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CJ UJAH VISITS BLACKTHORNS

Last Thursday was a very special and exciting day at Blackthorns, as we welcomed world champion and GB athlete CJ Ujah. He spent time with Years 5 and 6 answering their many varied questions and demonstrating some of his sprinting drills. He then visited the younger children in the academy and hosted athletics sessions with Years 2-4. CJ also brought some of his medals in to show the children. Although he runs in front of tens of thousands of people, he was nervous about speaking in front of so many children, but it was really inspiring to hear him talk about his training regime and the huge amount of hard work and dedication that is required to become an elite athlete. His visit inspired some wonderful writing—including a great song written by Henry and Jake in Class 6J.



What's Great?

Class 4H have been enjoying their practical science work all about the digestive system!

Class 3C have created some excellent story maps and have used these to start some great writing.

Class 5T have used some great language and structures in the writing of their newspaper articles.

Class 1S have visited Class RN and have read their 'Lost in the Toy Museum' stories to the children.

Class RN have been continuing with some wonderful music making.

Mrs Jago was very proud of the children's behaviour on the trip to the Churchill War Rooms. Members of the public commented on their wonderful behaviour and manners.

Class 6D have thoroughly enjoyed their Popsteps sessions with Becky and have made excellent progress. Thank you Becky!

Class 2C have been developing their maths reasoning skills, investigating and choosing their own resources to help them.

Outstanding Writing—Martha Cole (Class 5T)

Martha recently came to show me her wonderful writing, linked to the class text 'Who Let The Gods Out?' Please be aware that this addresses dementia and may be upsetting for some.

Dementia is my name

I begin very stealthily, I'll creep into your mind
I quietly adventure, yes I'm not kind
Something's going wrong, trouble is in your way
Life is getting harder, day after day.
Mist is getting thicker, your anger turns to pain
The ball of knots gets bigger, more power I gain.
I'm wicked, I'm evil, I'm a predator, you're prey
I'm vicious, I'm nasty in a villainous way
Your mind isn't commanding, I'm a ruler you see
Your world is in blackness, you'll bow down to me.
For countless days, you have suffered this curse,
but time has taught you, it just made it worse
I'm an animal, a creature, who no-one can tame
I am ruthless and immortal, for dementia is my name.

CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

Both Year 6 classes have enjoyed visits to the Churchill War Rooms in London, to enrich their learning as part of their 'Conflict' topic. Class 6J had a very soggy day there on Tuesday!



STAFFING UPDATE

We have recently welcomed Miss Simone Ware to Blackthorns as a Teaching Assistant working with Class 1S. Miss Ware has very quickly become a valuable part of our team and we are very pleased to welcome her.

As you know, Mrs Cheeseman will be going on maternity leave in January and we are very pleased to have appointed Miss Jane Chapman as the Year 2 class teacher in Mrs Cheeseman's absence. Miss Chapman is currently going through the new staff induction process and will be spending some time in school getting to know the children over the next few weeks.



GOOD LUCK TO THE RUNNERS REPRESENTING BLACKTHORNS IN TOMORROW'S MID-SUSSEX CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.
WRAP UP WARM!

KEY DATES

1st Dec: FOBs Christmas Fair (11-1.30)

3rd-7th Dec: Year 6 Bikeability

11th Dec: EYFS/ Key Stage 1 nativity (9.30am)

12th Dec: EYFS/ Key Stage 1 nativity (9.30am)

12th Dec: Year 3/4 Christmas Concert (1.50-2.20pm)

12th Dec: Year 5/6 Christmas Concert (2.30-3pm)

13th Dec: Non-uniform in exchange for hamper donations

14th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day/ hot meals Christmas lunch

18th Dec: Panto day. Years 5 and 6 to 'Sleeping Beauty' in Horsham, EYFS-Year 4 'Peter Pan' in school

19th Dec: Last day of Autumn Term/ FOBs party lunch/ Grand Raffle and mince pies