



Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

It has been lovely to return from maternity leave and be back as Headteacher of Blanche Nevile School! The children have given me a very warm welcome, with many questions about the baby. I am very thankful to Martyn Rawlinson for the work he did last year as Interim Head, and to Kathryn for her continued dedication to the school and I congratulate all of the team on last year's successful Ofsted inspection.

It has been a very busy first half term, with many trips and visits out as well as the recent Harvest assembly which I hugely enjoyed - I have been humming the Harvest Tango ever since!

It was lovely to see many of you at the recent Parent/Carer Consultations and at the Year 6 Transition Morning at secondary. As always, you are welcome to pop in and see me or call me with any queries about the school.

Best wishes,
Helen Taylor,
Headteacher

Simon's Class

We had a roaring start to our term, exploring several huge and tiny animals as part of our The Animal Kingdom theme. We had a special visit from Safari Pete, who showed us many animals and witnessed a snake having its dinner. We also had a lovely couple of trips this term, including a trip to the London Zoo, where we saw several animals and discussed their habitats and basic things to maintain survival. The children loved their trip to the zoo and used what they had learned to create special habitat dioramas that are on display in our classroom! We also had a special Wild Art Day organised by Isla, which was wildly successful as the children enjoyed creating several arts and crafts activities in the wild! The children have absolutely settled into their new academic year, classroom and staff, and we are excited to continue our journey together this academic year.



Mae's Class

It has been one busy first half term for our little ones! They have all been doing such a great job in settling in quickly, getting to know everyone and have made such lovely friendships in the class. We have been enjoying going to the allotment every week to see the fishes and frogs in the pond and check on the vegetables all around. We also went to Topsy Turvy which they have absolutely loved, going on slides and climbing everywhere! A fun half term for us all!



Rose's Class

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the year, showing they are responsible role models for the school. They have been writing poems and biographies about climbing Mount Everest and learning about hiking. They enjoyed speaking to deaf role model Ronan Dunne about his adventures climbing mountains too! In maths they've been learning to round numbers and count up to a million. They really enjoyed our trip to the woods for Wild Art Day, and performing in our Harvest Festival. The No-Screen Challenge proved a big success too, and Year 6 are becoming more sensible about using their iPads for a healthy amount of time. Wishing you all a lovely half-term break.



Conor's Class

Year 4 & 5 had an enriching half-term, immersing themselves in the fascinating world of Victorian life for both children and adults. Our journey began with an exploration of Charles Dickens' 'Oliver Twist', allowing us to step into Oliver's shoes and experience the stark realities of the workhouse and the bustling streets of London.

In our maths lessons, we looked at the importance of place value, enabling us to grasp the real value of numbers, extending our understanding up to three digits. Meanwhile, in science, we embarked on a captivating study of the human life cycle. We delved into the development of infants and compared the gestation periods of humans with those of other animals.

A highlight of this half-term was our remarkable field trip to the Ragged School Museum, where we had the privilege of joining our mainstream classes. As we approach the conclusion of this first autumn term, we eagerly anticipate a well-deserved break and the opportunity to embrace the second autumn term with the warmth and cheer of the festive season.



Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome back all of the children to a new school year at Blanche Nevile school and what a busy time they have had!

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to join us for our parent/teacher consultations this week. I'm sure you all appreciate the hard work of our school team and enjoyed listening to the updates from your child's class teacher. We are very proud of all of your wonderful children!

It was lovely to see so many of you join us for our recent Wild Art Day in Highgate Woods as well as the wonderful Harvest celebrations. Thank you too for the kind contributions which will be going to our local food bank.

BSL lessons for families are continuing to happen via Zoom or in person so please do sign up if you haven't already. As always, thank you very much for your continued support and I hope you and your families have a lovely break over half term.

Best wishes,

Kathryn

Head of School



Sarah's Class

It has been one busy half term in Year 1. We have had a big focus on language: learning new vocabulary, communicating with different adults and peers, constructing sentences and discussing emotions. We have done this in a range of ways, through stories in literacy lessons, through art activities, cooking activities and of course, structured play.

We have all settled into our new classroom really well and are becoming more and more aware of the expectations in Year 1. It's been a great half term but we are ready for a rest so we can come back and continue our learning.



Important Dates

Last Day of Autumn 1	Friday 20th of October
HALF TERM	Monday 23rd of October— Friday 27th of October
STAFF INSET Day (School Closed to pupils)	Monday 30th of October
Start of Autumn 2	Tuesday 31st of October
ChickenSHED Christmas Show	Friday 8th of December
Last Day of Autumn 2 (Early Closure)	Thursday 21st of December 12.30pm Close
Christmas Holidays	Friday 22nd of December— Tuesday 9th of Jan 2024
STAFF INSET DAY (School Closed to pupils)	Monday 8th of Jan 2024

Year 6 Open Day at Secondary!

