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Goodbye and good luck to Year 6 as they leave us to move to secondary school.



We are very proud of our Year 6 class of 2018. They have been excellent role models and worked exceptionally hard all year. We will all miss them and wish them the best of luck in the future.

2018/2019 school calendar is available to view or download from the school website. All dates for next academic year will be on the website.

A reminder that the school telephone number has changed to 0191 9171665.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

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Headteacher's Update

As the summer holiday is just about upon us, this is our final newsletter of this academic year. We have had another very successful year and once again the children have relished every opportunity presented to them. I am always so proud to show visitors around our school. They always highlight how polite, hard working and the positive attitudes to learning displayed by our children. They are a true credit to yourselves and our school.

I am sure that you found your child's end of year report informative and a celebration of their school year. We are very proud of all of the children's achievements and progress in all areas.

As I write, our Year 6 children are busy rehearsing for their end of year leavers' performance of 'Olivia'. All of the children's families (and the staff in school) are looking forward to celebrating their happy times at Blackfell and ensuring that they all have a warm send off as they move to their respective secondary schools.

Mrs Docherty will be leaving us this week. Linda has been a valued member of staff for the past fifteen years and I would like to thank her personally for the contribution that she has made to support our school to be successful. She will be a huge miss but has promised to keep in touch with us all and call in when she has time around caring for her granddaughter, Ivy.

I would like to thank everyone in our school community for the wonderful support that you have given to us all once again this year. Enjoy a well deserved holiday and I hope that you have some enjoyable family time with your children.

We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the new school year on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

Headteacher

Washington Library

Over the next 6 weeks Washington Town Library are running a programme of free events for children. For more information please visit Sunderland.gov.uk/libraries.

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Sports News

We are delighted to announce that Blackfell Primary have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community; we are thrilled to have been recognised for our success!

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs.

To achieve the highest award of Platinum, our school must have successfully held a Gold award during the academic years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 consecutively and achieve Gold during 2017/18. In addition, we had to demonstrate our school's achievements through case study evidence around how we involved our pupils in planning and delivering our competition offer.

We are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year and we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. We have certainly enjoyed celebrating their success and achievements.



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Miss Hepplewhite accompanied the school choir to the Tall Ships in Sunderland. The children had a lovely day performing in the world record "Sing Event". Thanks to Dan who accompanied Blackfell's rock band whilst the children sang 'This Is Me' from the Greatest Showman. We look forward to more children joining the choir next year.



Well done to Lauren, Grace, Lewis and Ty from Year 5 who represented the school in the Final Lego Mindstorm at Nissan. Year 6 also had a fantastic day out at Nissan. They learned a lot about Nissan as a company and practised real life skills you would need to be able to get a job. There was a tour of the training facility where we raced toy cars and watched a robot in action. As well as this we created our own production line and timed ourselves to see how long it would take to build a lego car using a production line. They were very impressed with our skills and timing. Overall it was a fun day out and we will definitely be going back.

