

Blackfell Bulletin - April 2024

Headteacher's Update

As I write the introduction to our newsletter, our Year 6 are preparing for their statutory assessment tests in early May. Thank you to all of you that have supported them and we are sure that they will all do very well. All of the children (and staff) have worked extremely hard to ensure everyone does their very best and we are very proud of them.

All Year 6 children can access free breakfast club from Monday 13th May until Friday 17th May. Please let the school office know if your child will be accessing the breakfast club so we can ascertain numbers. There will be a wide selection of breakfast items and our usual sports coach so children can participate in some sporting activities prior to the school day. Breakfast club opens at 7.45am and breakfast is served until 8.30am.

As a school, we are looking forward to celebrating Washington's 60th birthday. We will be celebrating this on Tuesday 2nd July with a community event. Further information will be sent out this week.

All dates for the rest of this term are available on our school website.

I look forward to seeing you all at our summer events.

Best wishes
Julia Watkins

Free book giveaway



We have a large selection of used library books that are suitable to give away to children in Years, 3,4,5 and 6. This week children will be taken with their class to browse and choose a book/books to bring home. These books will be stamped with a Blackfell stamp on the inside cover. These are not to be returned to school, they are for the children to take home and enjoy.

Attendance / Timekeeping

Well done to Year 2 who won attendance of the month for March 2024 with 95.8% . To date the current attendance is 94.4%. The school target is to achieve 95% or above by May half term. Please ensure that if your child is absent from school the school is informed by no later than 9.15 am. The school days starts prompt at 8.45am. Any child who enters the main school doors after gates are locked will be marked down as late arrival.



The School Council for Summer Term have now been selected: Reception, Elliot and Amelia, Year 1: Charlie and Ava, Year 2: Clark and Theo W, Year 3: Emily and Oliver, Year 4: Carter and Farrah Year 5: Ellen and Murat , Year 6: Jessica and Ethan.

During Summer term, working alongside Miss. Dodds, Mrs. Milne and Miss. Richardson, the School Council will be working on developing the school dinner menu and will be taking part in some food tasting over the next few weeks. School Council will also be inviting children to take part in a design a mug competition with J&B Recycling Company. Children will be asked to design a mug, with the theme of promoting recycling. The winning design will then be distributed around the North East. Children have the opportunity to win £50.

On July 2nd, our Washington 60th Celebration will be taking place, The School Council will be helping to organise this event.

A big well done to our school football teams over the past few weeks. Year 4 played their first games for the school in their tournament at Biddick Primary School. They represented the school brilliantly and demonstrated excellent team work.

Our Year 5 and 6 teams competed in the Columbia Cup at Albany Primary School, against three other schools; they just missed out on moving through to the next round. A super effort and they played very well!

