

# Blakedown CE Primary School Newsletter Spring 9



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## Shakespeare Workshop

Year 6 attended a workshop at Belbroughton CE Primary School where they watched and took part in Shakespeare's play of Henry V. The children listened and took part well, mixing with pupils from St Kenelm's CE Primary School who attended the workshop at the same time. The children represented the school well and made us proud of them. Well done!

## Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to:

Gideon who is 5;  
Arthur who is 7;  
Ruben who is 11;  
& Liam who is 11.



## Year 2 Parents' Evenings

The booking system will open for Year 2 parents' evenings today – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Parents' evenings for Year 2 are being held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Bookings will close next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

## Fundraising

One of our parents is training to run in the Birmingham half marathon in May and has very kindly offered to donate 25% of raised money to the school/PTA for the funding towards the playground. The rest will be donated to Cancer Research UK. If you would like to support this please click the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alice-ward-111?utm\\_term=2Y67gPgZ6](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alice-ward-111?utm_term=2Y67gPgZ6)

Many thanks to Mrs Ward and to all who are able to support.

## Easter Activities:

Please see the attached wellbeing newsletter from the Wyre Forest School Ports Partnership for ideas for family Easter ideas, activities and events.

## Date Reminders:

### March:

18-20.03.24: Y4 Pioneer Trip  
19.03.24: Y2 Performance to Y2 parents  
19.03.24: Y5 Forest School  
20.03.24: Y5 & Y6 Library Visit  
21.03.24: Y2 Carpet Museum Trip  
22.03.24: Y2 Dance Festival  
22.03.24: Celebration Assembly with Y6 parents/carers  
22.03.24: Y6 Kidderminster Harriers Health Kick

### April:

10.04.24: Y2 Parents' Evening 1  
11.04.24: Y2 Parents' Evening 2  
For all future dates, including recognition assembly dates, please refer to the school website calendar.

## Cyberbullying

Please see the attached parent information leaflet about cyberbullying.

## Weekly Attendance W.E.: 15.03.2024

Reception: 99% 1 Late  
Class 1: 97% 2 Lates  
Class 2: 99% 2 Lates  
Class 3: 92% 1 Late  
Class 4: 92%  
Class 5: 99% 4 Lates  
Class 6: 92% 4 Lates

Class  
R,2,5

## Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

## School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

## School Gates

As you are aware, we have had some maintenance work on the main gates this week. You will notice some additional signage, finger trap casings and additional sensors. There is more work planned for after half term. Thank you for your patience in not being able to use the front gates during our maintenance period. I need to request that you ensure that you only use the **pedestrian gates** to walk through and leave the large vehicle gates for vehicles only. When pedestrians walk through the gates as they are attempting to close the sensors pick this up and we have been informed that the constant opening/closing at this point is wearing the motor and will need a sooner replacement which will obviously be a cost to school.

Many thanks for your help and understanding.

## E-Scooters

Our PCSO has asked us to send out the following information as they are seizing more and more e-scooters and they feel that parents should know the consequences should the police encounter a child on one.

### **What is an e-scooter?**

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of “powered transporters”; this covers a range of personal transport devices which are powered by a motor.

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the [Road Traffic Act 1988](#). Which means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a licence, insurance and tax.

It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces. If you're using a private e-scooter you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for no insurance.

If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter the incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car.

### **Rental e-scooter trials**

[Trials of rental e-scooters](#) are taking place in the UK. Anyone using a rental e-scooter on a public road or other public space, has to comply with the relevant road traffic legislation or they face potential prosecution.

To rent an e-scooter you must:

- meet the minimum age limit; these can vary depending on the provider, so please check with them
- hold the correct driving licence (category Q or P/M)
- create an account with the rental company

E-scooters can only be used in approved areas.

### **Legal use of an e-scooter**

It's legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the land owner.

Where a trial rental scheme is running, it's legal to use a rental e-scooter on a public road or cycle lane, provided you have the correct licence and follow road traffic regulations.

### **Penalties and Offences**

If you don't have a licence, or the correct licence, or are riding without insurance you could face a Fixed Penalty notice:

- with a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for having no insurance
- up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points for riding without the correct licence

If you're using an e-scooter in public in an antisocial manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under [section 59 of the Police Reform Act](#).

When riding an e-scooter, we would always recommend wearing safety protection such as a helmet and to keep to the speed limit.

The police, local authorities and other community safety partner agencies, such as Fire & Rescue and social housing landlords, all have a responsibility to deal with anti-social behaviour and to help people who are suffering from it.

## Recognition Awards for week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Lilly</b> <b>Eloise</b>	For growing confidence and working hard both at home and school to remember her sounds. For approaching everything we do with a positive 'can do' attitude and always trying her hardest.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Rayner</b> <b>Harry</b> <b>Mabel</b>	For finding joy in all we do, Rayner is always so enthusiastic when learning and enjoys sharing her knowledge with others. For always being super sensible and thoughtful to others. For always trying her best and for her fabulous counting this week in maths.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Amelia</b>	For being very focused and trying hard with her reading.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Oliver</b> <b>Nanaki</b>	For his focus and hard work in maths while learning about fractions. For pushing herself in writing to include everything she is asked to.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Harley</b>	For working extremely hard with practising his reading and for his enthusiasm for always wanting to improve every week.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Ummaymah</b> <b>Nancy</b>	For always working hard and being kind and helpful. For working consistently hard all week and producing a fabulous story last week which she wrote and edited independently.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Lily Mae</b> <b>Dylan</b>	For always working hard and being a good role model to others. For starting to show greater focus.

### World Book Day Team Quiz 2024

The results are in:

1. Sharks
2. Turtles
3. Jellyfish and Stingrays – joint 3rd
4. Dolphins
5. Seahorses



**Well done to the Sharks!**

The staff were very impressed across the whole school with the way the children demonstrated fantastic knowledge of books, authors and book characters.