



NEWSLETTER

11th September 2020

Head of School Message

Dear parents and carers,
You should by now have received my communication regarding breakfast and after school club. If you require a place in either of these provisions please contact the school office as soon as possible to reserve a place. By now I was hoping that I would have been able to gradually start relaxing the precautions we have put in place starting with lunch boxes, drinking bottles and hot meals. Given the dramatic rise in Covid-19 cases in Merseyside, and in particular in schools, it would be foolish and reckless of me to do so. I hope you can understand the reasoning behind my decision and I appreciate your ongoing patience and support during this time.



Mr D Kenny
Headteacher

Soon you will receive communication about our traditional 'meet the teacher' event. In addition, Knowsley have decided that this year no admissions packs will be distributed. All applications for year 7 and for Reception places will be done online. Please watch out for this information in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's stars, we are very proud of you.

NURSERY: All our new starters

RECEPTION: All our new starters

YEAR 1: Nancy Jones

YEAR 2: Kendall O'Hare

YEAR 3: Allanya Fullerton

YEAR 4: Honey Billington

YEAR 5: Jamie Keenan

YEAR 6: Grace Powell

PPA: Hattie Cooper-Finch



STARS OF THE WEEK



TERRIFIC TIMEKEEPERS

Can we remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am.

Being organised and having your child arrive at school on time helps reduce classroom interruptions and distractions, allowing teachers to focus on teaching lessons to all students.



INFORMATION FORMS

Please remember to return your child's medical information and authorised pick up forms back to school ASAP.



REMINDER

Can we remind parents/carers that they **MUST** wear a face mask before they enter the school building.



ARE YOUR DETAILS CORRECT ?

If you have recently changed your home/mobile phone number, or address, please ensure that you email school with your new details. It is essential that we have the correct contact numbers for the children in case of an emergency. Thank you.



YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
REC	92.3%
Y1	97.4%
Y2	99.2%
Y3	92.2%
Y4	92.5%
Y5	94.2%
Y6	92.7%
TOTAL	94.4%
YEAR TO DATE	94.9%

NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MILKSHAKE DAY

Tomorrow is National Chocolate Milkshake Day. This day brings chocolate and ice cream lovers together. Forget the calories for just this one day and enjoy a tall, thick and delicious, chocolate milkshake! What is often unknown is that milkshakes were not always called milkshakes, in the 1950's were called frosted drinks.



WHAT DO I DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL?

Well done to Louie West from Y1. Louie plays for MHS Ajax, his team recently won the trophy for winning the league last season. A huge congratulations to Louie and his team mates. I think we need to watch this guy, one day we might see him at Anfield.



FOCUS OF THE WEEK – A BIT OF EVERYTHING

Apply for Free School Meals...
It's quick and easy using the online form at:
www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims

If you are receiving certain benefits, a FREE tasty and nutritious school meal is available for your children at Blacklow Brow School...BUT YOU MUST APPLY!

Look at the benefits:

A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
Savings for you, worth over £350 a year.

Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth at least £900 a year. Even if your child is in Reception or Years 1 or 2, you still need to apply to ensure that school receives the extra funding.

When your child starts in Year 3 if you do not qualify for Free School Meals payment is then required. It is worth checking!!

Remember. Just registering your child for Free School Meals means that Blacklow Brow School receives the extra money even if you don't take up the free meal. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

If you want further information then please ask at the school office, everything you say will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Do you qualify?

Your child will be eligible for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- . Income Support
- . Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- . Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- . Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- . The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- . Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- . Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four week after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

How does it work?

1. Checking whether you qualify and registering is really quick and easy – do it online at:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>

2. **IMPORTANT -If your child already qualifies for Free School Meals you still need to register on this site to ensure school receives the correct amount of funding.**

Come and talk to us if you're not sure.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

MATHS – Adjacent

ENGLISH – Aesthetically

Have a practice of these words over the weekend. Who knows, you could earn some house points when you use these words in the correct context.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th September: Breakfast Club re-opens

14th September: Afterschool Club re-opens

1st October: National Poetry Day

8th October: World Mental Health Day

7-9th July: Y6 JCA Trip

Due to Covid, pre-organised events have been rescheduled, further information to follow.



Don't
Miss Out!

Please remember to pre book your Breakfast and Afterschool Club sessions, place are now limited. Thank you

LATE PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

If children are not collected at the normal pick up time of 2.30pm OR are late being collected from an afterschool activity, they will go into afterschool which is chargeable as follow:

2.30-3pm = £3 per day

2.30-3.30pm = £5 per day

2.30- anything after 3.30pm = £10 per day

(Late after 5.30pm - £1 for every minute late)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!

I would like to introduce our new staff to you all. I am sure you will make them all feel welcome the way you did when I first arrived at Blacklow Brow.



Mr G Latham
Deputy headteacher

Born in West Derby Liverpool, Mr Latham has been an educational professional for over 12 years. Initially qualifying at university as a sports and maths specialist, he quickly found his passion working with and educating children. Since joining the Dean Trust, Mr Latham has been at the forefront of quality first teaching, initially as a Year 6 teacher, then as a member of the senior leadership team at Park View Academy. Mr Latham has overseen a number of projects as a senior leader, including the rollout out of a succinct assessment system, a move towards pupils and teachers alike understanding metacognition to accelerate learning, and introduced several new curricula offerings to account for the changing needs of education and the citizens of the future. Consequently, he was awarded 'Specialist Leader of Education' status to aid schools focus on developing leadership capacity and outstanding teaching. Mr Latham is passionate about ensuring innovative teaching and learning remain the focus of any classroom and will make a great addition to the Blacklow Brow School team as Deputy Headteacher.



Ms S Hine
SENDco

I've worked in education for over 20 years and my interest in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) goes back over 15 years. I've worked in mainstream primaries and secondaries as well as within the special education sector. I'm a qualified Modern Foreign Languages teacher and am extremely happy to be teaching Spanish one day a week after a break of a few years. My interest in helping children and young people with SEND has meant I have held various different roles: as a classroom teacher, SENDCo, education officer for a Local Authority and as an assistant educational psychologist as I am interested in the role psychology plays in assisting children and young people with SEND. I also have an interest in specific learning difficulties with a specialism in dyslexia. I am very pleased to have joined a lovely group of children and colleagues at Park View Academy and Blacklow Brow school.



Mrs E Gibson- Burkert
EWO

Hello, my name is Mrs Gibson-Burkert, my role is Education Welfare and Attendance Officer at Blacklow Brow School. My previous role was a nursery manager, I was based at this nursery for eleven years and from this I gained a broad range of knowledge and experience. I am looking forward to meeting all the children and families at the school, please pop over and say hello whenever you see me. I am excited and looking forward to being a part of the Blacklow Brow team.