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Newsletter

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Message from Mr McCoy

What an amazing week at Bleak Hill! This week has been our Art and Poetry week, it has been amazing to see the children immersed in poems from our Poetry Spine whilst linking their artwork to their specific year group skills. We have also had the author, Sean Perkins, visit school to carry out assemblies and workshops with every child in school. The children loved Oscar and Ben, characters from Sean's books.

Thank you to Reverend Fran for carrying out our collective worship this week addressing remembrance. Our Year 6 children got to visit Reverend Fran at St Andrews Church to further enhance their learning about remembrance. We have also had a number of children represent school at sports competitions this week, well done to the children that participated excellently.

It was amazing to see all of the children in their pyjamas and spotty clothes today, thank you for supporting Children in Need. Next week, our Friends of Bleak Hill host our Christmas Shopping event. We look forward to welcoming our families and members of the community to school to buy some Christmas gifts between 6 and 8pm.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Merit Award - Children who help others

	R.O.T.W	W.O.T.W	M.O.T.W	Bronze	Silver	Gold
RHE	Penny W-P	Xander P	Jacob H	Harriet B	Emilia McD-J	Michael G
RHU	Stanley G	Nyla E	Kara S	Jessica Ca	Mia P	Elsie S
RR	Harry D	Zac A	Ella D	Dougie C	Charlotte E	Penelope H
1A	Felicity B	Thomas Q-A	Emma H	Arthur D	Pippa B	Isla N
1CS	Jacob C	Jude M	Tyler N	Scarlet W	Isaac M	Jayson B
1M	Josh M	Hadassah B	Ren K	Miya L	Frahzer N	Matthew O
2G	Harry J	Lincoln H	Penny T	Sophie F	Luke R	Lottie C
2J	Blake M	Billy N	Grace C	George K	Daniel B	Eleanor H
2W	Evan W	Oliver G	Theo G	Bobby G	Ella W	Edie F
3D	Jacob R	Eva R	Daniel F	Harvey T-H	Jude H	Harper E
3H	Iris J	Ava B	Spencer D	Cohan W	Eloise M	Katie H
3M	Jonjo O'B	Lottie B	Mia J	Lacey J-M	Jamie O'B	Fifi N-W
4C	Anthony W	Phoebe A	Adam B	Leah X	Ella G	Leon T
4MC	Charlie Bri	Joseph S	Sophia M-L	Devon M-S	Edith K-G	Max B
4MO	Una Q-D	Thea C	James E	Hawley A	James E	Jacob H
5B	Peyton R	Mollie C	Charlie H	Jacob B	Emily C	Ethan C
5W	Emily O	George B	Amelie P	Evalynn M	Freddie G	Evan B
6D	Evie Y	Lily O	Riley L	Athelia R	Daniel K	Finn F
6W	Lillia F	Sam P	Ty T	Leo D	Juliana R	Archie L

What's on w/c 20.11.23

20.11.2023	Before School	During School	After School
Monday		<i>Y2 & Y6 PE</i>	Judo Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - (external provider) 3 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.10pm
Tuesday	Football Y3 & 4 - Ian McMinn (external provider) 3 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	<i>YR, Y4 & Y5 PE</i>	Young Voices Y5 & 6 - Mrs Burrows 3 of 4 for T1B Exit via main reception at 4.30pm
Wednesday	Dance Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Karen Elliott (external provider) 3 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	<i>Y1 & Y3 PE</i> <i>Y6 & YR Height & Weight Screening</i>	Multisports Y1 & 2 - Future Gym (external provider) 3 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.15pm
Thursday	Football Y5 & 6 - Ian McMinn (external provider) 3 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	<i>Y1, Y2 & Y5 PE</i>	Gymnastics Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - Future Gym (external provider) 3 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.20pm FOBH Christmas Market
Friday	Gymnastics YR, 1 & 2 - Future Gym (external provider) 3 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	<i>YR, Y3, Y4 & Y6 PE</i> <i>6W Swimming</i>	

Friends of Bleak Hill



Christmas Shopping Event / Family Market

Thursday 23rd November 6-8pm

£1 entrance for adults, children free entrance.

Several stalls with a variety of goods for sale—a perfect opportunity to get some Christmas presents !

Stalls include: Hand painted letters/numbers, Cakes/brownies, Decorations, Bows, Smellies/ candles, Books, Personalised Items, Xoxo clothing, Pets treats and accessories, Loving Arms Dementia, Cards, Knitted items, Children's craft and games to play and refreshments.



All Day. Every Day.



Attendance Matters



Attendance	
Whole School	95.7%
Reception	96.0%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	94.2%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	94.9%



Attendance Update

We need to try really hard each and every week to make sure every year group is beating our **96% target** this will help us to succeed!

Our attendance for 6—10 Nov was:
95.7% below target

Our attendance for the year so far is: 96.8%

Congratulations to 6W for achieving the highest amount of times in our Golden pot. We hope you enjoy your reward.

Cold weather is coming please ensure that if your child is well enough to be in school that they attend dressed for the weather.

If medication is required throughout the day, school can administer as long as it has been prescribed by the GP or a pharmacist. (Care of the Chemist)



**JOIN US AT BLEAK HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR AN
EVENING OF FESTIVE FUN**

FAMILY CHRISTMAS MARKET!

There's something for everyone!

**THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2023
6:00PM - 8:00PM
BLEAK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Admission: Adults £1 Children FREE

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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