



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 07th March 2025

Christian Value for Term : RESPECT

Dear Parents/carers,
Our Christian value of the term is Respect. Respect plays a very important part of Blackboys School. I have the very highest of expectation in how adults and children communicate with each other and I have enjoyed hearing the children's thoughts in our assemblies and seeing respect in action in classrooms and playgrounds. It would be so useful for parents/carers to talk to their children about their understanding of respect at home, thus reinforcing our school messages.

Added to this, in respect of our world, our worship group members will be acting as 'Verge Protectors' from Monday, supporting the protection of our beautiful spring flowers during the morning drop off.

Recruitment

We are thrilled to announce 2 new members of staff who have recently been recruited to enhance our staff team.

Firstly we are thrilled to welcome officially, on a permanent contract, Mrs Amy Colegate. Mrs Colegate had been covering Mrs Vance's absence, but is now officially the Class 4 Teaching Assistant. The community have already seen the positive influence Mrs Colegate has had, so we are delighted to secure her on a long term basis.

Secondly, after an extensive shortlisting and interview process, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Claudia Underwood will be joining us from the middle of March as

our new Monday-Wednesday school secretary. Mrs Underwood impressed the interview panel with her passion for the school and previous experience and as a parent of school will be a familiar, friendly face to many. I know she will be made welcome too.

After the Easter holiday, as previously communicated, Mrs Sheffield will move to a 1 day a week role supporting staff and working on specific projects.

Year 6 - Houses of Parliament

Our Annual London Trip took place last week, with year 6 enjoying a walking tour of London sights, a visit to the Houses of Parliament and a tasty pizza tea. It was a busy day, but an important one to reinforce the sense of pride we have for our capital city and the important British Value of democracy. You might enjoy seeing the pictures of the day on our school Instagram feed.

World Book Day

This year's event was a real highlight. We are hugely grateful to all the Key Stage 1 parents who came to the Book Day Reading Café. There was an excellent buzz in the hall and lots of reading too. I am always thrilled by how much effort our staff put into days like this, always going above and beyond to make the learning memorable. A special thanks to our Reading subject leader Mrs Sullivan, for organising the day. The costumes were brilliant too! We have an upcoming book sale too, with details later on.

Book Fair, Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March, 3.15-4pm

In celebration of World Book Day, which took place yesterday, we have arranged for a Scholastic Book Fair to visit.

The Book Fair will take place after school from 3.15-4pm on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March. You will be able to purchase from an array of exciting age appropriate books. Book choices and information is attached to this ParentMail, please note that book selections may vary on the days.

Purchasing a book couldn't be simpler with a variety of payment options; a QR code will be available which will take you directly to the Scholastic payment portal OR you can pre-purchase book vouchers in advance of the book fair bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers OR simply by cash.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Book Fair! Happy Reading!

PTA Quiz Night, 14th March 2025

Our annual PTA Quiz Night will take place during the evening of Friday 14th March. This is always a massively popular event and quizmasters Darren and Lynda Lynch are back by popular demand.

Either make a team from friends and family or ask the School Office to join one of the teams that will be created on the night.

Book your tickets using:

<https://blackboyspta.sumupstore.com/product/quiz-night-ticket-beef-chilli>

or

<https://blackboyspta.sumupstore.com/product/quiz-night-ticket-veg-vegan-chilli>

Class led Acts of Worship, Term 4

Date	Class
13th March 9.05am	Class 2
20th March 9.05am	Class 3
27th March 9.05am	Class 4
03rd April 9.05am	Class 1



Easter Service, Tuesday 01st April

Our annual Easter Service will take place at our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield on Tuesday 01st April. All children are to be dropped directly off at the Church. Parents/ Carers are encourage and welcome to attend.

**THERE WILL BE NO
BREAKFAST CLUB TAKING PLACE
01/04/25**

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 and footwear to change in to following the Service. A bin bag (or similar) should also be brought along to sit on whilst enjoying lunch.

National Comic Relief Day - Friday 21st March

This year we will be offering pupils the chance to dress in red for a £1 donation towards the Comic Relief Charity.

**DRESS IN RED
for Red Nose Day!**

Friday 21st March 2025

Pop on those scarlet socks, don a full-on lobster suit, or just wear what you want (as long as it's red!) in return for a £1 donation! How far you take it is up to you!



Gold Book Awards for week beginning 3rd March

Class 1

Mabel C - for her great work in Maths, talking about smaller numbers that make 10.
Scarlett H - for her amazing work in Guided Reading and talking about the story.
Benji D - for the effort he is putting into his handwriting (pre-cursive).

Class 2

Emily L - for an amazing plan drawing of the classroom,
Ella S - for a fantastic storybook spoon puppet based on her favourite book character.
Joshua I - for showing good understanding of division, especially halving numbers.

Class 3

Fletcher J - for his excellent research skills in English.
Lorenzo M & Daisy H - for their team-working skills in English when writing a rap song about Treasure Island.

Class 4

Keegan J - for showing a good understanding of what blood is after making our 'blood in a bag' in Science.
Charles D - for using computational thinking to work out a tricky maths problem in Computing - and explaining how he got there!
Darcey S - for working hard on her description of the beach from 'The Lost Thing'.

Class 5

Delilah N - for great work in rapping her Julia Donaldson book in her excellent costume!
Eva C - for excellent effort in her homework this week.
Marlo O - for great effort with his handwriting with Mrs Hall.

ACADEMIC YEAR 24/25

MARCH

MONDAY 10TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 11TH	SELECTED PUPILS YR 3/4 NETBALL UCKFIELD COLLEGE MUGA 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 12TH	SELECTED PUPILS NETBALL FIXTURES VS SACRED HEART 1.30-3.45PM 5 X SELECTED YR 5/6 GIRLS #LETGIRLSPLAY FOOTBALL FESTIVAL ON THE 3G 3.45-5PM
THURSDAY 13TH	CLASS 2 LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 14TH	SELECTED YR 5/6 PUPILS NETBALL TOURNAMENT AT MAYFIELD SCHOOL 9.30AM-3.30PM PTA QUIZ NIGHT 7-10.30PM
MONDAY 17TH - TUESDAY 18TH	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT BLACKBOYS! IN SCHOOL HALL AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4PM ON BOTH DAYS.
MONDAY 17TH	YR 6 RETURN OF COMPLETED PASSPORT SITUATION FORMS TO BE BACK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 18TH	SELECTED PUPILS NETBALL UCKFIELD COLLEGE MUGA 4.35-5.15PM
THURSDAY 20TH	CLASS 3 LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 21ST	NATIONAL COMIC RELIEF DAY - DRESS UP IN RED FOR £1 DONATION WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
MONDAY 24TH - FRIDAY 28TH	LAST WEEK OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
MONDAY 24TH	CLASS 4/5 MAYAN WORKSHOP DAY IN SCHOOL CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 25TH	YEAR 6 DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF COLLECTIVE PASSPORT DETAILS 5 X SELECTED YEAR 3/4 PUPILS DANCE FESTIVAL @ UCKFIELD COLLEGE DANCE STUDIO 3.30-5.15PM
THURSDAY 27TH	INDIVIDUAL PUPIL INVITED - CROSS COUNTRY FINALS CRAWLEY RUGBY CLUB CLASS 4 LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 28TH	10 X YR 3 PUPILS READING TO 'YOUNG AT HEART' GROUP HEATHFIELD CRICKET CLUB 1.15-3.15PM BLACKBOYS BABIES GROUP, SCHOOL HALL 2-3PM CUPCAKE SALE LED BY YOUNG AT HEART PUPILS IN AID OF ALZHEIMERS & PARKINSONS CHARITY 3.15-3.45PM
MONDAY 31ST	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

24/25 Dates for your diary

If you take a look at the homepage of our Blackboys website, you will find that School 'main' events like Spring Term Parents Evenings, Tempest Photos (for 2025!) and even Sports Day are already confirmed for 24/25. You can click through week by week to see what is planned.

Inset Days 24 25:

Monday 21st July 2025 *Tuesday 22nd July 2025*

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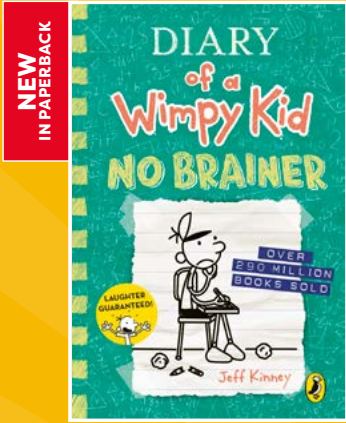
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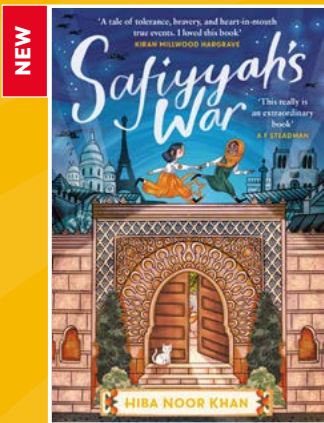
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