

Newsletter

If you work really hard and you are always kind, amazing things will happen!

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THANK YOU!

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for your continued support. We have had a very eventful year so far and the children have all worked really hard. You should be very proud of them!

Please take time to read about some of the activities that have taken place this term.

Thank you again for your support

Mr Hughes - Headteacher



DEBATE MATE

PARENT/CHILD LIBRARY SESSIONS



BLACKLEY WAY TRADING CARDS

EVENTS THIS TERM!

DEBATE MATE

This year, our Year 5 and 6 children have been taking part in debate mate sessions. Each week we are visited by top university students who are inspirational peer mentors for our children. The mentors run after-school debate clubs where children get the chance to develop key 21st century employability skills and positive character attributes. It really is amazing to see our children debating important topics with skill and dexterity. This term the children were involved in a Regional Debating tournament with other Manchester schools. Our children won 2 of the debates on the day! Well done!

WORLD BOOK DAY

For world book day this year, the children were given the challenge of creating their favourite book characters using peg dolls. We received some amazing entries! The children really demonstrated their creativity. I think parents enjoyed getting involved with this initiative to. Please check out our website where you can see a video of all the dolls that were made. They will soon make their way to the front reception too.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

To celebrate British Science week, the children learned about where they see connections in their everyday lives. They learned that the world is full of connections - connections in their bodies, connections with other people and other countries, connections to other planets, connections between different animals in their habitats and even electrical connections.

We invited visitors into school to talk about how important connections are in their jobs, the children had great fun with Christine and Michelle from the Department of Work and Pensions who played the game of Careers Bingo (which is similar to Catch Phrase) with the them. The children had to guess the job role and think about all the connections within that role

Fujitsu also came in to speak with our Year 6 pupils during Science Week. They explained how messaging works; the process from sending a message to receiving one and how the stages ensure that the messages are not harmful. The representatives also spent some time with the Year 6 talking about their pathway into their chosen career.

PARENT LIBRARY SESSIONS

The bi-weekly library sessions continue to be a success with many families coming to the sessions which happen straight after school every other Thursday. The library will continue to open in the summer term. Please feel free to come back with your child and loan a book from our well-stocked library space

TRADING CARDS

This term we introduced our Blackley Way Trading Cards. This has become a very popular part of our rewards culture. Children receive unique cards with various characters from popular culture and history whenever they demonstrate the school values of Work Hard, Be Kind, Look Smart, Think Smart! Ask your child about their collection!

Attendance

We encourage all children to have excellent attendance at E-ACT Blackley Academy.

This Term we have managed to raise our attendance above the national average. We would like to thank all our families for working hard to ensure children attend school every day.

Regular school attendance brings enormous benefits to individual pupils, their families, schools and the community as a whole. Without regular attendance, levels of attainment suffer and opportunities are missed to obtain maximum benefit from education.

Persistent absence and lateness will affect a child's achievement and progress in school. Comprehensive research shows that there is a direct link between a child's level of school attendance and their level of school attainment.

As a parent it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child receives a suitable full-time education. It is your responsibility that your child attends school each day and is on time.

It is important to set the expectation of good attendance right from the beginning of school so children grow up with 'good habits'

What happens if we are worried about your child's school attendance?

Good attendance is 95% or more, if attendance is below 90% the child is classified as 'persistently absent' from school and this will have a negative impact on the child's learning.

If we have concerns about your child's attendance, we will contact you so that we can offer support and work together to make sure your child's attendance is good.

Change of Teachers

In the new term, there will be some staffing changes as some of our teachers move on to new and exciting opportunities in their careers.

Year 3

Miss Adams has recently made a move to a school in Scotland and we wish her all the best in her future. Our Year 3 class will now be taken by Miss Nuttall who is returning from maternity leave. Miss Nuttall is an experienced teacher across all key stages and is really excited to be taking up her new role with this class.

Hazel Hub

Miss Lamb will also be leaving us in the summer term to start a new career in a different field of education. It is a really exciting opportunity for Miss Lamb and we wish her good luck in her new venture. The new Hazel Hub teacher will be Mrs Sykes. Mrs Sykes is an extremely experienced teacher and is one of our school leaders. She is looking forward to working with our Hazel Hub children in the Summer Term.

Year 5

The Academy would like to welcome Mr Burns to the team who will be taking on Year 5 Beach. Mr Burns is a Lead Practitioner who has many years of experience improving outcomes for children across Manchester and across the world. We are very lucky to have Mr Burns as the newest member of the E-ACT Blackley Academy team.

