



WRAP-AROUND CARE ON-SITE AT BLACKTHORNS

Online booking is now available for our new Breakfast and After School Clubs, opening in September 2019. Registration for either regular sessions or to enable you to book on an ad-hoc basis is very easy to complete. We would encourage you to register for ad-hoc sessions even if you do not require regular sessions, as this will enable you to book sessions at short notice. Tree Tops staff will be attending the FOBs Summer Festival.

What's Great?

Class 1S had a brilliant trip to Borde Hill Gardens this week. Their wonderful behaviour was noticed by the staff there, as well as our own.

Well done to Class RN for their excellent independent sandwich making this week.

Class 2C have been taking part in a very exciting zoo project. They have designed and costed their very own zoos! Well done to Class 3M and 4H for their excellent production. The children performed really well, as always, but the messages about saving our planet were very pertinent and well expressed.

Class 5T have been taking some tests this week and Mr Tugwell has been particularly impressed with the maturity that they have demonstrated during the process.

Both Year 6 classes have been working very hard on a number of projects in recent weeks. They have now completed their Big Businesses project and are now rehearsing madly for their final Year 6 leavers' production.



Congratulations to Maisie (RN) and Kyle (2C), who have both been to see me for a Head Teacher's Award and had their names recorded in the Gold Book!

OPEN MORNING

Thank you for supporting our recent Open Morning event at school. We changed the format slightly in order to enable the children to share their learning with their parents/carers. We were very pleased to welcome over 120 visitors and the atmosphere was really lovely as the children proudly shared the work they have produced during the year.

We are aware that our families often go to Lindfield Common on the last day of the school year. Please can we ask that you are considerate of others and please take your rubbish home with you. I have, again, requested extra bins and will confirm whether these will be provided.

KEY DATES

5th Jul: FOBs Summer Festival
9th July: Transition session (pm)
10th Jul: Year 6 Area Sports
12th Jul: FOBs discos

SPORTS' DAY

Thank you very much for the excellent support that we received for our Sports' Day this week. The sun shone for us once again and the morning and afternoon were full of excellent events. We were really proud of all of the children for taking part and being such good sportsmen and women. A huge thank you to the children and the staff for their time and effort in preparing for the event. An enormous thank you to Mr Tugwell, who organised the whole event absolutely brilliantly. The children repeatedly demonstrated empathy and support for one another and were very encouraging of each other throughout both the morning and the afternoon events. Fire house were victorious in the morning Key Stage 2 event and then metal won the EYFS/Key Stage 1 event. The overall winners were metal when the points were added together from both events.

5th place—Water (596 points)

4th place—Earth (604 points)

3rd place—Air (639 points)

2nd place—Fire (687 points)

1st place—Metal (705 points)



LOCAL BOARD CHANGES

As part of the University of Brighton Academies Trust, we have a Local Board which is made up of staff, parents and other members of the community, who work together to continually improve provision at Blackthorns. Recently there have been some changes to our Local Board membership. Firstly, I am pleased to announce that, following our recruitment of a new parent member, Mr Paul Whetstone has now joined our Local Board. Many thanks to Paul for volunteering for this role.

Two members have recently decided to stand down from the Local Board. Firstly, thank you to Mike Alete for his commitment during the last few years. Mike's support with regards to the building improvements projects has been very helpful. Paul Ramsbottom has also just resigned his post as a Local Board member. Paul has been a wonderful support to the academy and myself in many ways, and his wisdom and diplomacy will be missed by myself and the rest of the Local Board.

UOBAT ANNUAL AWARDS EVENT

Each year the University of Brighton Academies Trust hosts a special celebration event. One member of staff and one student from each academy are recognised during this event at the University of Brighton's Falmer campus. This year, we received a high number of nominations for both Student of the Year and Staff Member of the Year, and we have had a special assembly to recognise all of these. I am pleased to announce that this year's Student of the Year is Serena Perriton from Class 3M and the Staff Member of the Year is Mr Mark Tugwell. I look forward to joining them at their special event later this term, where they will join with the winners from the other 14 academies across our trust.

15th Jul: Year 6 production
16th Jul: Year 6 production
17th Jul: Year 6 end of term trip—Jump In
18th Jul: Class 5T to Port Lympne
19th Jul: End of the academic year