



Blackrod Primary School Newsletter

7th October 2024



Income related free school meals can be given to your child in any year at school. If you get any of the benefits below, you can claim free school meals:

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance Income based
- Employment Support Allowance Income related
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as your letter shows you have an income of less than £16,190 and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your earned income must be less than £7,400 a year

To apply, please click the link below or search 'Free School Meals' on the Bolton Council website.

[Housing and benefits: Apply for free school meals and school clothing allowance \(verintcloudservices.com\)](https://www.verintcloudservices.com)

If you need any support applying, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us at school.



M&S | YOUNGMINDS

Young Minds

We will be completing activities on Thursday linked to 'Young Minds' and 'World Mental Health Day' including National Literacy Trust **Take 10**, which is a campaign to promote wellbeing through the benefits of reading and 'Doodle what makes you happy' If children wish to wear an item of yellow clothing or accessory on Thursday they are welcome to do so but it is not a requirement or a non-uniform day. If children wish to bring in a favourite pen/pencil to do their 'doodles' they

are also welcome to do so.



OPAL - Wellies

We are now in autumn and the weather varies from day to day. Children need to have wellies in school in order to be able to use the field and access the OPAL areas at lunchtime. Whilst we have a small selection of donated wellies, we don't have enough for the amount of children currently asking to borrow them. Please send a pair of wellies to be kept in school so that your child is able to access all of the outdoor provision during lunchtime and after school club outdoor sessions. Wellies are stored in the poly tunnel so children are able to access them easily, we don't keep wellies in the classroom. We welcome all donations of wellies in both children's and adult sizes.

Diary Dates

World Mental Health Day/Young Minds - Thursday 10th October

School Nurse Team Y6 Visit - Friday 11th October

Times Table Rock Stars Day - Tuesday 15th October

Firefighter Visit - Wednesday 16th October

Flu immunisation and Extra-Curricular Clubs finish - Friday 18th October

See Autumn Calendar of events

Key Stage Weekly Updates

EYFS We have had busy week! This week we have enjoyed learning about 'Healthy Living'. We have discussed healthy foods and we have designed our own soup! We then created our very own pumpkin soup we were busy scooping and cutting up the pumpkin. We tired our soup for our snack with some bread! We have loved exploring this with the story, 'Six Dinner Sid' by Inga Moore in our Favourite 5 story time. Our literacy text 'The Gingerbread Man' has made us go on a hunt for some initial sounds! Such as MASDT! In Maths we have been comparing size, mass and capacity. We used the story of the three bears to aid our discussion and used vocabulary such as bigger, biggest, big, small, smallest and smaller.

Chatter bags - these are sent home with different children and they select 3 special items from home they would like to share with their class. To support our discussion for our project, if you are able to, please upload any baby photos of your child which you would like to share. In your child's reading diaries at the start of each week, the sounds your child needs to practice will be stuck in. Please practise these at home. We will be sending out videos soon to support you with phonics learning at home.

KS1 We have a lovely week in KS1. We particularly enjoyed the visit from poet, Ian Bland. With help from Ian we wrote our own poems and enjoyed a special poetry workshop. We have been finding out about the 5 main food groups in Science and how they contribute to a healthy diet. In Geography we have been learning about cities, towns and villages. Year 2 have been given times tables to practice. These will be tested in 3 weeks. Please continue to 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.

LKS2 have had a super week. We have had a visit from poet Ian Bland in school on Wednesday, and LKS2 have wrote some excellent Kenning style poems in pairs. Some children were also selected to share them to the rest of the school in assembly at the end of the day! In Science, we have completed an investigation into the effects that different liquids have on our teeth. This involved leaving eggs soaking in various liquids, such as Coca Cola, water, energy drink and vinegar, then scrubbing the eggs 3 days later to find out which liquid came off the most/least. In Geography, we went on a walk around of the school grounds in preparation to draw our own maps of the school grounds, including creating a suitable map key.

UKS2 We've had another busy week in UKS2. Mahlangu have been investigating Micro:Bits for their design technology project and we have been learning about what happened at Chernobyl in Geography. In maths Y6 have been exploring long division and Y5 have been perfecting their rounding skills. All the children have been writing extended pieces about their class books and have shown how much they are enjoying them! We had a super poetry workshop with Ian Bland and created some super poems, some of which Ian chose to be performed to the whole school! Y6 have brought home their LBQ home learning password in their reading diaries and have a piece of maths home learning to complete (www.lbq.org or download the free app) **Reminders: please ensure your child has their PE kit, including outdoor kit, in school Monday-Friday.**

Celebrations and General Updates

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of our certificate winners!

4th October 2024

Head Teacher's Awards

EYFS: Rosie and Amy

KS1: Yana, Rueben and Oliver

LKS2: Callum, Nancy and Oliver

UKS2: Daisy, Reuben and Jax

Blackrod Values Awards – Aspiration

EYFS: Harry and Lily

KS1: Thomas, Edie and Edie

LKS2: Joel, Zak and Jonah

UKS2: Mia, Lylah and Caitlyn

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



PTFA Upcoming Events (Further details to follow)

Christmas Markets – Friday 29th November 3.30pm onwards

Selection Box Bingo – Tuesday 3rd December 6.30pm

Christmas Hamper Raffle – Ongoing throughout December

Events funded by the PTFA for our children – Christmas parties (see calendar of events for dates) and Breakfast with Santa 9.30pm on Friday 20th December

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.quistodo.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 Devices License. They will be allocated on a first come/first serve basis.

All of our families can access Quistodo Basic for free.

If you have already requested a license, it will be sent to you this week.

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 14th October 2024

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