

# Blackrod Primary School Newsletter



20th September 2024

## Leigh Leopards Rugby League Visit



We were very excited to welcome Brad Dwyer (Player) and Mike Smaill (General Manager) to School. The children attended an assembly and listened to Brad and Mike talk about Super League and their team Leigh Leopards.



Brad talked about his career in Rugby League and how he began playing when he was four years old. They discussed sport and its role in keeping our minds and bodies healthy. Our children were excellent and asked lots of insightful questions.

Thank you to both Mike and Brad for taking the time to come and visit Blackrod. Leigh Leopards play St. Helen's this evening, Good Luck to Brad and the Leigh Leopards.

## Diary Dates

**Book Fair and Book Swap Shop – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Youth Council Meeting – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Full Board Governors Meeting – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September (All welcome)

**Poet Ian Bland visit – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Tex Mex School Lunch Theme Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**Autumn Calendar of events has been sent**

\*\*Please note DaVinci Assembly 29.11.24 Gauguin Assembly date TBC\*\*

## Key Stage Weekly Updates

Please see our Key Stage weekly updates from your class teachers and teaching assistants

**EYFS** We have had a fantastic second week in Picasso! This week we have enjoyed learning about our families we have been celebrating people in our families and looking at what makes families unique. We have learned about diversity in families - how everyone is different, but every family is special! We have loved exploring this with the story, 'Elmer' by David McKee in our Favourite 5 story time. Next week, in maths we will be focusing on matching, sorting and comparing. In literacy we will read 'The Gingerbread Man'. In our project, we will learn all about 'My World': what is in our area and how it may be different from others. If you would like to send in a picture of your child's special place via Tapestry, we will share these in class and create a 'My World' page in our big book.

**Reminders: All wellies, PE kits and waterproofs need to be in school next week. Please support your child to get dressed independently at home. Please ensure all personal items have clear name labels.**

**KS1** We have had another fantastic week in KS1! We have continued our work on Place Value in Maths and have enjoyed using Rekenrek's to help with our number fluency. In English, we have been finding out about the characters in our class texts. We have also enjoyed finding out about our body and using our five senses in Science. Please encourage your child to practice their spellings this week, ahead of next week's spelling tests. Spellings are given out on Friday and are tested the following Friday. Your child will also have a reading book linked to their phonics group – please ensure that they are reading this frequently to develop fluency and are bringing this into school every day. Children will be given their new reading diaries as soon as they arrive. Reminders: The Book Fair will be in school next week, children can bring their money in a named envelope. We will be completing a book swap shop throughout the week so please bring any unwanted books by Friday.

**LKS2** have continued with their Place Value topic in Maths this week - with Year 3 working with numbers up to 1,000 and Year 4 up to 10,000. Year 3 have begun their journey of learning Spanish this week! This will continue every year throughout their time at Blackrod Primary School. This week's lesson has been greetings in Spanish. Year 4 will be progressing this year on the Spanish knowledge from the previous year. The key stage has been learning about the different types of teeth and their functions in Science, and continued to develop their athletics and football skills in PE.

**UKS2** We have had another busy week in UKS2. In science have been learning about the life cycles of creatures who go through metamorphosis and in geography we have been finding out about the climate of Eastern Europe and comparing to our own. We have continued our work about place value in maths and in music we have started learning how to drum! In Spanish we have been revising greetings and explaining how we feel. Please note all children have received their spelling frame password - please ask if you have not received yours. Reminder: the expectation for reading is to read and sign the reading diary at least 3x per week.

## Celebrations

### Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of our certificate winners!

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#### Head Teacher's Awards

**EYFS:** Billy and Joseph

**KS1:** Keymi, Bethany and Paige

**LKS2:** Amelia, Noah and Arabella

**UKS2:** Charlie, Amelia and Poppy

#### Blackrod Values Awards – Learning

**EYFS:** Ayda and Charlie

**KS1:** Leo, Henry and Rose

**LKS2:** Harrison, Ethan and Theo

**UKS2:** Elsie, Marcie and Eva

### Celebrations

Children who are celebrating their birthday can come to school in their non-uniform birthday clothes. If their birthday falls on a weekend, children can come in non-uniform on the Friday or following Monday.

If children are celebrating a religious festival at home, they can come to school in their celebration clothes on that day

### Achievements from home

If your child has taken part in an event or have been presented with a certificate, medal or trophy. Please send them into School on Wednesday so we can celebrate their achievement. If they don't have an item or photograph to show, please write a short note detailing what they have done.

I visit each class and children can share their awards/achievements their teachers, their classmates and me and will receive a special sticker for their achievement.

## General Information and Updates

### Free Licenses for Quistodo

This is parental controls for parents on their children's **personal** devices.

This is a system which allows parents to apply parental controls onto children's accounts for free for twelve months. Please find a link below which explains the features.

<https://www.qustodio.com/en/features/>

We have a small number of premium licenses to give away. If you would like to request one, please email [office@blackrod.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackrod.bolton.sch.uk) Devices License. They will be allocated on a first come/first serve basis.

All of our families can access Quistodo Basic for free

### Flu Vaccination – Nasal spray

Please find below the Intra Health link for our school's E-consent form for flu vaccinations, the link will close on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/6ba2fb40>

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### Pastoral Pop in

Mrs Wilson will be running her pastoral pop in sessions on Wednesday's at lunchtime. If children would like to attend, they are very welcome to do so. Mrs Wilson offers mindfulness strategies and activities and also is there to talk to children if they want to share anything.

### Contact Details

If you have made any changes to your personal contact details - Mobile phone number, email or address, please can you ensure that the School office have been notified either by email ([office@blackrod.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackrod.bolton.sch.uk)) or visiting the office.

### Football Team Trials

Miss Bostock is running a trial for the school football team on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at lunch time. Please send your child to school with a kit if they wish to take part. The team chosen will represent school at the Chorley SSP cluster competition.



### BBC 500 Words Competition

Blackrod Primary School would like to invite you to enter an exciting '500-word short story' competition led by BBC.

There will be two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds.

All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less.

The closing date for entries is Friday 8 November at 9pm.

To find out more about the competition including how to enter, please visit: [Information page: 500 Words 2024 - BBC Teach](#)

**Understanding Operation Encompass** We are an operation Encompass school. If you have any concerns regarding domestic abuse, please contact a member of our safeguarding team at school. Alternatively, there is information in the links below which can help signpost you to a service who can support. *Operation Encompass aims to reduce the long-term impacts of domestic abuse by providing early intervention and support.*

*When the police attend incidents of domestic violence or abuse where children are directly or indirectly involved, they notify the designated safeguarding lead at the child's school before the start of the next school day. The safeguarding lead then makes sure the child gets the immediate support that they need.*

*The programme operates in all police forces in the UK. It is available for every school in every police force. Where police forces have the capacity, they include registered nurseries, pre-schools and childminders. For further information please see links below.*

[Home : Operation Encompass](#) or [Operation Encompass | Greater Manchester Police \(gmp.police.uk\)](#)