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# **BLOXWICH ACADEMY**

**PRIMARY**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **DECEMBER 2019 FEATURING...**

- FUN ON THE FARM
- E-SAFETY UPDATE
- EY NATIVITY





# HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Merry Christmas from all the staff at Bloxwich Academy Primary. As 2019 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the amazing year we have had.

As usual, the children are our stars. Their fantastic behaviour and attitude to learning has not only enabled School to achieve good results, but ensured all the educational visits we have undertaken have been a tremendous success; all venues including the Houses of Parliament, Wick Court Farm and the Forest Arts Centre have said that Bloxwich Academy Primary have been the best behaved children they have ever had.

These opportunities would not be possible without the hard work of all staff who go above and beyond to ensure a memorable experience for our children.

Finally, I would like to thank you the parents/carers for your unending support in helping our children be the best they can be.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed and ready to start the Spring term on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** at 8:45am.

*S Davies*

**Mrs Davies**



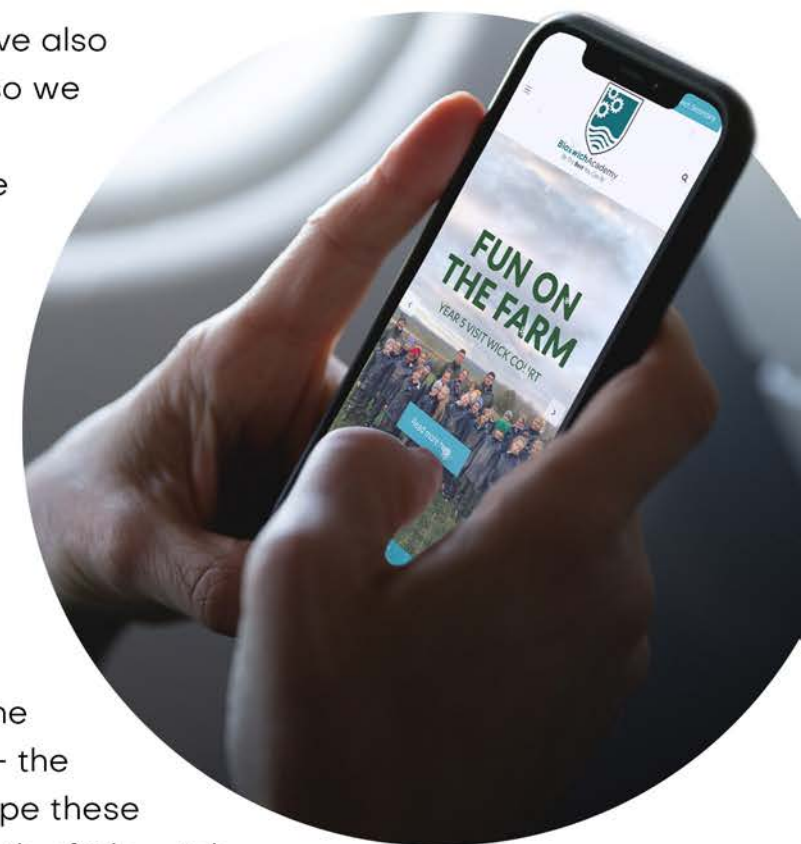
# OUR BRAND NEW WEBSITE

We are happy to launch the brand new Bloxwich Academy website. We hope this makes communication between school, parents and pupils easier and more effective. Our website is updated on a weekly basis so please use this to stay up to date with everything going on around school. Our school letters will be uploaded onto the website so you can stay informed along with regular news and event details.

Along with the new website launch we have also joined some new social media platforms so we can really shout about the successes of everyday life at Bloxwich Academy, please take a few moments to follow us on the below platforms.

We would also like to introduce our new weekly primary news section of the website that will showcase what the children are doing in class, provide them with weekly challenges and keep you updated with upcoming event dates.

This will replace the Bloxwich Bugle and the new section will become Bloxwich Beats – the beating heart of Bloxwich Primary. We hope these updates will help with the continuing growth of Bloxwich Academy and always striving to 'be the best we can be'.



[www.bloxwichacademy.co.uk/beats](http://www.bloxwichacademy.co.uk/beats)

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# EARLY YEARS NATIVITY



Yesterday Nursery and Reception performed their Christmas production 'Away in a Manger.' The play is the traditional story of the nativity, but from the perspective of the animals and in particular of Maurice the mule. The children performed as a variety of animals from the stable and they worked hard to practise 7 different songs including 'Away in a Manger.'

Many of our Reception children also learnt their own lines and all children sang and practised the actions to all the songs. Well done to all of the children for getting involved.



# YEAR 6 REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY



Our Year 6 pupils held their Remembrance assembly last week in memory of all those who were lost and fought in the war. The children read out poems and shared what they had learnt about the different coloured Poppy's and what they signify they then played 'The Last Post' to signal the start of our two-minute silence. We are very proud of all our pupils who showed great respect during the assembly.





# OUR BRAND NEW HOUSE SYSTEM

Children at Bloxwich Academy Primary have taken ownership of the new house system. Four new mascots have been chosen to represent each team. Voting took place across the school, with every child completing a ballot slip. After a tense wait, votes were counted and children found out the results:

**Brindley Bears**  
**Stephenson Sharks**  
**Telford Tigers**  
**Watt Wolves**

Whilst this was all taking place, school council met and discussed how housepoints should be awarded. After a very thorough debate, children made the final decision that housepoints should be awarded for a variety of things, including fantastic work, awesome behaviour and for following the Bloxwich values.

Children across the school are now working hard to make their own valued contribution to the weekly team's score; collecting as many points as they can before the winning team is announced in assembly. Points will be updated regularly on the Bloxwich Beats webpage.



Brindley Bears  
END OF TERM POINTS  
**5026**



Stephenson Sharks  
END OF TERM POINTS  
**4957**



Telford Tigers  
END OF TERM POINTS  
**4741**



Watt Wolves  
END OF TERM POINTS  
**5266**



# SPORTING UPDATE

The Autumn Term has been jam-packed with opportunities for all pupils to take part in high-quality PE lessons, clubs and tournaments. Children have enjoyed developing their fundamental skills through a variety of sports from Tag Rugby to Gymnastics. Year 6 children have also taken part in swimming lessons with all children reaching personal goals. Next term Year 5 will be starting their swimming unit.

All children in the school have also taken part in 2 different inter-house competitions. These competitions were great fun for all and gave children the chance to experience the thrill of competitive sport. Outside of the school day, 30% of our KS2 pupils have also participated in tournaments against other schools. This number will continue to rise as we strive to give the opportunity to all. Our after school clubs continue to be in high demand with over 100 pupils choosing to stay active once work is over.

Children at Bloxwich Academy Primary are really developing a passion for sport and this will continue to grow throughout 2020 with lots of exciting opportunities to come.



# HARVEST FESTIVAL

Year 2 led a fantastic Harvest Festival assembly for the school and their parents on Friday 4th October 2019.

Through words and song, the children explained the importance of Harvest perfectly. We would like to thank parents for their attendance and generous donations.





# ONLINE SAFETY UPDATES

West Midlands Police has been made aware of an App called “UNICO LIVE”. The app is publicised as age-restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc. It has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated.

The content does not appear to be monitored and we urge you to raise awareness widely to increase vigilance and reduce the likelihood of any child being sexually exploited. Please discuss at the earliest opportunity with your family.



## UNICO LIVE - Live Stream, Live Video & Live Show

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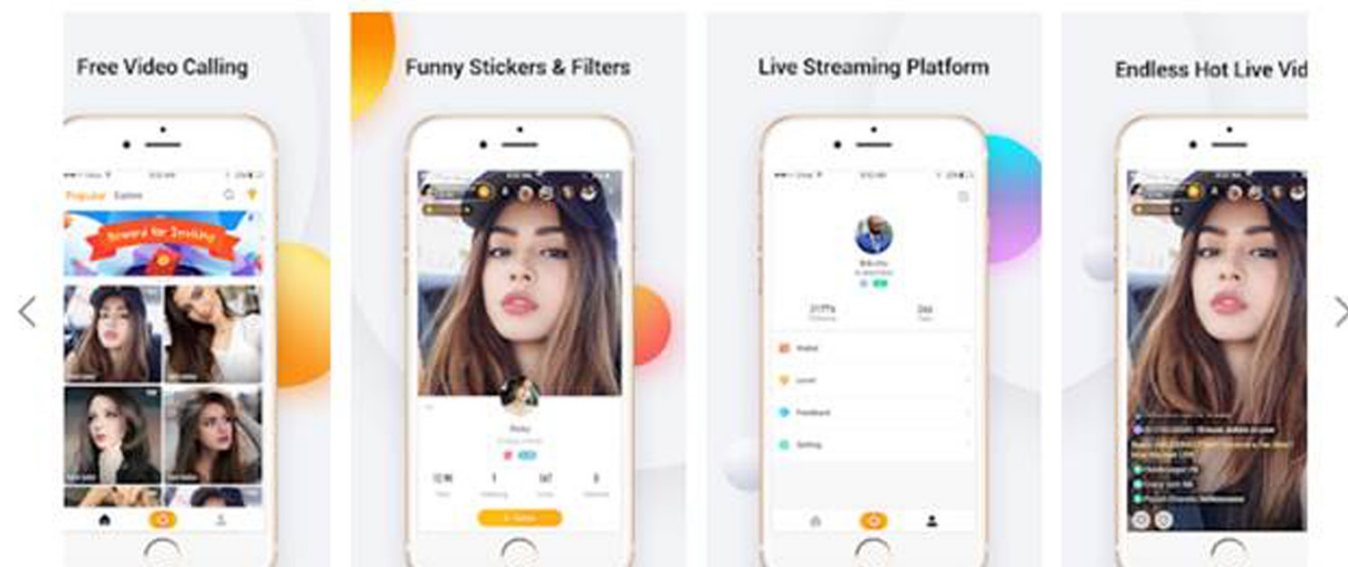
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Parental guidance

Offers in-app purchases

Add to wishlist

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Helping parents keep their children safe online.

We've designed a simple checklist to give you peace of mind regarding your child's safety on the internet.

Set your children's device up before you give it to them so you know they're safe online as soon as they start playing.



## Get started

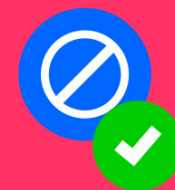


Set parental controls on your broadband to prevent your children seeing things they shouldn't

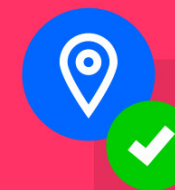


For smart phones check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network

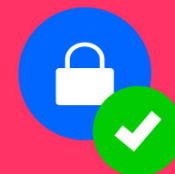
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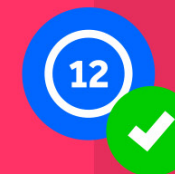
Use the device setting so you can only download age appropriate apps and games



Disable location services so your child doesn't unintentionally share their location with others



Set up password control or disable in-app purchasing so big bills are not run up accidentally



Download age appropriate apps you're happy for your child to use

## Talk about staying safe



If your children are 8-10 years old, download our parent / child Internet Matters app to help you talk about e-safety issues in an interactive way.

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)



Be aware of key issues and how to discuss them with your children so they know how to stay safe online



If your child is using social networking apps check their profile and privacy settings, making sure they are not sharing personal or private information with people they do not know



# FUN ON THE FARM

Last week, 5RW travelled down to Wick Court farm in Gloucester. Once we arrived, we were given our first jobs straight away. Group 1 had to walk over 2 fields at 7pm to feed the cows! Over the course of the week, the children and staff all carried out different tasks on the farm: feeding the animals, picking plums, planting trees, cleaning out the stables and cooking food.

On the last day of the trip, the children had the opportunity to choose their activity for the afternoon. Some children went searching in the woods for materials to build dens, others chose to stay in the warm to weave and some decided to build crowns out of woodland objects. The staff at Wick Court were sad to see us go and told Mr Watters how fantastic and well behaved the children were.

5RW had a fantastic week on the farm and we can't wait to hear about 5RB's trip in March!







## RECENT TWEETS

**Bloxwich Academy**  
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#HappyHalloween to everyone from @bloxwichacademy. Thank you to everyone who attended, supported and planned the Halloween Disco. 🎃🎃🎃

Friends of Bloxwich put on a fantastic evening for the children and they really got involved with a vast array of costumes! 🦇🦇🦇🦇🦇



**Bloxwich Academy**  
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This week we elected class councillors for our new school council! Each child placed a vote in the ballot box and the results were announced yesterday in assembly! We look forward to seeing what our councillors can do to help improve the school for all the children.



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Thank you to all parents/carers, who attended our Autumn term parents' evening, and engaged in our esafety questionnaire.



**Bloxwich Academy**  
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Thanks @Booktrust for the free gift packs! Our Nursery pupils are delighted with them.

#bethebestyoucanbe



Replying to @bloxwichacademy  
Fantastic job on the website so much easier to navigate when using a Mobile x



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**bloxwich\_academy** Today is #humanrightsday 🇬🇧 Stand up for Human Rights and remember you are never too young to change the world! 🗣️

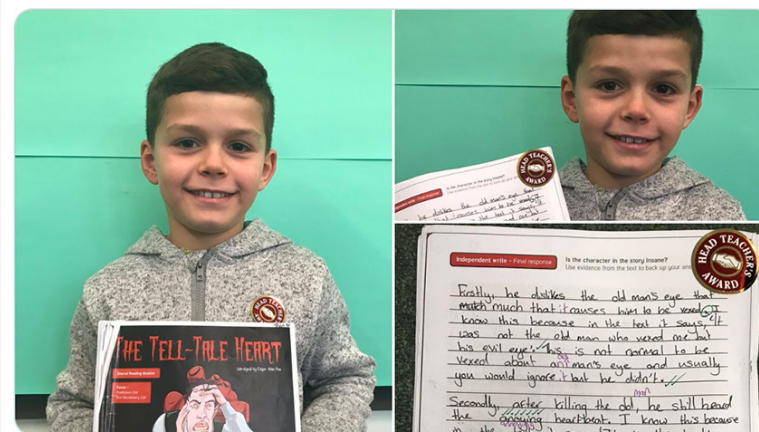
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7 DAYS AGO

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**Bloxwich Academy**  
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TN in Year 6 has written an amazing long response during his reading lessons in response to the question, 'Is the character insane?' The structure of his answers and his use of evidence is an excellent example! 😊



**Bloxwich Academy**  
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Our girls in Year 6 are so happy to receive their signed copy of @HelenPankhurst's, the great granddaughter of Emmeline Pankhurst, book! They were so thrilled after learning all about women's suffrage in our democracy unit this term!



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# PAST CLASS SPOTLIGHTS

VISIT OUR BEATS PAGE EACH WEEK  
FOR DIFFERENT CLASS NEWS



This week, Year 4 have been learning about **Ancient Greece**.

They have had the opportunity to take part in their **very own** Olympic games.

Everyone was very competitive and put in 100%. Our games were a little more modern compared to the Olympics in Ancient Greece.



**4MR**  
Class Spotlight



**YEAR 5**  
Class Spotlight



This week Year 5 have had lots of fun on their residential trip to the Farm!

They have enjoyed lots of fun activities with their favourite being catching and weighing the Pigs with the Farmers.

They have also been on long muddy walks, baked some home-made treats and fed the animals.

They even had a special birthday whilst at the farm!



This week, Year 3 have continued their learning about light and dark. They have learnt about which materials are opaque, transparent and translucent by carrying out a test. The children carried out an investigation whether a shadow becomes bigger or smaller depending on the distance the object is away from the light source.

In maths, the children have been focussing on their 4 times tables looking at division and multiplication. Children have found this less challenging due to them accessing Timestable Rockstars from home.



**3DB**  
Class Spotlight