



# The Blake CE Primary School

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

Value of the Month: Respect

Newsletter Term 6: 2017/18 (20)

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Thank you to everyone who braved the heat to support our recent summer fête, sports days and other sporting activities. Please do take time to look at the photos on the school website.*

*Your children are bringing home their reports today. Please return feedback forms to your class teacher.*

*Tim Edwards-Grundy*

## Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Joshua Allen, William Newton, Alfie White, George Whitehead, Emre Riza Arda, Sarah Smedley, Ruby Tyas-Heast, Thomas Blois, Bryony Higgs, Jessica Arnold, Faith Berry, Matilda Lewis, Isabella Rosine-Pinheiro, Leo Adderley, Himara Hawkins, Yaniv Kendall, Frances Black, Isen Chadwick, Elizabeth Cowley, Jasmine Mansell, Kathryn McCulloch, Olivia Sawyer, Isabelle Scott



and to last week's winners:

Noah Benson, Ned Herbert, Tia Shepherd, Daisy Ker, Isabella Mason, Noah Woolliscroft, Leo Hudson, Evie James, Olivia Wicks-Nash, Nicole Chan, Kathryn McCulloch, Isaac Slater, Kirsty Soffe, Theo Walkington



## Book Fair:

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Scholastic Book Fair; we raised £704.45. The school will now receive 100% commission, adding valuable resources to our school books.

## Oxfordshire School Games County Finals:

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, three tennis teams from The Blake School went to compete at the Oxfordshire School Games in Abingdon. All teams had qualified through previous competitions and were looking forward to this next challenge. All the players showed a huge amount of progress and improvement in their play, they battled hard and produced some skilful performances. Both our Year 3/4 team and our Year 5/6 team had some excellent wins and some very close games. They both managed to finish in 5<sup>th</sup> place, which is a superb achievement out of over 250 schools in Oxfordshire.

On the same day, The Blake School had another Year 4 team competing in a separate tennis competition; this team played a number of games against other schools. After the first round of games, the team had managed to get themselves into a good position; they then played a final game, eventually taking the silver medal. What a wonderful achievement.

### **Oxfordshire School Games County Finals:**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July, the Year 4 Quad Kids Athletics Team and the Year 3 Golf Team competed at the Oxfordshire School Games in Abingdon. Both teams had qualified through previous competitions.

The Quad Kids Team produced a very solid team performance, with all members achieving excellent results. They competed well and finally finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place, which is a fantastic achievement out of over 250 primary schools in Oxfordshire.

The Golfers continued their success from the qualifying round and showed excellent progress in their skills. They worked exceptionally hard together and managed to earn silver medals; a superb result.

Both teams showed great commitment and determination on an exceptionally hot day; we are very proud of you all. Well done.

### **Choir:**

The school choir have been performing at a number of summer events. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 sang at Newlands Nursing Home. They entertained the residents with a variety of songs and brought a smile to many faces. A huge thanks to Mrs Raven for coaching the children and organising all the events. Well done to the choir for working hard and making us proud.

### **Summer Fête:**

The Friends of The Blake School would like to thank everyone, who braved the heat and came along to support the summer fête. We raised an amazing £3052. It was very sad saying goodbye and thank you to Charlie Edwards, who has done a wonderful job chairing The Friends for several years.

### **Fundraising for Witney Foodbank:**

Two of our children are planning to climb Scafell Pike, England's highest mountain, and raise some money for charity whilst they do so! If you would like to donate to Witney Foodbank, the charity chosen by the children, please click on the following link:

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/harryandlily>

Thank you.

### **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.

### **Dates for your Diaries:**

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.**

### **Dog Incident:**

We have recently had an incident reported to us about a dog acting aggressively towards a child when it was tied up outside school. If you bring your dog to school at drop off or pick up time, please could we ask you to be mindful about where you tie it up, especially if you know it may behave aggressively towards strangers when unattended. Please could we ask all parents and carers to remind children that they should not approach dogs that are unsupervised.

### **Change for Life:**

Your child will bring home a pack for a fun summer exercise programme - Train Like a Jedi.

Dear Parents and Pupils,  
The Excel Tennis Academy and the Lower Windrush Tennis Club in Standlake would like to invite you to a day of **FREE tennis activities** on Sunday 22nd July, as part of the National Great British Tennis Weekend.

The day has lots of fun sessions for **Juniors and Adults** to get involved with.

You can book on as many of the sessions as you would like and all the tennis is FREE.

Everyone who books on and attends the day will go into our prize draw, with first place winning a FREE holiday course and second prize a FREE individual lesson. There will also be spot prizes and special offers on our holiday courses; details can be found on our website:

<http://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/holiday-courses>

There are sessions running from 10:30am - 1:30pm for every age group.

For more information on these sessions or to book your place please use this link:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Events/LowerWindrushTennisClub/3aed827b-310e-4f54-bdbe-7e8b360e3dce>

If you have any questions, please let me know and I would be very happy to help.

We look forward to seeing you on court soon.

Many thanks,

Edward Large

Head Coach

EXCEL TENNIS ACADEMY

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### Talking Space Plus:

Life can be stressful for parents and carers, especially during the long summer break. It is really important to take time to care for yourselves. TalkingSpace Plus is a free, confidential NHS service for adults in Oxfordshire, to help people when they are feeling stressed, anxious or low. TalkingSpace Plus provides a range of talking therapies and wellbeing activities. If you feel you would benefit from our service, please contact us directly on: **01865 901222** or visit: [www.talkingspaceplus.org.uk](http://www.talkingspaceplus.org.uk).

### Wise Bytes No. 5 - How can we protect our children from grooming and sexual abuse online?

Find a good time and place to start conversations with your child about internet use and safety.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> has short videos you can watch together as well as plenty of guidance for parents and carers.

Be careful with live streaming apps - children often do things in the heat of the moment and act on impulse without thinking of the consequences - just like offline. They may share personal information when asked or do things that, in another situation, they wouldn't do, such as share something private or even sexual.

Children like to have lots of friends and followers online, but they risk unwanted adult attention if they accept friend requests from people they don't know.

It might feel awkward to have these conversations, but your children will listen to you if you take the time and courage to broach these subjects.



## After School Kids Club

For kids aged 6 - 9 years

3.45— 5.00pm

Wednesday 18th July

Wonderful Wildlife

Arts and crafts, Games, Garden safari



## YOUTH PLATOON

For kids aged 10 + years

3.45— 5.00pm

Thursday 19th July

Your chance to meet the experts and handle the collections!



### No parents! Please book ahead!

<http://www.sofo.org.uk/whats-on/> 01993 810211

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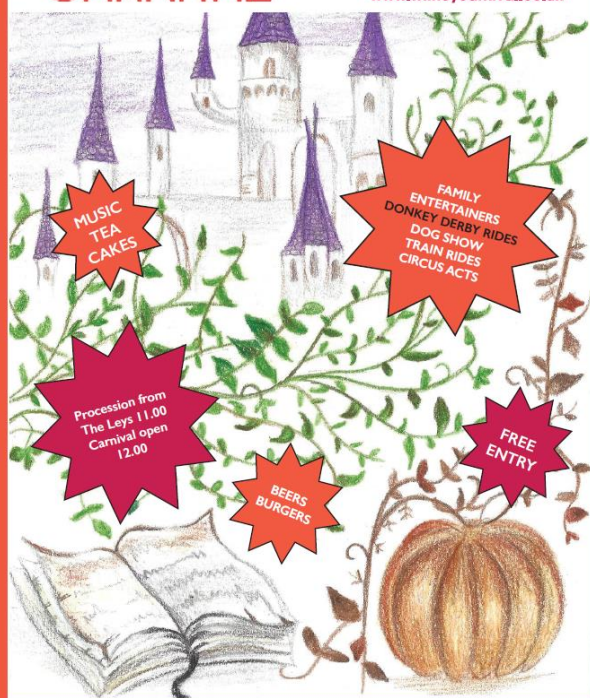




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