



Newsletter 17 – 15th January 2024

Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)

This half-term's value is 'Compassion' (Colossians 3:12)

School Teams

As you will probably know, we have four teams in school: Attenborough, Parks, Seacole and Yousafzai. Children from Year 1 upwards are put in a team and are able to earn their team points through excellent work or behaviour. At the end of each term the team with the most points earns a prize.

Last term, the winning team was Parks and their prize will be a movie and popcorn afternoon this Friday, 19th January. Children in Parks will also be able to come to school in non-uniform that day.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our Governing Board. A letter with more details about this will be sent home later this week.

What do parent governors do?

Parent governors bring their unique life experience and knowledge to the Governing Board, contributing to the successful running of their child's school. Being a governor is a "hands off" role – decisions made by the Board influence the whole school, but governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school. Governors set the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement, and they also oversee financial performance and ensure money is well-spent. Governors commission the headteacher and other school leaders to act on their behalf in putting their ideas into practice, and ensure that the school leadership is held to account in doing so.

What skills do parent governors need?

There is no particular skillset that marks out an ideal parent governor. So long as you are over 18 years of age and have a child at the school you can express an interest in becoming a parent governor for the school. There's a legal requirement for parents to be DBS checked before starting their post as a governor.



Parent Governor Vacancy
Apply now!

What's in it for parents?

There's plenty of opportunity to learn new skills, working with others to help to develop useful policies that will benefit the education of children. The role may sound formal, but governors play a vital role in the running of the school and governors appreciate the sense of duty and opportunity to show loyalty to their school. The experiences of school governorship look great on any CV, and can even create career opportunities. You will gain a great understanding of how the school is run, and this will have a positive knock-on effect on your child's education, academic outcomes and school life.

Admission to Reception – September 2024

A final reminder that if you have a child due to start school in September 2024 (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020), **today is the last day to apply for a place online**. Go to www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions for information about primary schools and how to apply for a place online.

Mental Health Support Team

The latest Mental Health Support Team newsletter is now available on the school website (Parents/Mental Health Support Team).

This year's **Parent Mental Health Support Day** is taking place on the 27th January – further information about this can be found at <https://stem4.org.uk/parentmentalhealthday/>



The Cost of Living Crisis, which so closely followed the pandemic, and increased concerns about digital harms, rising rates of mental ill health and the impact of stretched services have further increased parent and carer anxiety. Parent Mental Health Day is an opportunity for parents and carers to acknowledge and discuss their struggles and share in their achievements of connecting positively with each other and the whole family, and to learn ways to connect positively to maximise young people's mental health.

School Website

The website has had a refresh. Some content has been removed and new content has been added. Hopefully this should make it easier for you to find the information you are looking for. The calendar function is also available again (it's on the 'News and Event' tab near the top of the home page). Term dates and other events are added to this regularly.

Best wishes

Julian Rogers
Headteacher

**Emotional support,
information and advice
for Parents & Carers of
children, adolescents,
and young people who
are struggling with their
mental health**

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| <u>Hancock Street Children's Centre</u> | <u>Blackburn Rovers Community Wellbeing Hub</u> | <u>Livesey Family Hub</u> |
| Tuesday's | Wednesday's | Friday's |
| Hancock Street Blackburn BB2 2LZ 9:30am - 3pm | Darwen End Ewood Park BB2 4JF 9:30am - 3pm | Andrew Close Blackburn BB2 4NU 9:30am - 3pm |

To book an appointment, or for more information, please contact us:
www.thelotusmentalhealth.org | contact@thelotusmentalhealth.org | 07479 44 00 58

Recent Reading Badges

Woodpeckers: Aahil Muhammad – Gold

Swallows: Aamirah Karolia – Emerald, Ameerah Khan & Mohammed Essa Hussain – Silver,
Amna Hussain – Topaz, Razane El Mansori – Ruby

Owls: Yara Saleh – Silver

Kestrels: Emilia Ilieva – Bronze, M. Abdul-Qadir Hussain – Silver, Ali-Abdullah Syed – Emerald,
Shan Akhtar – Sapphire, Hamza Khuram – Pearl, Adam Lorgat – Jet

Hawks: Diba Sharif – Emerald, Alisha Shaikh – Jet, Melanija Kilpe & Reyhaan Mulla – Sapphire,
Shanzay Jahangir – Gold Star

Falcons: Layad Hussein – Bronze

Eagles: Inaaya Kara – Silver Star, Taimoor Hussain: Bronze Star, Aliza Hussain – Ruby Star, Isa
Dalal: 2nd Bronze Star, Ayesha Akhtar – 2nd Emerald Star, Muzzamil Akonjee – Sapphire

Attendance for the last week of the Autumn Term:

| | Best attendance | Best punctuality |
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| Infants | Robins Blue | Robins Blue & Woodpeckers |
| Juniors | Eagles | Eagles |

Last Term's Amazing Achievers!

The following children were chosen to receive a progress certificate for their efforts during the Autumn Term:

| CLASS | READING | WRITING | MATHS |
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| BLUE ROBINS | Isa Zamir | Aariz Hussain | Hasnain Taj |
| GREEN ROBINS | Sara Bhamjee | Jan Bawah | Azaan Khan |
| WOODPECKERS | Aahil Mohammed | Yusuf Mangera | Aafiyah Bhamji |
| KINGFISHERS | Zakei Ullah | Anaya Ullah | Anaya Chaudhry |
| SWALLOWS | Mohammed Essa Hussain | Aleena Bhamji | Aamina Bhamjee |
| DOVES | Tamima Begum | Rehan Khan | Aisha Kousar |
| OWLS | Maryam Akhtar | Ahmed Mulla | Khalid Hussain |
| KESTRELS | Hamza Khuram | Hassan Mujtaba | Shan Akhtar |
| HAWKS | Saarah Ali | Safiyyah Karolia | Alisha Shaikh |
| FALCONS | Zainab Khuram | Zoya Chaudhry | Rayyan Jalal |
| EAGLES | Ammarah Kauser | Ayaan Hussain | Zainab Shah |