



Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection in February 2023.

The inspection was two days of intensive scrutiny that covered all aspects of our school safeguarding practices, our policies, professional standards, curriculum, educational offer and our leadership.

Blanche Nevile School continues to be a good school.

'From the early years, pupils learn that they can achieve highly and that their deafness is something to be proud of and celebrated.'

'All staff have an unrelenting focus on doing what is right for pupils.'

'Leaders, including governors, are providing pupils with a high quality education.'

'Pupils enjoy coming to this special school.'

'They feel safe and they are happy.'

Our report has now been published on the OFSTED website.

If you want to read it online, here is the link: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/25/102175>

It is also available on our website, here is the link: <https://blancheneville.org.uk/about-us/ofsted/>

We are all so pleased that Ofsted recognised our high quality provision as continuing to be a good school for deaf children.

The governing body, senior leadership and staff are absolutely delighted at the outcome of this inspection.

We are all thankful that you have also played a huge role in Blanche Nevile continuing to be a GOOD school.

Your efforts, sacrifice and support have played a large part in the school's ability to function at a high level throughout all the challenges over the last few years.

You are all part of the team that make our school what it is and with your help we continue to be a GOOD school.

I am so proud of our young people and feel truly blessed to work with them each day.

Best Regards



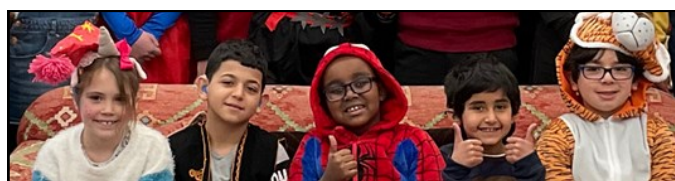
Martyn Rawlinson

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Blanche Nevile School

Simon's Class

Welcome to our Newsletter for Year 3 and Year 4 this term. Our topics this term were Race to the South Pole and Flight. We had a wonderful start to the term where Year 4 pupils went on an interactive flight simulation at the Science Museum. We donned some fabulously colourful costumes as we celebrated World Book Day! This term, we learned and wrote poetry to celebrate Mother's Day and continued to learn about poetry, learning about simile and rhyme, composing a wonderful poem, and celebrating World Poetry Day. This term has been wonderful with Deaf role model visitors in Stefano, Lucindha Lawson, Chanda Munir and Helen Farthing. We ended our term with a visit to Alexandra Palace to enjoy the ice rink, and experience the cold ice, just like how it is in Antarctica! I am so incredibly proud of the pupils as they performed in front of a packed audience of proud parents (I swear that I can see some of you crying as you watched your child perform on the stage!) and the enthusiastic children from our partner school, Highgate Primary School. The pupils gave their all on the stage and it was a day to remember! Unfortunately, the class also remembers all the staff slipping on the ice rink, which should be enough to keep them laughing throughout the holidays. From the team at Year 3 and Year 4, we wish you Ramadan Mubarak and a delightful Easter!



Rose's Class

Year 1 have had another fantastic half-term! We have learned all about toys and what they are made from. In science we tested different materials and in computing we took the toys apart with a screwdriver to see how they worked. We have a new favourite story in class: "Dogger" by Shirley Hughes. In maths Year 1 have been learning to measure and made quite a splash in our lessons on capacity! Year 1 did a fantastic job on stage, taking part in our huge celebration of Sign Language Week 2023 - Protect BSL and rounding off the half-term with a brilliant performance of the bedside toys story "While You Are Sleeping". Next term we are going to be learning about Amazing Architects.



Mae's Class

We had a lot of exciting things that happened this term! We went to Topsy Turvy which everyone enjoyed with lots of running, going down slides and exploring! We then celebrated British Sign Language Week and did an assembly for Highgate Primary School where we introduced them to our Deaf culture. A busy term for us all!



Conor's Class

What a half term Year 5 have had! In Literacy, we have been reading *The Butterfly Lion* by famous British author Michael Morpurgo. The book covered many themes of friendship, loyalty and overcoming the odds which Year 5 pupils have identified with most in this wide-ranging tale. In Maths, we have been recapping and practicing fractions looking at mixed numbers and improper fractions. In Science, we have been learning about different living things and their habitats. We had a go at propagating a spider plant and an aloe vera plant. Watch out for these plants taking over the school!

Year 5 pupils have taken up big roles when they performed dazzlingly in the whole school assembly to celebrate Sign Language Week 2023. They confidently covered all elements of Deaf history, culture and community through this year's theme 'Protecting BSL'. We are all incredibly proud of them! As part of the week-long celebration, we also had Lucindha Lawson visit us with European Deaf Futsal Championship trophy in tow. The pupils were gobsmacked at the size of the trophy and they were also elated to pose for photos with the trophy and gold medal and participate in football activities with Lucindha.



The Friends of Blanche Neville (registered charity 1173197) fundraises to provide facilities, experiences, and equipment for our children.

If you would like to fundraise for us, or have any questions about what we do please get in touch at friendsofblancheneville@gmail.com

Our current fundraising initiative is the London Landmarks Half Marathon – we have four amazing staff members running for us, all hoping to raise over £500 each.



SCAN ME!



Sarah's Class

Spring has sprung and we have had a busy half term in Year 6! We've covered a range of topics but one that stands out is our work linked to Sign Language Week. The Year 6 children took on their roles in the assembly with confidence and signed, danced and smiled amazingly as we practiced and performed to the whole of Highgate Primary. To say we were proud is an understatement. That week we had Deaf visitors and in our literacy lessons we focused on Deaf historical events. The children did some brilliant writing and we had great discussions. This happens every week but that week, with our amazing performance, was really special so one last HUGE well done to our super stars.

This half term, our science topic has been 'Electricity'. Our lessons have been hands on and we have been experimenting with circuits, insulators, conductors. It has been great fun and brilliant to learn by doing experiments ourselves. Our history topic has been 'The Swinging 60s' and we have been really enjoying exploring the music, fashion and flower power of the 60s. It's been a great half term but we are ready for the summer and our final term at primary school!



Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we have reached the end of another term. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parent Consultations and I'm sure you were all as proud as we are with the progress your children are making.

We have been busy this term and as well as all the trips, new topics and visitors we had a huge celebration for Sign Language Week. We're so please so many of you were able to join us for the assembly. It wonderful when we can all come together. Thank you too for all the contributions towards the Turkey and Syria Earthquake appeal.

We look forward to the Summer Term when we will enjoying our final term of this year.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Easter break and Ramadan Mubarak to all those celebrating! We wish our staff members running the half marathon to raise money this week-end for our school the very best. Good luck to Jo W, Emily S, Nick and Okan. We also wish Emily T the very best as she leaves us to permanently relocate to Wales and we wish her the very best as she awaits the arrival of her baby.

As always, thank you very much for your continued support.

Wishing you all the very best,

Kathryn
Interim Head of School



Important Dates

End of Spring 2 (Early Finish) School finished at 12.30pm	Friday 31st March 2023
Easter Holidays	3rd of April— 14th April 2023
Inset Day (School closed for pupils)	Monday 17th of April 2023
Start of Summer 1	Tuesday 18th of April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 1st of May 2023
The Coronation of King Charles (Bank Holiday School Closed)	Monday 8th of May 2023
Last day of Summer 1	Friday 26th of May 2023
Half term	29th—2nd of June 2023
Start of Summer 2	Monday 5th of June 2023