



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 12th July 2024

Christian Value for Term : **THANKFULNESS**

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the academic year. The 2023/24 school year has been an exciting and busy one for Blackboys School. I would like to take this final opportunity to wish our year 6 leavers all the very best in the continuation of their education at secondary school. They have been an outstanding group. I would also like to thank their parents and carers for their support and building of fruitful relationships. Education definitely needs teamwork.

Year 6 SATS

We have recently received the results of our Year 6 SATS tests and it is fair to say that once again the outcomes reached by our children are extremely high. I am confident that our results will put us again in the very top bracket of East Sussex schools and this is due to the hard work of our pupils, coupled with support of parents/carers and the amazing effort of our staff team. Year 6 families will receive their results in their school report envelopes and I will share these outcomes more widely in September.

School Reports

We expect that school reports will be sent home with pupils on Monday 15th July. As always there is a slip of paper for parents/carers and pupils to comment on their

report. These are super useful for staff as we really value feedback, so please complete and return to the school office. It is only with feedback that we can continue to grow and improve our school.

PTA Summer Fair

Saturday's Summer Fair was a busy and successful occasion with near on £1,700 raised. A huge thank you to everyone who played their part in making it such a happy day. The PTA, together with the amazing Class Wish List scheme have made a massive contribution to classes recently. One look at Mr Boorman's new art drying rack would give testimony to this. We have also had a surge in atlases purchased via the Wish List that have been put to good use recently. Thank you. The wishlists can be accessed via <https://blackboyspta.sumupstore.com/products>

The PTA are also contributing to a new building, our new music centre, so watch this space!

Parking

We had a number of complaints after sports day and the fair about the blocking of driveways and other anti social parking practises. Please park responsibly for the upcoming school plays. Don't forget the village hall car park in Gun Road. Lets do the right thing.

Best wishes
Mr Sullivan

Inset Days 24/25

As you will be aware we finish for the academic year 23/24 on Friday 19th July, with Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July being Inset Days.

Upon our return to School following the Summer break, Monday 02nd September is a County Enforced Inset Day, children will return on Tuesday 03rd September.

We have set one other Inset Day for 24/25, being Friday 04th October. There will be x3 additional Inset Days to be confirmed and communicated with you in the new academic year.

Mystery at Magpie Manor

Being sent out with this newsletter you will find a 'special production' magazine in preparation of next weeks whole School production of Mystery at Magpie Manor!

There are plenty of tickets still available for the first show, Wednesday 17th July, 2pm and we would love to have a bumper audience, so if you are free, please pop to the School Office to secure your ticket! The 6pm show on Thursday 18th July is sold out but there are a handful of tickets left for the 6pm Wednesday 17th show.

Monday 15th July, Wear your Sports Clothes to School Day

In celebration of the 'Summer of Sport' we are experiencing, we are inviting all pupils to come to School on Monday 15th July dressed in their favourite sports clothes; be it a football kit, PE kit, ballet kit or jodhpurs, the sporting choice of kit is potentially endless! Please send your child in with a £1 which will be taken during morning registration, all monies raised will go towards this term's Charity, Children with Cancer, Hailsham.

End of Term Cup Assembly, Friday 19th July

We shall bid farewell to our Year 6's during our traditional end of term Cup Assembly, taking place in the School Hall from 2pm, 19th July. The pedestrian gate shall be open from 1.50pm to allow audience members to take their seats. A ParentMail email shall be sent to all recipients of Cups/Awards Parents/Carers informing them to attend, should they wish by the end of the day Tuesday 16th July.

Farewell Mrs Page, Thursday 18th July

We shall also wish Mrs Page a very fond farewell on Thursday 18th July. A Tea Party will be held from 2pm, all are very welcome to attend.

Return to School 24/25 and Wrap Around Care

A welcome back letter alongside clubs choices available for the Autumn term will be distributed during the early part of w/c 02/09.

We anticipate lunchtime and after-school clubs to return from w/c 09/09.

Bookings for the wrap around care provision of Breakfast and After School Club are already open. Please email your booking to the School Office. Bookings from 23/24 WILL NOT be 'rolled over'.

Chartwells, School Lunches

Please can we once again remind all parents/carers to ensure that any outstanding balances on your child's lunch account is cleared by the last day of term Friday 19th July, **ESPECIALLY OUR YEAR 6 LEAVERS!**

Collection of Medication

If your child has medication in School (e.g asthma pump, epi-pen etc) and you would like to have this at home during the Summer break, Mrs Pomfret and Mrs Harper, our first aiders, will be at the gate on the last day of term Friday 19th July at 3.15pm to enable you to collect and sign this out of School.

Year 6 Parents/Carers please remember to collect any medication which you may have in School.

Message from the KS1 Team

Please could all school reading books be returned by the latest Wednesday 17th July. This includes book banded (coloured books) and Monster Phonics or Dandelion readers. This will enable us to sort the reading books prior to the start of the new school year. Many thanks. **Please note there will be no books sent home today, Friday 12th July.**

Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 8th July

Class 1

Ettie T - for working hard in English and 'having a go' to do her writing about pirates independently.
Luka D - for his great word processing skills in computing.
Roman W - for his great Maths work, counting in 10s.

Class 2

Erin G - for some fast factual fluency in Maths.
Lyla H - for persevering yesterday, even though she felt a bit poorly.
Oscar M - for careful work on measuring and cutting his moving space picture.

Class 3

Keegan J - for an excellent opener to his adventure story!
Ella H - for a brilliant start to her adventure story!
Audrey H - for her fantastic ideas in science and explaining in detail her ideas.

Class 4

George W - for some great sensible and mature ideas when working on the NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe lesson.
Hugo B - for some hard work on his newspaper report - Miss Mayhew is looking forward to seeing the finished article!
Alice P - for some hard work on her newspaper report - Miss Mayhew is looking forward to seeing the finished article!

Class 5

Arthur P - for making a good start to his Odyssey writing.
Ruben O - for great acting in rehearsals this week.
Eva Coop - for listening carefully to feedback on her writing and acting on it!

ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24

JULY

SATURDAY 6TH - SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER	SLAMS LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE - Marvellous Makers!
MONDAY 15TH	CURRENT YEAR 5 APPLICATIONS FOR HEAD BOY/GIRL FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 24/25 APPLICATIONS TO BE HANDED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY SCHOOL COUNCIL - WEAR YOUR SPORTS CLOTHES TO SCHOOL DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A £1 DONATION FOR TERM 6 CHARITY. CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3.15PM YEAR 6 SWIMMING CROSS IN HAND 1.45-3.15PM SCHOOL REPORTS DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS/CARERS BY CHILD'S BAG YEAR 6 IN SCHOOL LEAVERS CELEBRATION ON THE SCHOOL FIELD 5.30 - 7.30PM
TUESDAY 16TH	PARENTS/CARERS OF PUPILS WHO WILL BE AWARDED A CUP/AWARD AT END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY TO RECEIVE A PARENTMAIL EMAIL BY THE END OF THE DAY TODAY. REARRANGED LAST AFTER SCHOOL SPORT CLUB 'SPORTS COOL' 3.15-4.15PM
WEDNESDAY 17TH	CUPS/AWARDS AWARDED AT THE END OF EASTER TERM TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY AT THE VERY LATEST PUPILS IN WINNING RED HOUSE CAN WEAR OWN HOME CLOTHES TO SCHOOL DAY KS1 SCHOOL READING BOOKS BE RETURNED BY AT THE LATEST TODAY. THIS INCLUDES BOOK BANDED (COLOURED BOOKS) AND MONSTER PHONICS OR DANDELION READERS. WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR PRODUCTION AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE. MYSTERY AT MAGPIE MANOR 2-3.15PM WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR PRODUCTION EVENING PERFORMANCE. MYSTERY AT MAGPIE MANOR 6-7.15PM
THURSDAY 18TH	FATHER JAMES LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME. NO CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3.15PM (CANCELLED) MRS PAGE TEA PARTY - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND. 2-3PM WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR PRODUCTION SECOND EVENING PERFORMANCE. MYSTERY AT MAGPIE MANOR 6-7.15PM
FRIDAY 19TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 6 END OF YEAR CUP ASSEMBLY. PEDESTRIAN GATE SHALL BE OPENED FROM 1.50PM TO ALLOW AUDIENCE TO TAKE SEATS. 2-3PM MEDICINE KEPT IN SCHOOL TO BE AVAILABLE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL FIRST AIDERS ON THE GATE TO HAVE AT HOME FOR THE SUMMER BREAK 3.15-3.45PM
MONDAY 22ND - TUESDAY 23RD	INSET DAYS - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 24TH- FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST	SUMMER HOLIDAYS
AUGUST	
MONDAY 12TH- WEDNESDAY 14TH	MISS ZARA SUMMER HOLIDAY DANCE CLUB, 10AM-3PM DAILY
SATURDAY 17TH	FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS SUMMER SHOW, FRAMFIELD RECREATION GROUND, OPENS 12.30PM
SEPTEMBER	
MONDAY 2ND	COUNTY ENFORCED INSET DAY
TUESDAY 3RD	ALL RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR 24/25 RETURN TO SCHOOL WELCOME BACK LETTER AND AUTUMN CLUB OPTIONS DISTRIBUTED

Inset Days 24/25:

* Monday 02nd September * Friday 04th October *

With the release of *Blackboys School's* production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor' only days away, *Greetings* magazine caught up with some of the cast and crew— Mr Boorman (director), Amelie Du Toit, Ruben Owen, Monty Coates and Joseph Mylon



Mr Boorman, this is a brand new production for Blackboys School. What are your thoughts so far?

Well, I must say, I've been blown away by the standard of the acting so far. Every cast member really brings something different to the play, and I can't wait for people to see the finished product.

Now, Scribble and Blot are quite the troublemakers in the play—how did you approach these roles?

Joseph: Well, Monty is naturally quite poorly behaved so I think it was particularly easy for him.

Monty: And Joseph is always a bit cheeky and chatty so it was no problem for him either!



Describe the play using only one word.

Joseph: Emotional

Monty: Phenomenal

Amelie: Breath-taking

Ruben: Incredible

Mr Boorman: Acceptable

The role of Agatha Christie is a difficult one to portray—she's well known as a lady full of mystery. How did you prepare for the role?

Amelie: Simple really, I spent a lot of time hiding from people while also watching a worryingly large number of true crime documentaries on Netflix...

Ruben, what are your thoughts on the twist involved in the play?

Ruben: There's a twist? Really? Are you sure? Well, that's news to me! I'll need to have another look at the script...

A question for all of you to finish—what has been the best bit of the production so far?

Monty: Definitely all the fan mail I've received—this production has really helped put me on the map!

Amelie: Since a young age, I've always been performing but it was great to do it on stage in front of huge crowds.

Ruben: Where is this twist you keep talking about...

Mr Boorman: I'll let you know after we've finished!

Joseph: Definitely the trailer with my own personal chef. I couldn't do this job without the perks.

At this point, an argument ensued, culminating with Amelie lunging at Joseph. This reporter beat a hasty retreat...

Words by Chester Drawes.

Pictures thanks to Frank N. Stein



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Sensory Storytime

Join us for this special storytime designed for little ones with Autism and/or sensory needs. Actively explore a classic tale read aloud, with resources designed to engage and regulate the senses.

This event is free but booking is essential. Children do not need to have a formal diagnosis to take part. Visit our website for more information.

Wednesday 7 August | 10:00 - 11.15

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1 Manor Close, Uckfield TN22 1DL

eastsussex.gov.uk/libraryevents

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