



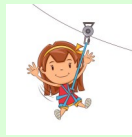
PLANET PROTECTORS

Our wonderful Planet protectors project is going very well, with so many children coming to tell me about the brilliant and creative ways that they are saving the planet. Our Eco-committee have now embarked upon a quest to become a 'Plastic Free School'. Keep an eye on Facebook, Twitter and ParentMail for more information.

STAFFING NEWS

Unfortunately we are saying goodbye to Mrs Lewis, one of our Midday Meals Supervisors. Mrs Lewis has recently moved away from the local area and has sadly made the difficult decision to leave. She is a very popular member of staff and colleague and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Next week Trailblazers Class are off to the Isle of Wight on their residential trip. We know that they will have a wonderful time. A big thank you to Mrs Jago, Mr King, Miss Sanders and Mrs Ripley for giving up their own time to make the trip possible. You will be able to keep up with their adventures on the academy website and our Twitter and Facebook pages from Monday.



Congratulations to the following children, who have been to see me for a Head Teacher's Award and had their names recorded in the Gold Book:



Josiah (Ground-breakers), Oliver (Globetrotters), Max (Globetrotters), Harry (Globetrotters), Eddie (Globetrotters), Serena (Ground-breakers), Kyle (Warriors), Barnaby (Inventors), Henry (Inventors) and Joe (Explorers).



ALL OF US DIFFERENT, EVERYONE THE SAME

Our theme week for the Autumn Term will be all about diversity, equality and individual liberty. We will be focusing on Religious Education, PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and will be doing some Philosophy-based activities. We are really keen to invite visitors in to work with our children during this week and would welcome any offers of appropriate visitors from our parents, families and academy community. Please come and speak to Mrs Brand or Mrs Jago (Curriculum Manager).

What's Great?

Thinkers Class have had a brilliant 'Three Little Pigs' week. Mrs Neller and Mrs Jackson are so impressed with the way they have been learning all of the school routines and expectations.

Inventors Class have become wonderful mathematicians, learning new vocabulary and doing some very thoughtful reasoning activities.

Explorers Class have been enjoying some geography learning. They have been finding and recording facts and are learning in a very engaged and happy way.

Warriors Class have been superb maths problem-solvers this week.

Ground-Breakers Class have been challenging themselves in maths and have been responding very well to the high expectations of Year 4.

Globetrotters Class have been becoming Times Table Rockstars experts this week. This has helped the academy to move up 12 places against schools in a 20-mile radius, up to 7th place.

Trailblazers Class are making great progress in their P.E. lessons with Mr Luckhurst. They have also been conducting some great preparation for their trip to the Isle of Wight, and have been taking part in some philosophy sessions with Mrs Paul.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

We celebrated European Day of Languages this week with some wonderful activities organised by our brilliant Modern Foreign Languages Teacher, Mrs Robinson. The highlight for the children was the visit of some Year 11 linguists from Oathall Community College, who delivered German Taster sessions with our children on Thursday this week. Thank you to Mrs Robinson and Oathall for this excellent experience.



FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

Please follow us on Twitter (@blackthornspr) to keep up-to-date with the many different things going on at Blackthorns. Please also follow our new Twitter sports page (@blackthornsPE) for information about the sporting activities from Mr Luckhurst. In addition, we now have a new Facebook page, which we will be using to share some of the things going on at the academy. Please search Facebook for Blackthorns Community Primary Academy to like our new page.



On Tuesday 22nd October 2019 we will be celebrating 'Harvest Day' in school. The children's learning on this day will centre on harvest and Rev Stuart Silk will visit during the afternoon to deliver an assembly. We will be collecting items for Crawley Open House during the week and more information will be sent about this nearer the time.

KEY DATES

30th Sept–4th Oct: Trailblazers Residential to Isle of Wight
2nd Oct: High Weald artefact handling session (Warriors Class)
3rd Oct: Horrible Histories in Tunbridge Wells
7th Oct: Volunteers Child Protection training (11am)
8th Oct: FOBs Coffee Morning (9.15am)
9th Oct: FOBs AGM

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11th Oct: 7th Oct: Volunteers Child Protection training (9.30am)
11th Oct: FOBs Race Night
14th Oct: Warriors to Ashdown Forest
16th-18th Oct: Globetrotters to Sayers Croft
21st and 23rd Oct: Parents' Evenings
22nd Oct: Harvest Day
25th Oct: School closed for INSET Day