

Bloxwich Bugle

Bloxwich **Brilliant**



Friday 11th May 2018

Message from the Head Teacher



This week there has definitely been a feeling of 'the final push' in school. Children have taken every opportunity to get the final bits of preparation in before SATs commence in Years 2 and 6.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents once again the SATs for year 6 and 2 do not finish at the end of next week although this is the formal testing period. The writing is assessed in the weeks following the tests so it is vital that the children attend school every day even after the 'test week'.

Although it's been a very busy week in terms of work, the children have still been engaging in a range of exciting activities. Year 6 visited the library and Year 4 presented their class assembly.

Good luck to all the children sitting their SATs next week. I'm very proud of you all!

Mrs J Gray, Head Teacher



Class Assembly – Year 4

Year 4 held their class assembly on Thursday this week. The assembly was about 'Teeth and Eating' which has been their science topic this half term. Lots of parents came to watch the assembly which was called 'Lucy and the Dentist.' Children recited a Pam Ayres poem called 'I wish I'd

looked after me teeth' and acted out a short play, which included educating everyone about the different types of teeth and what they do. They even sang a new song at the end! Well done 4 Halesowen!

Mrs S Parkes, year 4 class teacher

GREAT ATTENDANCE = GREAT 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%. Huge congratulations to the classes that achieved this – it makes a difference to your learning when you are at school every single day.

Morning Nursery = 79.2%
Afternoon Nursery = 73.1%
Reception Blue class = 79.0%
Reception Yellow class = 91.7%
1 Tipton = 97.3%
1 Bilston = 92.3%
2 Cradley = 87.6%
2 Dudley = 94.0%
3 Walsall = 98.4%
3 Sandwell = 94.0%
4 Halesowen = 89.3%
4 Oldbury = 95.2%
5 Blackheath = 92.9%
5 Stourbridge = 95.9%
6 Smethwick = 94.1%
6 Wednesbury = 90.0%



Well done to **Year 3 Walsall** with the highest attendance!

Ms D Mardner, Deputy Head Teacher



Y3 and Y4 Football League

On the evening of Thursday 10th May 2018, pupils from the combined Year 3 and Year 4 football teams went head-to-head against a number of different primary schools in a football tournament at Willenhall E-Act Academy.



For many of the children, this was their first experience of playing football competitively, and was a great opportunity for them to experience playing matches against pupils from other schools. This was a great practice for both participating teams as we prepare for more football competitions in the coming academic year.

The games were played in good spirit with excellent sportsmanship and our teams didn't let us down! Each team played four games with the teams winning two each and losing the other two. In one of the matches, John (potential future Captain) gave the players an inspirational half time team talk which spurred them on to victory. Staff present were particularly impressed by the way in which the children worked together as a team to score goals.

The results of the overall tournament will be published shortly, when we will discover if our teams have made it to the final after collation of the scores from the different matches played.

Well done to all players in Year 3 and Year 4!

Mr M Riaz

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

This Week at Bloxwich Academy... Head Girl and Head Boy Message



It's been a busy week across the school, and Year 6 pupils have SATS very much on their minds. We are all working to the very best of our abilities. Our teachers are combining intensive revision sessions with team-building physical activities outside. We all have practice papers and previous tests to work on, so we know that we will be ready for SATS and know what to expect. Some people have extra sessions before school and during the school day to reinforce skills and understanding.

Last week, pupils in Year 6 Lamborghini were in for a surprise when they met a range of alive and frozen animals in the classroom! This was part of our work in Science, and was highly memorable!

Some of the animals included were: a frozen baby chick, a mouse and a rat. Some of the living animals were: a small hamster, 2 lovely rabbits, 2 tortoises and a noisy budgie!



We observed the animals carefully and discussed grouping them in different ways according to their various physical characteristics, and well as other traits such as feeding patterns.

Klaudia, Head Girl

Ryan, Head Boy