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What an utterly busy half term this has been! We would like to wish all of our children and their families the happiest of Easter breaks. Thank you all for your continued support.

Year 4 Nell Bank

Year 4 pupils (and staff) had a memorable and exciting time at Nell Bank this year. Children were given the opportunity to participate in a host of outdoor activities to promote team- building, resilience, and their collaborative learning skills. The attitudes and behaviours of all of the children who visited Nell Bank were praised by staff at the Activity Centre. Thank you to Mr Lowe, Mrs Javed, Mrs Cavalier-Lumley, Mrs Bottomley, Miss Gardner and Mrs Hudson for accompanying the children on the residential, for supporting the children in the activities and for keeping parents informed with regular 'tweets.'



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Upcoming Events/ Diary Dates

Monday 16 April – school re-opens

Thursday 3 May – Polling day
Extra club will be in the school hall on this day

Monday 7 May – Bank holiday, school (school reopens on Tuesday 8 May)

Monday 14 May – Year 6 SATs Week – please ensure you're your child is in school for the whole week if they are in Year 6.

A list of all our Tuesday assembly themes are on the school website (Curriculum).

Staff regularly update our Twitter account. Recent events and, images are posted daily. Please follow us!

BCFC Penalty Shoot-Out



Well done to Charlie Edginton (RG) who raised a total of £159 in sponsor money during our Penalty Shoot Out this year and received the football signed by the Bradford City Players. Thank you also to all parents and family who sponsored the children of Blakehill. With your support, you managed to raise £1974 for school funds!

Parent/child activity evenings

Thank you to all parents, grandparents, friends and other family members who attended our KS1 Bedtime Story sessions and the Phonics and SAT workshops this half term. All were very well attended and comments made by those who attended was great!



All parent feedback is appreciated and helps the school continue to make improvements.

Pebble Path

We are creating a pebble path around the area towards the main entrance to school. The idea behind this is that each child will decorate a large pebble using rock markers and these will be placed on the path to celebrate the uniqueness of each child at Blakehill.

We are asking you to be on an Easter look-out for any smooth rocks/stones that may be suitable to decorate. School will provide everyone with a pebble if they are unable to find one!

A special thank you to Mr Hepton (Dad of Flo 2P) who has made a fabulous job of the necessary preparations for this.



Sharing Information with Parents – Improving communication

A reminder that after the Easter holidays school will no longer be using ParentMail to send correspondence to parents. Instead we will be using Eschools which can be accessed via the school website. To further reduce the number of paper copied letters we send out, all trip letters will be sent by email. **It is therefore really important that we have up to date email addresses to avoid you missing out on this information.**

We will also be using a facility on ParentPay which will allow parents to give consent to school events, trips and activities and will allow you to provide details of any medical conditions or medication needed in addition to allowing you to pay for these. Packed lunches can also be requested with choice of filling.

If you have any trouble with either Eschools or ParentPay, please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Hudson, Mrs Hancock or Mrs Ayrtton.

Attendance

Well done Blakehill, our whole school attendance for Spring Term 2 is 96.1%!

Well done to Kelsey Lancaster Baxter (5L) and Jaxon Bell (RG) who won the weekly 100% attendance prizes. Their names were randomly selected during Celebration Assemblies! Well done children and keep it up!

Class Attendance winners: 3R: 99.4% and 5L with 99.3%,



Sport Stars Well done to our school KS2 champions who romped home with Gold (Yr 5/6) and Silver (Yr 3/4) trophies after competing in a football tournament with other schools in our partnership last week. A larger trophy cabinet may be required!

Green Fingers

After the holidays, Miss Lea will be running a series of gardening clubs which will take place during and after school. In addition to making the planters around school attractive, and the endless task of weeding, the group of budding gardeners will be designing, building, planting and tending to a vegetable plot which will be built near the school field, just outside the staffroom.

Miss Lea is asking for donations of seeds, old plant pots, shoots, and help from anyone who would be interested in spending an hour or two a week, helping to get the gardens established. Please see Miss Lea (5R) for further details.

PTFA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has supported school through PTFA organised events such as the school discos and the Mother's Day stall. Some of the funding raised this year is going to provide a circus themed event during the Summer Term. All children will be invited to learn and practice circus tricks in the 'Big Top' next term and will provide endless hours of fun and engagement! Our grateful thanks to everyone involved in the school's PTFA!

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 19th February and Monday 26th February.

RD Elsa Ward and Lola Oram	4J Poppy Leyland-Dennett and the whole class
RG Kiki White and Ivie Brown	4L Tyler Walker and the whole class
1W Isabella Ward and Makean Hutchinson	5R Emily Carette and the whole class
1P Lily Taylor and Zachary Donkin	5L Aminah Hafsa and Aarish Verma
2S Jed Flaherty and Summer Vanderboon	6R Kyle Ingham and Abbie Lennon
2P Daniel Drinkwater and George Kinch	6G Dylan Hunt and Kyle Heptinstall
3H The whole class and Zach Earley	
3R Ruby Gregg and Evie Kettlewell	



Class Assemblies for Spring Term 2018

Parents are welcome to attend our class assemblies held on Fridays at 2.45pm. Please note: For child protection and safeguarding reasons we request that photos and videos should be used for personal use only and not shared on social media. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

20 April: 5L	27 April: 4L	4 May: 4J	11 May: 1P	18 May: 1W	25 May: 3R
8 June: 3H	22 June: 2S	29 June: 2P	6 July: RD	13 June: RG	

Kind Regards,

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