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WILLIAM GRILL VISIT

Following his postponed visit on World Book Day, we were delighted to welcome William Grill to Blackthorns last week. William is the author and illustrator of 'Shackleton's Journey' and 'The Wolves of Currumpaw'. The children really enjoyed asking him questions and looking through his sketch-books. William also worked with the children to create their own illustrations using ink.

These are now displayed in our Computing Suite. In addition, the teaching staff also enjoyed a training session with William alongside the teaching staff at Lindfield Primary Academy.



GOING FOR GOLD

Congratulations to our Going For Gold winners for the Spring Term 2019. Each term one child in each class is chosen for exceptional effort, perseverance and for always trying to be the best they can be. Our termly Going For Gold Assembly is always a very special occasion and is a great opportunity to celebrate some of the wonderful successes at Blackthorns.

The Spring Term winners were:

Lucy, Maxwell, Emily, Jack, Emilia, Maisie, Florence and Elliott.



YEAR 6 SATS DROP-IN

A reminder to parents in Year 6 that Mrs Dodd and Mrs Jago will be hosting a drop-in session for parents to ask any questions they may have about the upcoming SATs tests. This session is on Tuesday 7th May at 3.15-4.15pm. If this is not a convenient time but you have some questions, please contact the class teacher.

What's Great?

Class 5T have enjoyed researching endangered animals in preparation for some non fiction writing.

Year 6 have been completing a Write Inspired task linked to The Story of Life, using percussion instruments to accompany their oral retelling of the Story of Evolution. Thus inspiring their own writing of events.

Class 1S have introduced multiplication this week. The children have been making equal groups, and using the repeated addition method to solve one step multiplication problems. They have also been set some pretty advanced challenges and they have responded really well and are working really hard!

Class 4H have been looking at states of matter and finding out how the particles behave differently in solids, liquids and gases which gives them the different properties. Lots of lovely questions from the children!

Class RN are really enjoying their new circus topic and beginning number bonds to 10! Class 3C have been taking part in some drama activities linked to the class text 'The Tin Forest'.

Class 2C have written some superb descriptive sentences about the rainforest in response to sounds and an illustration.

STAFFING NEWS

We are pleased to welcome Ms Eun Joo Lee and Mrs Lydia Lee as new Teaching Assistants at Blackthorns. Both have undergone a thorough induction process, and Ms Lee is working with the children in Reception, whilst Mrs Lee is working within the Key Stage 1 team.

As and when arrangements are finalised for the next academic year, these will be shared with our academy community. As always, we will plan in some transition sessions towards the end of the academic year to ensure that this process is smooth for the children.



Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a Head Teacher's Award and have had their names recorded in the Gold Book since the last newsletter: Margot (1S), Kallen (4H), Ralph (RN), Freddy (RN), Luisa (RN), Taylor (3C), Emily S (3C), Caolan

VILLAGE DAY REMINDER

Our preparations for the annual Lindfield Village Day are underway, please support this very special day for our academy community.

LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION WEEK (3rd—7th June 2019)

Our Summer Term themed week will see a return of 'Location Location Location' following such an inspirational week last year. This week will focus the children's learning on the local area and developing geography skills. If you feel you have a relevant job or hobby that you would be happy to share with the children during this week, please contact Mrs Jago at the academy.

KEY DATES

6th May: Academy closed (Public Holiday)
7th May: Class 3C to Wakehurst Place
7th May: Mr Pineapple Head to visit Class RN
10th May: FOBs Quiz Night
13th May: Year 6 SATs Week
17th May: Village Day workshops
20th May: Year 2 SATs Week
24th May: INSET Day
1st Jun: Village Day
3rd Jun: Location, Location, Location Week
7th Jun: No swimming

10th Jun: Year 1 phonics screening week
14th Jun: FOBs Talent Show
21st Jun: Year 3/4/5 Area Sports
25th Jun: Open Morning
26th Jun: Class 4H to Seven Sisters
1st Jul: Sports' Day
2nd Jul: Reserve Sports' Day
5th Jul: FOBs Summer Festival
10th Jul: Year 6 Area Sports
12th Jul: FOBs discos
15th Jul: Year 6 production
16th Jul: Year 6 production