



# The Blake CE Primary School

Cogges Hill Road, Witney, Oxon OX28 3FR

Telephone 01993 702840

Email [office.3600@blake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3600@blake.oxon.sch.uk)

Website <http://www.blake.oxon.sch.uk/website>

Headteacher Tim Edwards-Grundy



*Committed to the care and education of your child within a Christian setting*

Value of the Month: Peace

Newsletter Term 6: 2017/18 (19)

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Thank you to everyone who helped at the recent school discos; we raised an amazing £858.*

*The Friends have been working tirelessly to prepare a fantastic summer fête for us all to enjoy tomorrow. I look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your continued support.*

*Tim Edwards-Grundy*

## Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Poppy Haynes, Toby Just, Ben Smith, Amelia Bywaters, Elspeth Fowler, Callum Halcrow, Isabella Tillson, Mary James, Nathaniel Neill, Henry Muscat, Leo Webb, Isabella Kominek, Asha Vaudrey, Olivia Sawyer, Kirsty Soffe



and to last week's winners:

Luke Green, Sophia Khan, Phoebe Meagher, Scarlett Hooper-Hale, Florence James, Reggie Lyons, Toby James, Noah Woolliscroft, Isabella Carreras-Jago, Tyler Wells, Isen Chadwick, Elizabeth Cowley, Holly Willis



## Hot Weather and Sports Days - Reminders:

During this spell of hot weather, please could we remind you to send your children to school with sun hats and refillable water bottles, particularly for the upcoming Sports Days. We would also like to remind you about our recommendations for sun cream:

We strongly recommend that you apply a sun cream to your child in the morning that will last for eight hours. If you are unable to use an eight-hour sun cream on your child, e.g. for medical reasons, your child may keep a clearly named sun cream in school for their own use only. Under no circumstances may your child apply sun cream to another child or share sun cream with another child. Should you feel that your younger child will need assistance with the application of their sun cream during the school day, please advise a member of staff. You will be required to provide written permission allowing a member of staff to assist with this.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Book Fair:**

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the Sensory Garden at the Summer Fête this year. The school will receive 100% commission in books, so do please visit the stall. The children have had the opportunity to browse the books in school beforehand. The Book Fair will also be open after school on Monday from 3 - 3.45pm.

### **Quad Kids Update:**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June, our Year 4 and Year 6 Quad Kids teams went to Carterton to follow up their excellent performance in the Witney competition, by competing in the West Oxfordshire finals. Both teams produced some superb results with individual athletes showing real determination and competitive spirit to produce their best. Our Year 6 team finished in a very creditable 5<sup>th</sup> place and Year 4 earned themselves a place in the School Games County Finals by taking the runners up position. A fantastic performance by all who took part. Very well done; we are really proud of you.

### **Year 5 Cricket:**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, a team of children from Year 5 went to play in a local cricket festival. The team showed great determination and teamwork in all their matches and were very supportive of each other during their games. Other schools commented on their positive attitude and sportsmanship. They played really well and came third in their group, narrowly missing out on getting to the semi-final. Well done Year 5!

### **Year 3 Tri-Golf:**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, after a busy morning at Sports Day, a very excited group of Year 3 novice golfers went to Wood Green School to compete in the Tri- Golf tournament. Without very much practice, but with loads of enthusiasm, they supported each other, learnt lots and improved as they went along, finishing 2nd and qualifying for the School Games County Finals. What a fantastic achievement. Well done to all who took part.

### **Lost Property:**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July all unnamed lost property will be laid out on a table outside the Year 6 shared middle area after school.

### **Lost:**

On Wednesday morning, a small dark blue scooter disappeared from just inside the gate on the field. If you have seen it, please could you let the office know. Thank you.

### **Wise Bytes No. 4: Gaming:**

You will probably have heard the news last week that the World Health Organisation has now classified Gaming Disorder as a mental health condition. Whilst it is unlikely that your children are suffering this condition, they may well spend more time gaming than you would like. Here are a few suggestions to consider:

1. Talk to them about the games they like to play and get familiar with how they work.
2. Consider having an agreement that they need to check with you before downloading any game. You can check out parent and child reviews for many games and apps at:

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

They also have recommended games for different ages. Think about your child's emotional maturity and check the PEGI age rating.

3. Check that your children won't or can't make in-app purchases. There are guides for how to do this in game and device settings here:

<https://www.teamknowhow.com/discover/discover/disable-in-app-purchase-and-android-ios>

4. Consider setting time limits that you feel are appropriate for your child and your family.

5. Notice your child's behaviour when they have been gaming. Talk to them about how they feel when they have finished playing on-line, help them to consider how positive a particular game is for them.

Please see below a link to an interesting article of the effect of gaming on some children:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/06/12/addictive-video-games-may-change-childrens-brains-way-drugs/>

### Dates for your Diaries:

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June - School Fête from midday

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Sports Day for Reception,  
Years 1 and 2 from 9.30am

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July -  
Year 6 Transition Days at Wood Green School  
and Henry Box School

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Reception Trip to Wildlife Park

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Reception Races from 1.45pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Year 1 Curriculum Meeting at  
6pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Performance at  
2pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Performance at 6pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - STEM Week

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Class Swap Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Musician's Concert at 6pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Parent Forum at 6pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Reception Performance at  
6pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Service at St.  
Mary's Church, Cogges at 11am

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Party

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Term ends at 1.30pm

Please see the calendar on the school website  
for further School Dates. Lists of holiday  
dates and school term dates can be found  
under Useful Information on the website.

### Year 1 Curriculum Meeting:

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July there will be a meeting for  
parents/carers of current Reception children at  
6pm in the Year 1 area.

### STEM Week:

This year's STEM week will focus on exploring  
sound. As part of the week, we hope to hold a  
Blake's Got Talent contest. More details to  
follow nearer the time.

### Class Swaps:

On the morning of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July children will  
meet their new teachers for next year.

### Musician's Concert:

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July there will be a concert in  
the school hall at 6pm, where all children who  
learn an instrument or sing in the school choir  
will have the opportunity to perform to their  
family, friends and the wider community. During  
the afternoon on that day, the children will  
perform to Years 2 - 6, so children will need  
their instruments in school that day please.







## THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School is for children aged 7-13 who love to sing. Established in 2013 at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, we now run courses in Oxford, Cambridge, London and Guildford. Courses involve world-class teaching in choral singing, history, theory and much more; intended to inspire in a way that is both varied and rewarding.

This summer we will be exploring the ever-popular music of Gabriel Fauré, including movements from his Mass for upper voices, and two beautiful motets. We will also have two settings - one ancient, one modern - of Shakespeare; and some hilarious settings of Hilaire Belloc's Cautionary Tales.

*'My son loves your courses. It's the only thing he sets his alarm for.'*

*'My daughter came home 'buzzing' each day. She loved everything about it!'*

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please look at [www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk](http://www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk) or email [oxbridges@gmail.com](mailto:oxbridges@gmail.com)

### SUMMER COURSE

OXFORD: SOMERVILLE COLLEGE  
AUGUST 29-31 2018

[www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk](http://www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk)

### Operation Earth Family Science Show

Join us, along with expert scientists, as we investigate why Earthy is feeling a little under the weather.

Become a trainee environmental scientist and help us investigate Earthy's land, air and oceans, and see if together we can help Earthy feel better.

This show is suitable for families with children aged 6-11.



Made from recycled material  
Please recycle after use



### Dates & Times

30 June	2pm, 3pm
28 July	2pm, 3pm
2 August	2pm, 3pm
9 August	2pm, 3pm
16 August	2pm, 3pm
23 August	2pm, 3pm
29th Sept	2pm, 3pm

See website for advance booking details

[www.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ox.ac.uk)  
Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PW



### Hedgehog Club News June 2018:

Spend the summer holidays with the Hedgehog Club.

**July 30<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> August.** I will be working with Martyn, **Wild Ways**, on a week of activities based at Colliers Copse in Appleton. You can attend the whole week - including a camp out on Thursday night - or as standalone days.

Activities include building shelters, using bush craft tools, learning how to light fires in different ways, foraging and camp fire cooking. See the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/wildwaysorg/> for

more details and to book your place. These sessions are for children 5 years and upwards.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> - Woodland Club at Cogges Museum** will be running from 10am -2pm each day. This is a drop in session which will include den building, mud kitchen, bug hunting, camp fire cooking and natural art. No need to book, just turn up. These sessions are open to all ages - preschool to 11 years.

**August 16<sup>th</sup> - The Hedgehog Club at Hailey Community Woodland.** The day runs from 10-4pm and is open to children of primary school age - 5 upwards. Activities will include den building, shelter building, camp fire cooking and natural art. Half day of activities £15 and full day £30. These are drop-off sessions. Booking will be available on the website soon.

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> -The Hedgehog Club at Hailey Community Woodland.** The days run from 10am -4pm. There will be 2 groups: 1. Preschool children and their carers. 2. Five years upwards. For the younger children the days will include outdoor activities based on the books by Julia Donaldson, cooking over the fire, finding out who lives in the woods and building homes for them. The older group will learn how to survive in the wild by building shelters, filtering some water, cooking on the fire, taking part in treasure hunts and challenges, making a bow and arrow and working as a team. Half day of activities £15 and full day £30. Booking will be available on the website soon, so save the dates and I will notify you as soon as the booking is ready to go.