



## Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

It's been yet another exciting half term! From filming children's programmes to Gladiators visiting school, it's been a social whirl for the children. There have also been exciting and unusual opportunities outside of school. Being a Ninja warrior would be exciting for any child and everyone had fun on their day out. Blanche Nevile believes deeply in providing an enriching experience for all its pupils, providing them with a range of unforgettable experiences.

This is also a slightly sad moment for me as I step back from the interim headship and support the new Co-Headteachers in a different way next half term. It has been a joy to lead the school, however briefly but I am also very excited by what comes next. Blanche Nevile is entering a new phase in its history with its own Ninja warriors leading the way!

Jo Davey

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Interim Headteacher

### Conor's Class

Year 1 have had a fantastic half term learning all about the weather! They explored different types of weather and seasons, using *Maisy's Wonderful Weather Book* to inspire their literacy work. They have also read and discussed a variety of weather poems, helping them to develop their vocabulary and appreciation for descriptive language. In maths, the pupils continued to focus on place value, improving their confidence in counting, ordering and comparing numbers. In science, the pupils learned about all about different animal groups, focusing on mammals, birds and reptiles. The highlight of the term was the incredible collaboration with composer Kate Stiltz, where the pupils worked together to create a spectacular Weather Performance! Through music and movement, they brought their learning to life in a creative and engaging way. Well done Year 1 for an amazing half term!



### Amelia's Class

This half term, we have been exploring exciting adventures and journeys - we have travelled by bus, boat and rocket to amazing places, including the moon and the North Pole. These adventures were based on the stories of *Whatever Next*, *The Bus is For Us*, *A Wild Walk to School* and *The Great Explorer*. We have been practising our turn-taking and sharing skills; we took it in turns to play the bus driver, to steer the boat, and we are getting better every day at waiting for our turn to choose a fruit at snack time. We are very proud of how confidently the children are communicating with their teachers and their classmates, both in BSL and in English. We have continued to visit the allotment every Monday to enjoy time in nature. Our favourite thing has been walking around the allotment with our wheelbarrows and collecting rocks, sticks and water. Along the way, we have spotted many birds, a fox and lots of different flowers. We can't wait for our next visit on the first Monday back: a mud tea party awaits!



### Jodie's Class

In Year 3, we've had such a fantastic time learning all about the Ancient Egyptians! This topic has really helped strengthen our understanding of timelines and where different historical periods fit, including the Stone Age and beyond. We made our own canopic jars and baked Egyptian flatbread with our mainstream partner class, it was such a lovely shared experience. We also delivered a lively class assembly, and I couldn't have been prouder. The children did brilliantly! They have grown so much in confidence this term and are absolutely shining, definitely future stars in the making!



## Simon's Class

In Year 2, our topic has been all about Transport! We looked at the different types of transport by air, land and water, and we've learned lots of new and interesting names and signs for different vehicles. We've also been busy making our own models of transport using junk materials. The children developed their cutting skills, problem-solving, creativity and thinking skills, and had lots of fun in the process!

In Literacy, our text focus was the lovely wordless book, 'The Journey'. This has helped to strengthen the children's imaginations, encouraging them to think creatively and tell their own stories. We have even written and illustrated our own short books, which the children were very proud of!



Dear Parents & Carers,

It feels strange writing this newsletter which will be my last in my current role as Head of School. Please be reassured, that I will still be here after half term just with a different role as I begin my co-headship with Laila Doobeh. We are both looking forward to the next exciting chapter for our wonderful school.

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.

We also hosted a visit by the NDCS with their new CEO, George Crockford, alongside the deaf Gladiator, Jodie Ounsley. This was part of Hasbro's Peppa Pig recent storyline of the family finding out George is deaf. Our children were the first to watch the special upcoming episodes and were interviewed to give their views. It has been shared widely across various platforms and I think you'll agree our pupils, as always, did us proud. They have also been gifted the latest George toy before they are available to buy!

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

It's been another fun half term in Year 4, 5 and 6 and something we have worked really hard on is classifying. In science, we have been looking at living things and their habitats and we created our own classification charts to separate and group animals. It took us some time to understand each question had to be a yes or no answer, for example: can it live underwater? But, with lots of practise, in teams we created superb scientific classification charts.

This half term we've also loved our Romans topic - there are lots of videos of us acting out important parts of the Roman and British history on Seesaw so if you haven't watched them, please do, we know you'll agree we make fantastic warriors and gladiators!

Lastly, a big thank you to Jodie for organising our Ninja Warrior trip this week. Years 3 - 6 challenged themselves physically and had great fun with their peers. What a great way to end the half term! Again, please look at Seesaw for pictures and videos of the Blanche Nevile ninjas!!



## Important Dates

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| <b>End of Spring 1 2026</b>   | <b>Friday 13th Feb</b>                      |
| <b>Half term</b>              | <b>Monday 16th—20th of Feb</b>              |
| <b>Start of Spring 2 2026</b> | <b>Monday 23rd of Feb</b>                   |
| <b>Last day</b>               | <b>Friday 27th March<br/>-early closing</b> |
| <b>Easter holidays</b>        | <b>Monday 30th March-13th April</b>         |
| <b>Start of Summer 1 2026</b> | <b>Tuesday 14th April</b>                   |
| <b>BN Family Day!</b>         | <b>Friday 12th of June 2026</b>             |