



Newsletter 21 – 10th February 2025

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

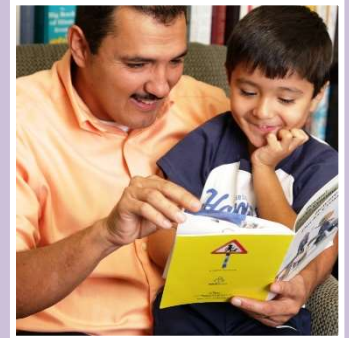
This half-term's value is 'Courage' (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Home Reading

Reading is a vital skill for children to master. If a child cannot read confidently, it can negatively impact their learning in every subject.

Your child will bring home a reading book every night. Please support your child by listening to them read regularly.

Your child does not need to read a whole book every night. Instead, spend around 10 minutes reading a few pages and asking your child questions about what they have read to check that they have understood it. Reading is not just about recognising the words on the page – it is being able to describe what has happened and why. There are often questions in the front or back of a reading scheme book to help you with this.



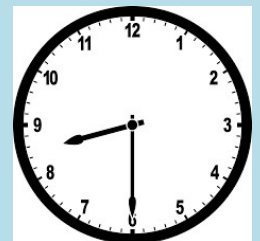
Please support your child by listening to them read as often as possible. Don't forget to sign your child's reading record book to confirm that your child has read and add a comment too. This is the best way you can help your child to succeed in their learning.

Hawks' Class Assembly

A final reminder that our Hawks' class will be leading our assembly this Wednesday, 12th February at 8.40am in the school hall. Parents and carers of children in the Hawks' class are very welcome to join us.

Arriving At School On Time

Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time. We have noticed that quite a few children have been arriving at school after the 8.30am bell. If your child does arrive after 8.30am to find that their classroom door is locked, please remind them to come to the main entrance and they will be able to enter the building that way.



Half Term Break

School closes at 3.00pm this Friday for the half term break and re-opens on Monday 24th February at 8.20am (Breakfast Club at 7.45am).

Best wishes

Julian Rogers
Headteacher

Posters attached:

Online Safety Newsletter – Online Safety Day
Parent Group Leader Training Opportunity
Ramadan Appeal from Blackburn Foodbank

This week's Amazing Achievers!

You've Been Spotted!

Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:

Abdullah Hassan – Robins Blue
 Faris Syed – Robins Green
 Laiba Nasir – Woodpeckers
 Haniya Syed – Kingfishers
 Zeeshan Nain – Swallows
 Hamza Jafar – Doves
 M. Umar Hussain – Owls
 Anaya Faisal – Kestrels
 Imaan Firfre – Hawks
 Sofia Bhamji – Falcons
 Maryam Hassan – Eagles

Headteacher's Award

Children chosen for a special achievement:

Uzair Bilal – Robins Blue
 Maryam Nakhuda – Robins Green
 Idrees Chotia – Woodpeckers
 Deen Hussain – Kingfishers
 Ayra Kayani – Swallows
 Simrah Hajat – Doves
 Amna Hussain – Owls
 Anayah Patel – Kestrels
 Mahnoor Ayoub – Hawks
 Laraib Shah – Falcons
 Shanzay Jahangir – Eagles

Recent Reading Badges

Robins (Green Carpet)

Zamin Faisal, Zoya Satia & Maryam Nakhuda – Bronze

Robins (Blue Carpet)

Diwa Sharif – Bronze

Hawks

Amina Thazhathethil – Silver
 Yahya Hooti – Sapphire
 Ali-Abdullah Syed – Bronze Star

Eagles

Maryam Hassan – Sapphire
 Yahya Saqlain – Bronze Star

Authors of the Week

Key Stage 2 children who have excelled in their writing recently:

Doves – Umamah Bhamji

Owls – Aliyah Malik

Kestrels – Kristofers Kilpe

Hawks – Haniya Shaikh

Falcons – Layad Hussein

Eagles – Aaila Farooq

Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:

Robin's

Mrs Fenton's Star:

Skye McCaw (Woodpeckers)

Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:

Farah Hussain (Kingfishers) & Yahya Hooti (Hawks)

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Swallows	Robins Blue & Swallows
Juniors	Doves (100%)	Doves & Kestrels

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 11th February 2025, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

How can I get involved?

UKSIC Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and quizzes to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Your free Self-Help Tool Centre from Get Safe Online

Get Safe Online have several free tools that you can use to help protect you and your family. The tools include checking a website, how to spot a phishing email, how to check your social media footprint as well as a fun tool to see if you can spot what has been generated by AI.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/selfhelpcentre/>

Free Cyber Action Plan from the NCSC

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have a wealth of advice and tips on how to protect you and your family online, including a short questionnaire to assess how you can improve your cyber security. Once completed, they will provide you with a personalised plan:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/you-your-family>

How to deal with online scams: a parent guide from Parent Zone

Parent Zone have published an article outlining how to deal with online scams. The article includes how to report scams, further support, and preventive measures you can put in place:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>

Interactive online scams guide from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have produced an interactive guide to help you understand scams. They also provide further links to additional resources. Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tackling-online-scams-guide/>

Resources from London Grid for Learning (LGfL)

LGfL have produced this video titled "Life Online - What Grownups Just Don't Get!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lde52EtjIjQ>

In addition, they have a selection of resources available here:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/home>



Family Hub



Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth

Parent Group Leader *Training opportunity*

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) is a parenting programme delivered by parents who live in their own community.

Parent Group Leader training equips parents to facilitate *Being a Parent* group/course in their own communities, with continued support from specialist EPEC Supervisors.

Being a Parent helps parents to learn practical skills for everyday life and bring up confident, happy and co-operative children. The programme supports parents to develop positive parenting strategies, learn effective communication skills and supports them to understand their children's behaviour and development.

Parent Group Leader training is voluntary and is delivered 1 day per week over 10 weeks. This will be from Tuesday the 14th January at Family Hub Shadsworth

Once trained parent group leaders will deliver the programme for 2 hours a week in an 8 week block, this will be delivered alongside another parent group leader, the programme does not run during school holidays.

Contact Laura Mckelvey 01254 666536 laura.mckelvey@blackburn.gov.uk for an informal chat and to find out some more information.



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Ramadan Appeal

Your generosity during the month of Ramadan can make a positive difference for the people in our community.

Other ways to support us:

- Donate money by scanning the QR code below.
- Ask your friends to donate.
- Follow us on Facebook.



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5 items we need

1. Tinned Fruit
2. Tinned Custard
3. Tinned Fish
4. Tinned Vegetables
5. Dried Red Lentils

