



BLACKTHORNS COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER – 28th March 2018

What's Great at Blackthorns?

- Both Year 5 classes had a very enjoyable trip to London. They loved the open-top bus tour arranged by Mr Carter, Henry's dad, and even taught the guide a few new things about the different landmarks in London. Both classes did some collective follow up work this week in the hall, creating individual posters to display some of the facts they had learnt whilst on their trip.
- Class 4H had a very successful trip to the Seven Sisters Country Park.
- Class 2N had a wonderful day at Chessington Zoo – despite the very wet weather!
- Class RT enjoyed their first proper school trip to Drusillas.
- The Alps children have recently used their Mayan food topic to improve their measuring skills.
- Class 6J have written some superb Mayan Creation Stories, which are on display in the entrance corridor by the academy hall. They have also been creating some still life oil pastel drawings. Mrs Jago would like the children to know that the children are working incredibly hard and she is very proud of them.
- Class 1C have worked so hard on their DT project and have created some fantastic moving vehicles.

Sporting News

A massive well done to Booh, Ben, and Oscar, who were part of the Mid Sussex cross-country team at the county finals last week. With 135 runners competing in both the boys and girls race, Booh finished 91st, Ben 63rd and Oscar 15th. These excellent finishes helped secure a 2nd place finish for the Mid Sussex Girls team and a first place finish for the Boys team.

Our Year 6 hockey team represented the school at the district tournament last week. In a very competitive competition, our team finished a superb 5th out of 16 sides.

Outdoor Adventurous Activities Week

The whole academy recently took part in a week of Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA). The children displayed some fantastic skills of team-work and co-operation throughout the week. A big thank you to Mr Tugwell for organising this excellent week.

Year 4 Twitter Take-Over

Class 4H took over the academy's Twitter page last week and launched a campaign against single-use plastics. They also made contact with Charlotte's Cupboard, The UK's first packaging-free shop on wheels, who then visited Blackthorns last Tuesday and joined the class in their peaceful protest. Thank you to the parents that use Twitter for engaging with this project and thank you to Mrs Highton for making this such an engaging and current topic for the children.

Going For Gold

At the end of every term we celebrate hard work, perseverance and determination with our Going For Gold assembly. One child from each class is awarded the Going For Gold Award and the adults that work in each class select the child that has demonstrated the different qualities throughout the term. The award-winners' parents are invited to join us for the assembly and each class teacher explains why they have chosen each child. This is a very special occasion and is one of the many different ways that children's skills, talents and efforts are celebrated within school.

A very big 'congratulations' to our Spring Term 2018 Going For Gold winners: Jackson (Class RT), Clara (Class 1C), Emily S (Class 2N), Eddie (Class 3C), Zac (Class 4H), Zoe (Class 5D), Daisy (Class 5T) and Jacob (Class 6J).

Easter Service

Thank you for supporting our recent Easter Service at All Saints. As ever, the children contributed brilliantly to a lovely service. We also collected over £200 for Sport Relief – thank you for your generosity.

As I mentioned at the end of the service, All Saints will be closed for several months while the next phase of their development project is completed. Therefore, we will not be back at the church until this has been completed, meaning that we will have no Harvest Service and possibly no Christmas Service at the church, depending on how well the project commences. I will, of course, keep you updated with further developments.

Key Dates

Monday 16th April

Academy re-opens for the Summer Term

Tuesday 24th April

Class and team photographs

Kind regards

Marianne Brand