# Blakedown CE Primary School Newsletter Spring 6 

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Happy Birthday!
Happy Birthday this week $19^{\text {th }} 25^{\text {th }}$ February 2024 to:

Poppy who is 9 .


The children have been VERY excited by the official opening of the outdoor library on return to school this week. All children at school have been allocated timetabled slots, across the week, where they can sit on the outdoor bean bags and benches and read the books, comics or newspapers that are available inside the NEW outdoor library. Miss Low has asked for children to volunteer and show service to our school by being librarians to help run this new space, as well as the main school library, keep these spaces tidy and also get feedback from their peers on what other books and reading material they would like to update our libraries. They will also gather reviews and recommendations to help their friends select books to read. We hope that this will bring much JOY to all of our school community and encourage us all to read for pleasure.


March:
01.03.24: Year 4 Class \& Recognition Assembly with Year 4 parents/carers.
01.03.24: Y6 Kidderminster Harriers Health Kick.
For all future dates, including recognition assembly dates, please refer to the school website calendar.

Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

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Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect


This year, we will be promoting reading for pleasure in school and encouraging 'Book Talk' as part of our World Book Day celebrations. As our focus is on reading for pleasure, we are not asking the children to dress up for World Book Day this year but to bring their favourite books into school to talk about and share with others throughout the week. Through our 'book talk' we will be encouraging the children to try and read something new so that they might hopegully find a new author or book that they enjoy. * Please ensure that any books brought into school are labelled with your child's name. *

In school, we are planning activities to promote reading for pleasure throughout the week, such as: House Team quizzes, drop everything and read times, reading buddies and trips to Hagley library, to mention but a few. We would also like to invite parents and carers into school on the mornings of Tuesday $5^{\mathrm{th}}$ March and Thursday $7^{\text {h }}$ March to read with their child/ren before the start of the school day, between 8:30 and 8:50. Teachers will put out a selection of recommended reads for their age group and we would encourage you to sit and enjoy sharing a book together. Once in their classrooms, children will not be allowed to leave them until all adults exit the school building at the end of the reading session. We will ring a bell to signal the end of the reading session and the school day commencing. Weather permilting, the outdoor library will also be opened for you to view and select books from, if you would like to use this.

We thank you in advance for your support and hope that your child/ren will be able to talk to you and share books or other reading material that they have discovered across this week and enjoyed.

Further information on how to support your child's reading is available on the school website: :https://www.blakedowncofepprimary.co.uk/page/Pl:itle=Reading+Support+2022\%2B\&pid=146 or allernatively, please contact Miss Low.

## Recognition Awards for week beginning $19^{\text {th }}$ February 2024

| Reception | Gracen <br> Mila | For his progress and perseverance in his Kinetic Letter formations. <br> For always working hard and doing the very best she can with all of <br> her work. |
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| Year 1 | George | All Year 1 <br> is asked. <br> For loving to learn, Theo always listens carefully and asks lots of <br> questions. <br> You were all amazing when representing our school on the visit to <br> Singers Hill Synagogue. |
| Year 2 | Kobe <br> Spencer <br> Ella Ro | For his excellent focus and leadership skills during dance. <br> For being an excellent role model who is consistently ready to <br> learn. <br> For her consistent focus and readiness to learn. |
| Year 3 | Hettie | For his enthusiasm for his reading and work about famous <br> monuments. <br> For really pushing herself out of her comfort zone in swimming <br> lessons. <br> For always working hard to finish tasks in the time allowed. |
| Year 4 | Elizabeth | For always being polite, consistently showing our school values and <br> for never being afraid to ask for help, which is a wonderful quality <br> to have. <br> For coming into school every day ready to learn and being positive <br> role model to her peers. Isla is always helping out in the lunch hall <br> and being a friendly face to those around her. |
| Year 5 6 | Zach  <br> Matilda Ryan | For writing a narrative about a thief that was a joy to read. <br> For always trying her best to achieve. |

