



# The Blake CE Primary School

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*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*

Value of the Month: Caring

Newsletter Term 1: 2019/20 (1)

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*It was lovely to see so many of you at the Curriculum meetings last week. I would like to thank the staff for giving up their time for these meetings and for the forthcoming Parents' Evenings. Please note that there are a few different dates for these consultations this term.*

*Tim Edwards-Grundy*

## Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

George, Erika, Rowan, Bella, Lucas, Roxy, Jessica,  
Charlie, Amelia, Hanna, Charlotte, Isabella



and to last week's winners:

Souhila, Teddy, George, Yasmin, Jake, Adriana,  
Thomas, Joe, Isabella, Libby, Reuben, Nathan



## Harvest Festival:

This year's Harvest Festival will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Once again, we would like to ask children to bring in donations of food items for our display that day. The food will then be given to the Besom Project in Witney, and any fresh produce will be sold at the end of the school day.

## Friends' AGM:

All parents and carers are warmly invited to the Friends' AGM in school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm. Do come along to find out what fund-raising ideas we are planning for the coming year and to offer any suggestions you may have.

## Quinta:

Please note that all forms for the Year 6 Quinta trip should have been returned to your child's teacher and that all payments should now have been made. If you have any queries, please do ask at the school office or catch your child's teacher at the end of the school day. Thank you.

### **RE and Art Week:**

This year we will be holding RE and Art Week commencing on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The theme this year is the new school vision: *Loving, learning and flourishing in community*. Each class will have an opportunity to visit the Prayer spaces at church during the week.

### **Parents' Evenings:**

Parents' Evenings this term are as follows:

**Reception:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 4 - 6pm  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 5 - 7pm

**Years 1-5:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-6pm  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 4.30-7pm

**Year 6:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 3.30-6pm  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 4.30-7pm

Please refer to the emails sent last week explaining when you will be able to book your appointments. If you are unable to make the times for your child's/children's teacher/s, please do speak with them at the end of the school day to arrange an alternative time.

### **Safeguarding for Children with a Medical Condition:**

If your child has an ongoing medical condition that requires school to hold medication for them, e.g. an inhaler, an epi-pen, antihistamine, we do ask that you please ensure that your child's class teacher has an up-to-date medical plan for your child and that the medication they have for your child is in date. Thank you.

### **Individual Education Plan (IEP) Meetings:**

If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), you will shortly be receiving an invitation for your first meeting of the academic year with Mrs Patchett, our new Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), and your child's class teacher.

### **School Uniform:**

The children all look very smart in their school uniform. We would like to remind you that school uniform is ordered on-line and can be delivered to school. A full list of our school uniform can be found on the school website, together with details of how to place your order online:

[http://www.blake.oxon.sch.uk/website/school\\_uniform/10507](http://www.blake.oxon.sch.uk/website/school_uniform/10507)

Please may we remind parents/carers to label school uniform clearly to assist us in finding the owner of any lost property. Thank you.

### **PE Uniform:**

Please can we ask you to ensure that your child has their PE kit in school all week. Thank you.

### **School Shoes:**

Please may we remind you that children need to wear black school shoes in school and that they need to have a pair of trainers with them every day for outdoor wear.

### **Bike Permits:**

Please may we remind you that children, who wish to ride their bikes to school, must now be issued with a bike permit, which should be attached to their bike. These permits can be obtained from the school office. You will need to obtain the new form from the office or download it from our website. Please return the completed form to the office, where your request will be processed. Your child will then be issued with their permit.

### **Breakfast and After School Clubs:**

Oxford Active runs our Breakfast Club from 7.50am and After School Club until 5.30pm daily. For more information, or to book a place for your child, please contact Oxford Active directly on 01865 594325, or e-mail them at [info@oxfordactive.co.uk](mailto:info@oxfordactive.co.uk).

A full list of our extra-curricular activities can be found on the school website:

<http://www.blake.oxon.sch.uk/website/clubs/393123>



## Dates for your Diaries:

Year 5 Greek Day - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Friends' AGM - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

Wood Green School Open Evening - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 5 - 7.30pm

Harvest Festival - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Book Fair - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September after school and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October before school

Individual and Family Group Photos for the

Whole School - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Quinta Residential - 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October

RE and Art Week - 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Autumn Term -

# Before School Judo Class

8:00 - 8:50am - Every Monday

Try the first session for free  
- Monday 16th Sep

Facebook and Instagram:  
@oxfordshirejudo



## Celebrate Car Free Day

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

3 guided rides into the centre of Witney

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult



Meet 10am at:

Route 1: Ducklington Duck Pond

Route 2: Deerpark, Edington Square

Route 3: Madley Co-op - then Cogges Farm at 10.15am

Arrive at Corn Exchange by 10.30am for refreshments, bike checks and the bubble bike!



# OXFORD LIEDER FESTIVAL

COMES TO

WALLINGFORD & WITNEY

13, 19 & 20 October 2019

## TALES OF BEYOND

MAGIC, MYTHS AND MORTALS

"Unmissable"  
London Evening Standard

FAMILY EVENTS  
PUPPETRY  
TALKS  
MUSIC AND SONGS

ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND

Oxford  
Lieder  
Celebrating Song

## COME AND SEE THESE LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOURSELVES!

Part of the 18th Oxford Lieder Festival, 11-26 October 2019

This world-famous classical music festival is all about words, music, and the magic that happens when they come together. For the first time, the Festival is expanding beyond Oxford itself for these exciting days in Wallingford and Witney: there's something for everyone!

### THE THOUGHT MACHINE

FAMILY CONCERT

A fun, participatory event for 6-11 year olds. Hand-formed shadow backdrops and a magical Thought Machine take our imagination anywhere... Dynamic ensemble SongSpiel, two singers, keyboard and master 'shadow-grapher' Drew Colby, introduce weird and wistful characters, from anxious Viking warriors to the superhero Hamster Man, inspired by Kate Wakeling's amazing and funny children's poems, with brilliant music by Cheryl Frances-Hoad.

### HAND PUPPETRY

WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Drew Colby gives a hand-shadow workshop to inspire children, following on from the Family Concert. Places are limited and booking is essential for both children and adults.

### SOUNDING OUT SONG

INTRODUCTORY TALK BY KATY HAMILTON

In this free talk, Katy Hamilton - a lively speaker for the BBC - gives tips on how best to enjoy 'art songs' in foreign languages, with fascinating background and cultural context helping to open this magical world to all.

### THE DOPPELGÄNGER

AN AFTERNOON SONG RECITAL

If you are new to the world of song, or love it already, this concert is a spine-tingling hour of great music-making, with two world-renowned performers. Swedish singer Maria Forsström and pianist Matti Hirvonen's programme lasts one hour, with music by Schubert, Mendelssohn, Fauré and others centring on mysteries of ghosts, graveyards, and the unsettling folklore of myths and magic, all captured by great poets and storytellers. Texts and translations of songs are provided, and the atmosphere is informal and welcoming.

TICKETS: [www.oxfordlieder.co.uk](http://www.oxfordlieder.co.uk)

01865 591276 (Mon - Fri 12pm - 5pm)

Or in person: Rapture, Witney and Just Trading,  
17 St Mary's St, Wallingford

### WALLINGFORD

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

Drama Studio, Wallingford Secondary School, St George's Road OX10 8HH

2.30pm - 3.15pm

THE THOUGHT MACHINE

Children FREE, Grown-ups £3

3.30pm - 4pm

SHADOW PUPPET WORKSHOP

Children & Grown-ups £3

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER

St Peter's Church, Thames Street, Wallingford OX10 0BH

3pm - 3.30pm / FREE

SOUNDING OUT SONG

4pm - 5pm / £10

THE DOPPELGÄNGER

### WITNEY

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

The Henry Box School, Church Green, Witney OX28 4AX

11am - 11.45am

THE THOUGHT MACHINE

Children FREE, Grown-ups £3

12pm - 12.30pm

SHADOW PUPPET WORKSHOP

Children & Grown-ups £3

High Street Methodist Church, Witney OX28 6HG

4pm - 4.30pm / FREE

SOUNDING OUT SONG

5pm - 6pm

THE DOPPELGÄNGER

£10/£8 Witney Music Society members

£5 under-35s / Free under-19s at door only

The audience are invited to meet the artists after this recital. Tea & biscuits will be available.