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School Visits

Year 6 had a great visit to Nissan where they learnt about this local industry and what jobs are available within the company. They found out about its Japanese background and learnt some customs from their country. They also took part in Lego teamwork challenges which replicated the production line when making a car. Finally, they enjoyed a tour of the training facility and found out about the mechanical robot which is used to assist the manufacturing process. Well done to our Nissan Logo competition designs, Ava, Laura and Arthur who were presented with a Nissan goodie bag on the day!



Year 1 went on a trip to Beamish Museum to learn about the history of childhood toys. First, we spent some time in the school learning about Victorian toys and discussing how they are similar and different to toys we play with today. After that children were given a selection of toys to play with including wooden rocking horses, dolls, and wooden building blocks. Finally, we played with some of the outdoor toys in the Victorian school yard. It was lots of fun and helped our learning around toys come to life!



Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic visit to The Sill in Northumberland. They have been learning about The Stone Age in their history topic. On their visit they met a real life Stone Age Man. He told Year 3 all about Stone Age life. They learnt some interesting facts. Did you know that Stone Age people used nettles to make rope they then used the rope to make nets to catch animals. Year 3 had a fantastic day and enjoyed learning more about The Stone Age!



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Headteacher's Update

We have had many events in school this term to support our curriculum in many areas. We aim to give children as many first-hand experiences as possible and support their personal development. By the end of term, all children will have enjoyed an educational visit linked to their learning. Class pages reflect the work in school and what the children have been learning.

It was lovely to see a fantastic start to our Anti-bullying week with us all wearing odd socks. Children across school carried out many activities and had lots of discussions around the theme 'One Kind Word'.

Thank you for your support with our Children in Need fundraiser on Friday. We raised £145.50 Take a look at the school website to see the children and staff dressed up and supporting this worthwhile cause.

Reading continues to be our whole school priority, especially encouraging everyone to read for pleasure. We have introduced a revised early reading and phonics scheme 'Little Wandle'. Information about the resources and revised teaching of early reading has been sent out to parent/carers. Keep going with our Reading Bingo challenge – everyone is doing very well so far.

The Christmas tree will be arriving at the end of this month. Children can send cards to their own class and will have a box to place clearly named cards. Dates for the rest of term such as Christmas parties, Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day are included in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

School Photographs

Phototronics the school photographer will be in school on Monday 29th November to take class and individual photographs. Sibling photographs will also be taken. If parent/carers have any special requests for family photographs to be taken can you please inform the school office. Families with pre school children or babies who would like family photographs to be taken need to come to the school hall via the main entrance for 8.30am.

Year 5 took part in Bikeability. This involved having their bike checked and learning basic riding skills with road safety. Children completed their level one training and many completed their level 2. All children received a certificate, booklet and badge. They thoroughly enjoyed the week improving on their skills and now feel much more confident on their bikes.



Well done Year 5



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Christmas at Blackfell

We thought it would be useful to update you all of our planned Christmas arrangements. Unfortunately as I previously advised the Christmas productions will not be going ahead this year. However, we aim to have as many enjoyable experiences and activities within school for the children. There will also be a visit from Santa Claus.

FOR ALL CHRISTMAS PARTIES CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED IN THEIR PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY. SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE PARTY FOOD.

30th November - Christmas tree delivered

10th December - Christmas dinner/Christmas jumper day

13th December - Nursery/Reception Christmas party

14th December - Year 1 and year 2 party

15th December - Year 3 and year 4 party

16th December - Year 5 and year 6 party

We are delighted to let you know that all children and staff at Blackfell Primary School will be taking part in the Sunderland Big Sing Event. This will be an online event with other schools in the Sunderland area. Across school children will be learning a range of traditional and modern Christmas carols. On Wednesday 22nd December at 2pm, children across Sunderland will join together and sing for the event. Keep a check on class pages for this exciting event.

If your child brings a packed lunch to school and would like to have a Christmas dinner on 10th December can you please inform the school office by 1st December at the latest. If your child pays for school meals the cost is £2.30.



Snuggle up with a Story

In Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 there has been a delivery of a little red suitcase. Each week, a different child, will receive the suitcase to take home. Inside the suitcase is a story, cuddly toy, hot chocolate, biscuits and a journal. We would like you all to enjoy sharing the story with your child. It would be great if you could get your child to draw a picture of their story or add some photographs to the journal. We look forward to sharing your reading.



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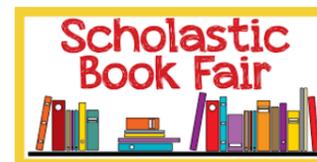


Congratulations to Sofia Bounkhalia from Year 6 who won the Mayor's Christmas card competition. Her design will be printed onto cards and used across the City. Sofia and the runners up Jack, Lily and Jasmine were all presented with Amazon vouchers.

Salvation Army

It has been another tough year for everyone. We understand that some families may be finding it extremely difficult especially as Christmas approaches. Blackfell Primary School will be working closely with the Salvation Army to support families this Christmas. If you (or someone you know) is struggling to buy Christmas presents for your (their) children, the Salvation Army will supply a sack full of new, high-quality toys. All you must do is contact the school and speak to me or Mrs Reynolds. If you would prefer to, you can send an e mail to school@blackfell.org.uk. This is kept very confidential, and we can plan for you to pick up or have the presents delivered. The only information we need is the ages and gender of the children. This is for children/families that attend Blackfell Primary School.

Please contact us by Friday 27th November if we can help.



Thank you to all children and families who supported this year's book fair. School raised an incredible £357.11 in commission from the sale of the books. We will be purchasing new books for our school library.

Nasal Flu /Nasal Spray

The school nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 23rd November to undertake the Nasal Flu Vaccine. Only children who returned their forms by the deadline will be able to have the vaccine.

A huge thank you for everybody who has sent photographs in so far for our Reading for Pleasure Bingo. It has been lovely to share them with each class and display them in our reading areas. Please keep them coming in! Here is a reminder of class email addresses:

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SBFYear4@blackfell.org.uk

SBFReception@blackfell.org.uk

SBFYear5@blackfell.org.uk

SBFYear1@blackfell.org.uk

SBFYear6@blackfell.org.uk

SBFYear2@blackfell.org.uk

SBFYear3@blackfell.org.uk