



What's Great?

Class 5T have been producing some wonderfully detailed artwork during their work with Mrs Ripley.

Class 6D are very much enjoying their soft toys project.

Class RN enjoyed their visit from the fire service. Unfortunately they received an emergency call during their morning at Blackthorns and so **2C** and **5T** will have to wait for a rearranged visit for their workshops.

Class 1S are enjoying their Space topic. Many of them been learning lots of facts at home and they are now writing their very own non-fiction space books.

Class 4H are doing brilliantly with their written multiplication strategies.

Class 2C have written some lovely polar stories, demonstrating a real maturity in language choices. They have edited and up-levelled their writing.

Class 6J have been impressing Mrs Jago with their excellent responses to their healthy eating topic as part of their PSHE lessons.

Class 3C have been writing some excellent dragon stories, which they are now publishing.

A big thank you to the academy staff for creating the fabulous new displays around the academy. They look amazing.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every school and academy has an obligation to monitor attendance, which includes challenging poor attendance where this exists. As a result, I monitor attendance regularly and write to parents where I am concerned that attendance is lower than we expect. We always really appreciate the fact that so many parents work very pro-actively with us to improve attendance. Our Attendance Policy is available in the policies section of our website. This includes very clear information about term-time holidays. Please be aware that planned absences during term-time are only authorised in exceptional circumstances and may be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by West Sussex County Council.

KEY DATES

30th Jan: Judith Weir (Royal Composer) to visit Blackthorns
 1st Feb: Class RN to visit Lewes Castle (TBC)
 6th Feb: Singing Club concert at All Saints
 8th Feb: FOBs discos
 15th Feb: Academy closes for half term
 25th Feb: INSET Day (academy closed)
 26th Feb: Academy re-opens at 8.50am

MRS BRAND'S GOLD BOOK



Children often come to show me examples of wonderful learning. They receive a very sparkly sticker and their name is written in my Gold Book, which hangs on my office door. So far this term, I have seen lots of children for wonderful learning. Well done to Jacob (6J), Barnaby (RN), Saskia (RN), Agathe (6J), Lewis (1S), Annie S (1S), Joe (1S), Maisie (1S), Cersei (4H) and Casper (6J). Keep up the good work!

MORE CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS



Huge congratulations to Booh and Oscar, both from Class 6J, who represented Blackthorns and Mid Sussex within the next stage of the county cross country championships last week. Both performed exceptionally well in the first round, with Booh winning the girls' event. Both performed brilliantly once again, with Oscar coming third in the boys' race, so another medal to celebrate! The great news is that both have qualified for the county finals, which takes place in March. What a wonderful achievement, we are very proud of both of you, and good luck in the finals.

BLACKTHORNS FILM ACADEMY'S PREMIERE—BLOODSTAINS

Last night the wonderful film making company -BAFA (Blackthorns Academy Film Association)-had their first preview of their new film, [Blood Stains]. This new thriller film tells the story of when cold-blooded murder crept up on Blackthorns Community Primary Academy.

The audience began to file through the doors of the theatre feeling the suspense that was building in the room. Once the theatre was full, the one and only, Mr Jacob Neller came out to greet the audience. Shortly after Mr Neller had completed his speech, the magnificent actors emerged from the shadows to sit alongside him in their red velvet seats.

Mr Neller stated "I am very proud of our film," ARTICLE BY ALEX (6J)

COMING SOON



We wish Mrs Cheeseman all the very best as she goes on maternity leave today. We look forward to hearing the news of the baby's safe arrival.

7th Mar: World Book Day (further information to follow)
 Week Beginning 11th Mar: STEM Week
 15th Mar: Interim Reports sent out to parents
 18th Mar: Parents' Consultation Meetings (3.30-6.30pm)
 20th Mar: Parents' Consultation Meetings (3.30-6.30pm)
 5th Apr: Easter Service at All Saints Church (details TBC)
 5th Apr: Academy closes for end of the Spring Term