

# Blackfell Primary School Newsletter



We enjoyed looking after baby chicks in school. The eggs arrived in an incubator and after a couple of days starting hatching. We were lucky enough to have a webcam set up linked to the school website so hopefully the children did not miss out watching them grow.



## Dates for your Diary

2nd April -	Easter Assembly 9.15 am Year 1 parents invited
3rd April -	Easter egg competition Y1 - Y6 (please take entries to own classrooms)
3rd April -	Easter Bonnett parade for Nursery and Reception 9.15 in school hall
4th April -	Break up for Easter holidays
22nd April -	School reopens
23rd April -	Year 5 to visit Safety Works
24th April -	Year 4 to visit Safety Works
1st May -	Reception class assembly 9.15am
8th May -	Year 4 class assembly 9.15am
26th-30th May	Half term
2nd June -	School reopens
9th June -	Whole School Creative Week
16th June -	Nursery sports day (am)
18th June -	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day (pm) <b>*please note change of date for Reception*</b>
19th June -	Years 3,4,5,6 sports day (pm)
20th June -	Derwent Hill weekend
26th June -	Year 2 class assembly 9.15am
2nd July -	Summer Discos
15 July -	Leavers performance 5.30pm
18 July -	Inset Day - School closed to children
01 September -	Inset Day - School closed to children
02 September -	School reopens to children

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## Headteacher's Update

As the spring term comes to an end, this academic year seems to be flying by! Just as we like it, Blackfell has been a very busy school developing new and enjoyable learning opportunities for both children and their families. There have been many highlights this term such as our Art Exhibition, Cluster Sports tournaments, a wide range of educational visits, World Book Day, Class assemblies, the Kellogg's Breakfast event and Sports Relief. I would however like to give a special mention to the wonderful nine week Family Learning Project - The Great Blackfell Bake Off supported by Apextra. It is always lovely to see families working and learning new skills together. Feedback from everyone who took part was 100% positive and many were sad to see this event coming to an end. We certainly have many talented children and parents/grandparents in our school community and thank them for all their dedication and involvement to make this project such a success. We plan to develop further family learning events like this next term including book making to celebrate 50 years of Washington.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you relaxed and refreshed for the beginning of the summer term.

Julia Watkins

## Art Gallery /Y6 Enterprise

Thank you to everyone who attended our Art Exhibition. It was a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase all their fantastic artwork. So far Year 6 have made a £150 profit through their enterprise scheme. They plan to make this figure up to £200 by washing staff cars! The Enterprise team that raises the most profit will choose an outing for all of Year 6 at the end of their assessments in the Summer term.





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## News

### Attendance



To reward 100% attendance this term, all children who achieved full attendance from January to April will have their name put into a hat to win Sunderland v Everton tickets for the football match on Saturday April 12th. 20 lucky children will win tickets. The draw will be made in our celebration assembly on Friday. Next term 100% attendance winners drawn from the hat will receive a shopping voucher for the Metro Centre.

Currently 74 children have 100% attendance for this academic year and are on track to be taken out for lunch to Frankie & Benny's at the end of the summer term. Overall attendance for this year is currently 97.8% - a fantastic achievement.



### Punctuality

Unfortunately a small number of children have been arriving late for the start of the school day. School gates open at 8.45am and will be locked promptly at 8.55am. Only in the event of inclement weather will doors be open to the children from 8.45am. After this time children must enter the school building via the main school entrance so they can be signed into the late book. Punctuality is very important therefore we will be recording and monitoring late arrivals to school and contacting parents/carers where we have concerns.

### Good luck Mrs Huntley!

At the end of this month we will say goodbye to Mrs Huntley who has been a dedicated and respected teacher at Blackfell Primary School for twenty two years. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement and thank her for her hard work during the many years at our school. Mrs Huntley's last day will be Wednesday 30th April.

### Breakfast Club

Andy from Championship Sports will be running sessions from 7.45 till 8.45 every Friday at Breakfast Club starting throughout the Summer term. He will be doing a Wake Up and Shake Up sports and fitness session with the children. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school if they would like to take part.

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## Sporting News

Children from Year 3,4,5 and 6 competed in the Cross Country cluster event at Oxclose Academy. We were delighted to come back to school with a trophy. Ethan Jones, Connie James and Lydia James all came 1st in their races. Year 3 also came 1st as the overall winners. Well done to all who participated. We look forward to more events throughout the summer term. Good luck to Year 5/6 netball team who will be taking part in a tournament today. There is a Y3/Y4 Futsal Tournament on Friday 4th April at the Seaburn Centre. We will let you know in May's newsletter how the team got on.



## Visits

The wet weather didn't dampen the spirits of Year 2 when they visited Gibside last Thursday. The children had a fantastic time learning all about mini beasts and habitats. A fun day was had by all. Year 4 had a visit to Beamish recently looking at local history. The children enjoyed the tour of the mines and a ride on the tram.

