



# Blackgates Primary Academy Newsletter



Week ending 13 November 2020

## Attendance:

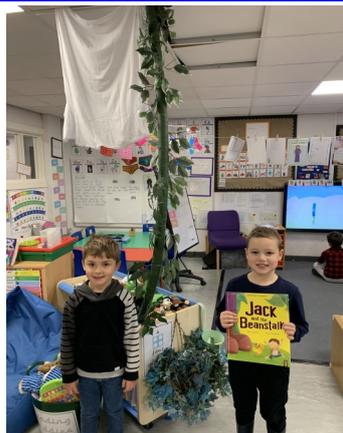
There is a direct link between regular school attendance and pupil achievement, so if children come to school regularly there is a stronger chance of them achieving well and improving their life chances. We are pleased to see our attendance is generally very good. Of course there is additional absence when families have to isolate with symptoms, this cannot be avoided with the current situation we are all in.



## What we've been up to this week:

### Curriculum

Doves have been so excited by the giant beanstalk they have in their classroom. It has inspired some wonderful writing and discussion. Parker and Jacob are pictured here proudly showing us their beanstalk and book.



### Accelerated Reading

Penguins were the Accelerated Reading champions last week - 95% average score on quizzes. Well done Penguins!

### Children in Need Day

Children have come to school in Pudsey or spotty outfits to raise money for Children in Need. They have also bought banana milkshakes for 50p. We raised £290 today. Thank you for your support during these difficult times.

### Times Tables Rock stars

A huge congratulations to the children who have managed to maintain their 'Rock Hero' status on Times Tables Rock Stars! This is phenomenal and means they answer their questions in less than 1 second.

Fantastic results—well done to;

Bartek Lenartowicz, Thomas Stephenson, Justin Dadeboe, Jayden Day, Charlie Beevers, David-James Conroy, Roman Battye, Fletcher Donohoe, Damarni Barrass, Lyle Reid, Khalid Bashir, Baljeevan Garawal, Lewis Cudine, Amaan Stanley, Mia Donohoe.

### Sports clubs

Due to the new government guidelines, unfortunately at this present moment after-school sports clubs cannot continue. We are having sports coaches teaching PE and sports following strict Covid risk assessments as we feel very strongly that this subject is essential for both physical and mental health of pupils.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week. We are introducing a new policy and a child-friendly policy in order to combat this national issue.



### Anti-Bullying poster competition



The pastoral team would like children to design an anti-bullying poster. They can use text, pictures, lots of colours, but make sure it has a clear message about anti-bullying.

The pastoral team will then pick their 3 favourite posters from Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The children in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will get to choose a prize from the 'House Point Shop' to take home. The children who come 1<sup>st</sup> will not only get to choose a prize, but will also have their poster put up around the school to promote anti-bullying.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mrs J. Coulson

## Important Dates:

Training Days	Monday 4 January Monday 22 February Monday 26 July Tuesday 27 July
Christmas holiday	Break up Friday 18 December Return Tuesday 5 January

## Helpful numbers:

Pinderfields (Mid-Yorkshire) Hospital  
01924 541000

Family Information Service 0113  
3789700

Childline 0800 1111

