposition. Despite this being the end of their run, the boys played well and represented the school brilliantly.



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## Let Girls Play Football

Last week a group of Year 5 and 6 girls went along to Uckfield College to take part in a festival of Girls' Football. They joined in with various drills and games and had fun working alongside girls from other local primary schools.

## Chartwells Bee Poster Competition

Congratulations to Evie C in Class 2 for winning the Bee Poster Competition!



## Gold Book Awards for week Beginning 15th May

### Class 1

Lucy G: For settling in to school so well and for doing some wonderful writing.  
Callum S: For working well in Maths with Mrs Mylon - folding a square to find a quarter.  
Lyla H: For doing extra Maths homework - adding and taking away 10.

### Class 2

Audrey H: For super long jump in PE, showing excellent technique.  
Missy-Rose R & Evie C: For a super attitude to their SATS tests this week and for persevering.

### Class 3

Bertie F: For his excellent detail in recalling some different methods of seed dispersal in Science.  
Margaux L: For some brilliant reading of BFG with lots of lovely expression.  
Saffron M-C: For being so engaged with her learning and 'bringing her brain' this week.

### Class 4

George W: For an all round great week! A great score in our decimals quiz and excellent behaviour and engagement on our school trip.  
Noah B: For working really hard on his Anderson shelter.  
Eva C: For being wonderful and helpful on our trip to Newhaven Fort yesterday.

### Class 5

Josh S: For an excellent performance in rounders yesterday.  
Finlay T: For his consistently excellent work in RE.  
Joseph M: For great engagement and sharing his knowledge during the school trip to Newhaven Fort yesterday.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 22/23

### MAY

SATURDAY 21ST	WORLD BEE DAY
MONDAY 22ND	YEAR 6 PASSPORTS/GHIC'S TO BE HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN PREPARATION OF TRIP ON WEDNESDAY CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
WEDNESDAY 24TH	YEAR 6 FEDERATION FRENCH TRIP 6.10AM-7.30PM CLASS 4 LED ACT OF WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND 9-9.30AM
THURSDAY 25TH	COLLECTION OF YEAR 6 PASSPORTS/GHICS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF NOT TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM TRIP YESTERDAY OPEN THE BOOK LED ACT OF WORSHIP ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND 9-9.30AM SKATEBOARDING AND SCOOTER DAY! CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3PM SELECTED YR 6 PUPILS TO TAKE PART IN UCKFIELD COLLEGE, MATHS MASTERCLASS WEEKLY 3.45-4.45PM
FRIDAY 26TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 5 CURRENT YEAR 4/5 PGL INSTALLMENT FOR SEPT '23 PGL TRIP DUE YEAR 6 SWIMMING CONSENTS TO BE HANDED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BABY & TODDLER GROUP 'BLACKBOYS BABIES' IN HALL 2-3PM

### MAY BREAK

### JUNE

THURSDAY 1ST- FRIDAY 2ND	HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL AT BLACKBOYS SCHOOL! 10AM-3PM
MONDAY 5TH	FIRST DAY OF TERM 6 CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM YEAR 6 SWIMMING CROSS IN HAND. LEAVE 1.40PM - SWIM 2-3PM. PARENTS/ CARERS TO COLLECT DIRECTLY FROM CROSS IN HAND.
THURSDAY 8TH FRIDAY 9TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3PM SEPTEMBER YEAR R NEW PUPILS TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM
MONDAY 12TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM YEAR 6 SWIMMING CROSS IN HAND. LEAVE 1.40PM - SWIM 2-3PM. PARENTS/ CARERS TO COLLECT DIRECTLY FROM CROSS IN HAND.
TUESDAY 13TH	PRIMARY CUP CHESS COMPETITIONS FOR SELECTED PUPILS - SUMMER TERM FINALS ROUND, WINDLESHAM. 2PM START AND A 4.30PM LEAVE. SELECTED PUPILS AT STOOLBALL FESTIVAL (5 BOYS & 5 GIRLS) @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5.15PM PARENT / CARER OF PUPILS STARTING IN YEAR R, SEPTEMBER '23 EVENING MEETING 'GET TO KNOW YOUR SCHOOL & CHILDS TEACHERS' 5.30-6.30PM
WEDNESDAY 14TH	YEAR 6 TO BE DROPPED DIRECTLY TO BOWLES OUTDOOR CENTRE FOR A 9.30AM START - SAFETY IN ACTION. PARENTAL VOLUNTEER LIFTS RETURN TO SCHOOL. 9-11.30AM SEPTEMBER YEAR R NEW PUPILS TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM
THURSDAY 15TH FRIDAY 16TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3PM FORTNIGHTLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
MONDAY 19TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM YEAR 6 SWIMMING CROSS IN HAND. LEAVE 1.40PM - SWIM 2-3PM. PARENTS/ CARERS TO COLLECT DIRECTLY FROM CROSS IN HAND.

**REMAINING INSET DAYS 22/23:  
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023**