



Bloxham C of E Primary School



Newsletter 5 – 10th October 2022

Value – Honesty

Chair of Governors: Mr Ian Broome (chair@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

Dear Bloxham Family,

We had a very busy week in school last week; Ofsted inspected us and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff team and pupils for their efforts and of course, our wonderful parent/carers for your ongoing support. As soon as I can share the outcome, I will do so (this could be up to a month / 6 weeks – time scales do vary).

We enjoyed our Maths Whizz training as a staff team last week too – all pupils will be baselined this week (pupils in Foundation Stage and year 1 who were registered previously – and any newcomers to the school) and they will be set tasks to complete on the platform regularly. This programme will really let us know where strengths and areas for improvement rest in our pupils' mathematical knowledge.

Parents/carers – we hope you can attend our pupil progress meetings this week (we are keen to share with you the progress your child(ren) have made so far in this new academic year). As I stated previously, do let us know if you cannot make the listed times; we will try to accommodate you on a different day / time.

Wishing you all a lovely week ahead,

Ms J Donnellan

Interim Headteacher

KEY DATES

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 11 th Oct	Parent progress meetings	3:30-6pm
Thursday 13 th Oct	Parent progress meetings	3:30-6pm
Monday 17 th Oct	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church	10am
24 th to 28 th Oct	Half Term	-
Saturday 12 th Nov	Fireworks	Gates Open at 5:30pm, Fireworks at 7pm

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Best Academic Progress	Values Award
Foundation	Imogen & Samuel	Fliss & Rae
Year 1	Misha & Teddy	Remy & Timothy
Year 2	Saskia & Toby R	Hope & William
Year 3	Henry-James & Primrose	Alex F & Olivia B
Year 4	Callum & Hannah	Connor & Varvara
Year 5	Bella & Ella	Conor & Leyton
Year 6	Khidar & Mattia	Lily-Mae & Susanna

Fabulous



GOODBYE!

Last week, we said goodbye to an extremely valued colleague (Ms Tina Deacon), who has been with Bloxham Primary for a very long time, spreading her infectious positivity, passion and enthusiasm into all she did. We are all so sorry to see her go and wish her well in her new post. Ms Deacon has promised to come and visit us regularly and we cannot wait to hear her news! When valued people leave, we try to be thankful for knowing them rather than being sad to have lost them.

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

Certificates have been awarded to those who have achieved the Highest Accuracy and most improved accuracy for TT Rockstars over the last 14 days. Highest Accuracy goes to Oscar P, Mason L & Zach W, Improvement in Accuracy goes to George M, Sebastian L & Jacob I

SWIMMING

Classes 3B and 6A continue with their swimming and **Kacper, Oliver** and **Neve** from 6A and **Olivia, Georgia, Jasmine** and **Joshua** from 3B were awarded swimming certificates this week.

GOLDEN TICKETS WINNERS (KS2)

Last week we launched our Golden Ticket scheme to encourage children to read regularly. If your child reads at home every day, (once over the weekend) and gets their reading record signed their 'Golden Ticket' gets entered into a draw. Here are this week's winners:

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS

Becca

Alice-May

Sofia

Ava

Grace

Isla-Louise

Henry

Olivia

Class Winners: 5B

THIS GOLDEN TICKET ENSURES ADMITTANCE

Twinkl.com

The whole school welcomes you to

Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service Monday 17th October 2022 at 10am

St Mary's Parish Church, Bloxham

If you are looking to support BYHP food bank,
below is a list of items, which they like to offer:

All tinned or bottled foods
(preferably with the pull ring on
the top) including:

Soup
Vegetables
Pie fillings
Pasta sauces

Other sauces and meats

Tuna
Spaghetti Bolognese
Macaroni cheese

Ravioli
Chilli
Curry
Hotdogs
Beans

Treats:

Microwaveable puddings
Individual cakes
Chocolate biscuits

A range of dried and packet foods:

Cup a soup
Pot Noodles/Pot Rice
Dried Pasta & Rice

Cereals and breakfast bars or biscuits
Long-life milk or creamer

Sandwich spreads:

Jams
Peanut butter
Marmite

Toiletries:

Shower gel
Roll on deodorant
Shampoo & conditioner
Soap
Toothpaste

Please bring your donations to school from 10th October in
order for us to fill each year group's crate. We will take
them to St Mary's Church for the Harvest Service.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING!



Warwickshire Christmas Trees is a family run Christmas tree farm near Sherington on the Warwickshire/ Oxfordshire border.

They are back once again for the 4th year with the 10% schools scheme! If parents from our school purchase a Christmas tree from them, they will donate 10% of the proceeds to the school for our own projects.

All you need to do is mention the name of their child's school at the checkout. For more details and directions to the farm see our website:

<https://www.warwickshirechristmastrees.co.uk/school-charities/>



FRESH START ARE RECRUITING KITCHEN STAFF AT BLOXHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are looking for a general assistant to join our dedicated team, and to help with general duties in our busy kitchen.

Term time only, Monday to Friday. Good rates of pay.

If you are interested and require further information please contact Nicol.cooper@freshstartcatering.uk



YEAR 6 MOVING ON

For parents of Year 6 pupils due to transfer to secondary school in September 2023, you need to complete and submit your online application **BEFORE the closing date of 31st October 2022** at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. Applying on time is likely to maximise the chance of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

LOST PROPERTY

We are finding a high number of school jumpers, cardigans, coats, shoes and lunch boxes being left around the school, which we are unable to find the owners of. Each of these items has one thing in common – **no child's name in them!** Please could we remind parents to label all items that can be left around as anything named is returned to its owner.

BMX - THE YEAR 6 WORKSHOPS

Last Friday, Mike Mullen came to our school and showed us some BMX stunts. He also jumped over three teachers for one of his tricks during a whole school assembly outside on the playground. The Year 6 classes were split into two groups and each group had an hour's workshop with him and using the BMX bikes. He congratulated all of us; we had an amazing time. He also talked about **FLEARNs** which is a word he invented for each time he tried something and didn't succeed. He realised that he wasn't failing, he was **FLEARNING (FAIL + LEARNING)**. He also got us out of our comfort zones and helped us to try stunts that many of us thought we couldn't do...yet we did! We had a wonderful time. Thank you Mrs Ducker for organising the experience.



YEAR 4 GIRLS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Some of our year 4 girls enjoyed an afternoon of football at Sibford School. Our staff commented on how well they behaved and how much they improved throughout the afternoon.

Here are some quotes from some of our girls.

"I improved my skills and scored my first goal"

"We tried our best - and that is what matters"

"I got better at passing the ball"

"It was my first time getting the ball and running to score a goal"

"I got to learn how to be a goalkeeper"

"I loved playing in a different atmosphere and it felt exciting"

Good luck to our boys who are taking part in the Boys Football Festival tomorrow.

YEAR 2 – KITE MAKING

In Year 2 the children have been learning about everyday materials and their properties.

The children designed their own kites before carefully selecting appropriate materials based on their properties.

They then built their kites according to their design, took them for a test flight (super fun) and then evaluated why their flights may or may not have gone as expected.



FOUNDATION STAGE

The children in Foundation Stage have been outside enjoying the autumn sunshine by making autumnal wreaths.

The children have loved making patterned wreaths using the variety of coloured leaves that have fallen in the garden.

Saturday 12th November

Bloxham Primary School Fireworks

Support our fabulous school fundraiser, bring your family and friends!

BBQ

Toasted marshmallows

Bar

Glow Stall

Tombola

Gates Open 5.30pm

Advanced ticket price £5 for adults, £3 for children (on the gate £6 for adults, £4 for children).

Under 3's go FREE