

Bloxwich Bugle

Bloxwich **Brilliant**



Friday 27th April 2018

Message from the Head Teacher



Following the lovely warm spell we had last week, we returned to school this week to much cooler, and wetter weather. Still, it hasn't dampened spirits at Bloxwich Academy Primary. This week has been full of activity from the launch of our house teams, to the attendance reward assemblies. We even had a Royal

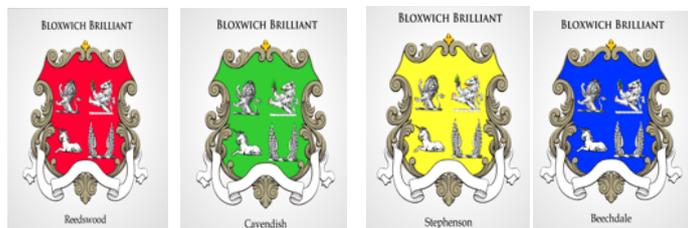
Celebration fit for a Queen!

A sure sign that summer is on the way in primary schools has always been the painting of the lines on the running track in readiness for outdoor PE and of course Sports Day. This week the lines were painted in readiness meaning we can begin not only our normal summer sports but also a round of Inter-House mini tournaments.

Finally, please can I thank the parents who attended the SATs information meeting and remind all parents that taking children out of school in term time could not only impact on their all-round education, but could seriously affect their preparation for the SATs.

Mrs J Gray, Head Teacher

NEW: House System for All Pupils and Staff



This week, the school House system has officially launched with pupils and staff all becoming members of one of the four new School Houses. Following consultation with staff and pupils, the Houses were named after significant places within the community - Reedswood, Beechdale, Stephenson and Cavendish.

The Houses each have a Staff Member Head of House:

- Mr Hudson – Reedswood
- Ms Coghlan – Beechdale
- Ms Mardner - Stephenson
- Mrs Lines – Cavendish

Four Year 6 pupils have been appointed as House Captains:

- Reedswood – Esther
- Beechdale – Isabelle
- Stephenson - Bayleigh-Rai
- Cavendish - Skye

The purpose of the House system is to further promote community, partnership and participation in school. The House system aims to do this by providing House members with



enjoyable and competitive events and activities. Such events/activities take the form of Inter-House Sporting Competitions, House Challenges and Extra-Curricular Visits.

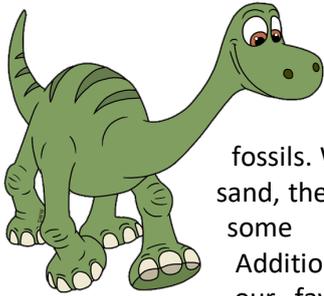
In all aspects of the House system, participation is rewarded as each House seeks to build its own identity and develop a collaborative House and whole school ethos. The House System operates together with the curricular and pastoral provision at school to provide opportunities for pupils to develop the skills, experiences and attributes required to become well rounded and confident individuals.

As the school year progresses you will hear more about the House System and this information will be communicated through school letters, on the school website and, most importantly and appropriately, through your child, who will update you with their achievements through the House System.

Mr M Riaz



Spotlight on... Nursery



We have all gone back to 'the land that time forgot' this week in Nursery! We have been investigators, digging for fossils. We used tools to dig through the sand, then broke through the rock to find some dinosaurs underneath. Additionally, we have been writing about our favourite dinosaurs and learning about the different names for them all. Archie said his favourite is the Apatosaurus, but he and Zakk might also like the T-Rex!



Furthermore, we have also followed the footprints of a dinosaur, whose baby has been hiding in our classroom. Each footprint had a number on it and we had to follow them in order until we found them all. We found an envelope with a letter from mummy dinosaur, attached to the final footprint, which told us exactly where to find our new friend. We are going to have to choose a name for him.



Mr A Bryan, class teacher

Dates for your diary

May 2018: Year 2 SATS testing period

Monday 14th May 2018 -Thursday

17th May 2018: Year 6 SATS tests

Friday 25th May 2018: final pupil day of Summer 1 half term

Monday 4th June 2018: first pupil day of Summer 2 half term

Friday 20th July 2018: final pupil day of academic year



MISSED DAYS = MISSED LEARNING

Weekly attendance update

I am happy to share with you last week's attendance figures – remember, our school target is a minimum of 96%.

Morning Nursery = 85.4%

Afternoon Nursery = 93.1%

Reception Blue class = 87%

Reception Yellow class = 98.3%

1 Tipton = 96.7%

1 Bilston = 96.7%

2 Cradley = 97.9%

2 Dudley = 94%

3 Walsall = 96.9%

3 Sandwell = 98.3%

4 Halesowen = 94%

4 Oldbury = 94.5%

5 Blackheath = 91.8%

5 Stourbridge = 98%

6 Smethwick = 95.9%

6 Wednesbury = 96.1%



Well done to **Reception Yellow Class** and **Year 3 Sandwell** with the highest attendance!

Ms D Mardner, Deputy Head Teacher

School Value – PRIDE

x I'm so proud of you! x



In Monday morning assembly this week, Ms Mardner spoke to children about the importance of having 'pride' in yourself and in the things you do, both at school and at home.

People who have pride try their best in everything that they do, and are also happy to celebrate the successes of others around them.

Teachers are looking for pupils this week who demonstrate this – will you be nominated to receive an award for Friday morning assembly?

Ms L Coghlan, Deputy Head Teacher



This week at Bloxwich Academy... Head Girl and Head Boy message



What unexpected weather we had last week! It was very warm, and our class, among others, did some of our learning outside. To develop our teamwork and Mathematical reasoning skills, we used a meter stick and chalk to draw large squares (in groups). Then we divided them into smaller boxes inside, and did a small experiment to see how comfortable we are when we are too close to each other. This related to the crowds expected to witness the upcoming marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle – a significantly challenging event to organise, it seems! We then thought about the best use of room for the layout of tables for the Royal Wedding breakfast!



*Klaudia, Head Girl
Ryan, Head Boy*

British Tea Party in Year 1



Year 1 have been having fun again! We have started a new unit of learning called 'Bright Lights, Big City'.

Last Saturday was Queen Elizabeth's 92nd birthday; what better way to celebrate than with a party? Preparations started by making party decorations; place mats, bunting and name cards. Tuesday afternoon was the big day... The classrooms were dressed, food was brought in and the celebrations began. Children and adults dressed to impress and curtsayed or bowed for the Queen. The national anthem was played and we all sang Happy Birthday! Classical music fit for the Royal family played and we enjoyed our feast.

We were hoping the Queen was going to join us but, on this occasion, she had to miss us as she had just become a Great Grandmother again. Maybe next time?

We would like to thank all the parents of Year 1 for providing such a generous amount of food, making our afternoon truly magical.

Mrs D Lowe and Miss A France, class teachers

Bloxwich Pupils Congratulate Royal Couple

Many children have expressed their interest and excitement following the birth of the new baby prince on Wednesday this week! Pupils have come up with many suggestions for names, and are intrigued to find out if any of them are correct.



A new baby is a fantastic reason to celebrate in any family, and is especially relevant to our pupils because many of them have personal experience of welcoming new brothers or sisters to their own families. Prince George and Princess Charlotte must be very proud, as are Bloxwich Academy pupils, when a new baby becomes part of their lives.