



## Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

For such a short term, it has been jam-packed!

There have been many Learning outside the Classroom activities including trips to the cinema, museums, bowling and soft play. We were even joined by Frank Barnes for an in-house performance of 'Can Bears Ski?' - a book written by a Blanche Nevile alumni!

This week, we have been focusing on Safer Internet Week and learning more about keeping ourselves safe. Soon, we will be welcoming parents and carers to school to learn more about the work that we have been doing in this area.

We were thrilled to welcome our new Wellbeing and Mental Health Worker this half term, and she has settled in wonderfully and our children are really enjoying their sessions.

We have also been joined by a wonderful teacher, Karen, who has been helping us whilst Sarah Mackey is on her Teacher of the Deaf placement - welcome, Karen!

Everyone has coped admirably with the ups and downs of the weather, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back after the half term break - when hopefully we will start to see some more sun!

Best wishes,  
**Helen Taylor**  
Headteacher

### Simon's Class

We had a smooth start aboard our Blanche Nevile Express for our term as we learned all about transport! We had a lot of fun this term as we joined Year 1 to attend a ten-pin bowling competition with other deaf children from different schools, organised by the Panathlon Challenge. We also loved the performance of Deafinitely Theatre's Can Bears Ski at Blanche Nevile and meeting other deaf children from Frank Barnes School. We will end our term with an exciting huge trip with 2EH, our mainstream class, experiencing the underground, the sea and the skies of London as we take on various public transport. On behalf of the Year 2&3 team, we hope our children have learnt enough about public transport to start guiding their families on how to get to a destination using public transport, and thank you for your wonderful support.



### Mae's Class

A short but busy half-term it was! We did lots of exploring, lots of crafts linked to fairy tales, and lots of fun role-play! We also went to soft play which the children all had a great time and it was such a lovely treat for them all after working so hard this term.



### Rose's Class

Year 6 have had a fantastic half term learning all about the Human Body. They particularly enjoyed their trip to Europe's oldest surviving operating theatre, where they learned about Victorian surgery and took turns lying on the original operating table! Did you know, amputations used to take an average of 2 minutes to perform?! Yuck! In maths Year 6 have been learning to find the difference, in science they have been learning about organs and the circulatory system, and in PSHE they have been learning about internet safety and coding using Scratch. In art they have been learning about inventor Leonardo Da Vinci and his famous painting, the Mona Lisa. Year 6 have also been showing their readiness for secondary school by being more independent in class, helping others and being great role models in their learning. Well done Year 6! Next term we will be stepping back in time to the Swinging 60s... Have a lovely half term break everyone.



## Conor's Class

Year 4 and 5 pupils have embarked on an exciting new topic this term: 'Our Place in Space'. To kick off the topic, pupils transformed into a living Solar System, with each child representing a different planet, and participated in simulations mimicking astronaut training. This imaginative exercise helped them envision what life would be like aboard the International Space Station, observing Earth from above.

In Literacy, we delved into the Space Race and explored biographies of renowned astronauts. Our Maths sessions were filled with extensive practice in multiplication and division, reinforcing essential numerical skills. Science lessons focused on understanding the movements of Earth and other planets in relation to the Sun within our Solar System.

Culminating the term on a high note, Year 4 and 5 pupils enjoyed a captivating visit to the Science Museum. We toured the Space Gallery and went to the IMAX Cinema to watch 'A Beautiful Planet', an experience that vividly brought our term's theme to life.



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have enjoyed another busy half term at Blanche Nevile Primary.

It has been wonderful to see our pupils go on a number of trips and visits to support their learning in class as well as hosting the special performance of 'Can Bears Ski?' alongside pupils from Frank Barnes School.

Well done to our KS1 pupils who competed in their first Panathlon bowling competition this year. As always, they represented us proudly and more importantly had a great day!

After half term we have a number of exciting events to look forward to such as World Book Day, BSL Recognition Day and Sign Language Week. We are also looking forward to inviting you all in for Parent/ Teacher Consultations to see the amazing work your children have been covering in school. Please keep a look out for any letters.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Half Term break.

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

Wishing you all the very best,

Kathryn

Head of School

## Sarah's Class

We had a wondrous start to our half term, where we learned about the weather! The children have enjoyed learning new vocabulary about the weather, putting on clothes suitable for a specific weather and discussing what to wear, eat and do in a specific weather. We enjoyed making our wind chimes in a fun art session. We had a lot of fun this term as we joined Year 2&3 to attend a ten-pin bowling competition with other deaf children from different schools, organised by the Panathlon Challenge. We also loved the performance of Deafinitely Theatre's Can Bears Ski at Blanche Nevile and meeting other deaf children from Frank Barnes School. We will end our term with an exciting performance on Friday afternoon with our mainstream class at 1TB. On behalf of the Year 1 team, we cannot wait for more brighter and warmer days coming soon and thank you for your support.



## Important Dates

End of Spring 1 Term	Friday 9th of Feb 2024
Spring 1 Half Term	Monday 12th of Feb— Friday 16th of Feb 2024
Start of Spring 2	Monday 19th of Feb 2024
Deaf Sports Day (KS2)	Thursday 21st of Feb 2024
End of Spring 2 Term	Thursday 28th of March 2024 (Early finish 12.30pm)
Easter Holidays	Friday 29th of March— Friday 12th of April 2024
INSET DAY (School Closed to pupils)	Monday 15th of April 2024
Start of Summer 1 Term (School open to pupils)	Tuesday 16th of April 2024

