



# Blackgates Primary Academy Newsletter



Week ending 20 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. Please ensure you notify the school office if your child is going to be absent from school.



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

### Curriculum

Year 6 pupils have been busy over the last two weeks with both Bikeability sessions and dissecting a heart! Children were given the opportunity to learn to ride their bikes safely, learning road safety from professionals. Our children were extremely well behaved and eager to learn. Well done!

Year 6 have also been learning about the circulatory system and this week focused on the heart. The children dissected a heart and were able to identify the four different chambers. They made some excellent scientific observations. Both classes reported that it was fascinating but a little bit gross! All children took part, and whilst it was not something everyone loved, the vast majority of children were fascinated by what the valves and chambers in a heart look like. We definitely have some budding surgeons here at Blackgates!



### Homework Challenges

Mohammad in Penguins has submitted some lovely homework challenges that he has done. He has worked with his family to make a skeleton using cotton buds and labelled it with his mum.



### Accelerated Reading

Ravens were the Accelerated Reading champions last week - 92.1% average score on quizzes. Well done Ravens!

### Anti-bullying week

This week has been a great week for children discussing the meaning of bullying and acknowledging we all play a part in preventing it by speaking up and letting adults know. Adults are aware they must also play a part by investigating incidents thoroughly and taking action by following the policy, recording incidents, notifying key staff who will act upon the information promptly. Our newly reviewed policy will be on the website as will the child friendly version which will be put up around school.

## 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





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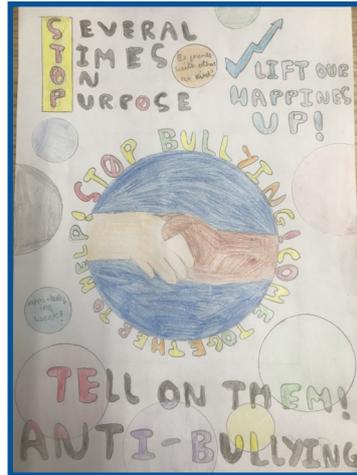
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Winners of the competition are;

**Reception & YR1**

**KS1**

**KS2**



## Times Tables Rock stars

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 - let's see if we can add some new names next week!

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

## Keeping Safe

Yesterday we sent home some useful guidance from the NHS about what to do if your child or a member of your household has symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. We hope you found this informative and we ask that you follow this advice in order to keep our children and staff safe. In particular, please note the section about anyone in the household who has symptoms, stating that **everyone in that household must isolate as soon as the symptoms start** until either a negative test result is received or for 14 days if the test is positive (10 days for the person who tested positive).

It is also extremely important that everyone entering the school site follows the one-way system we have put in place. If all parents do this, it will ensure nobody has to pass on the narrow path leading from the entrance gate where it is impossible to keep 2m apart. A text was sent out this week requesting that the one-way system is followed by all and failure to do this will result in a ban from the school site as it puts the safety of our school community at risk.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs J. Coulson