



Blaise Primary & Nursery School Newsletter - Autumn 2 2023

We have had a great start to the new school term!

It has been fantastic to see all the children coming back to school with such enthusiasm and curiosity.

We have an exciting and busy term ahead. Please check our diary dates towards the bottom of our newsletter

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Message from Mr Bonaddio -Term 2



The children have settled quickly into their new routines and as always, they are approaching learning, and school life, with a great deal of determination and positivity. There are countless opportunities to praise the children for producing amazing individual pieces of learning, working well

together, or for showing amazing acts of kindness. This will always be one of the many joys of my job!

Thank you so much for attending this week's Parent/Carer evening. We are really excited to have had such a fantastic uptake, because we know how much we can achieve together. If you any of you were unable to attend, please make contact with the school office to set up a meeting.

Mrs Barlow and I met with our newly formed School Council members on the bus. Their enthusiasm is wonderful. The children are proud to be an active part of our school community.

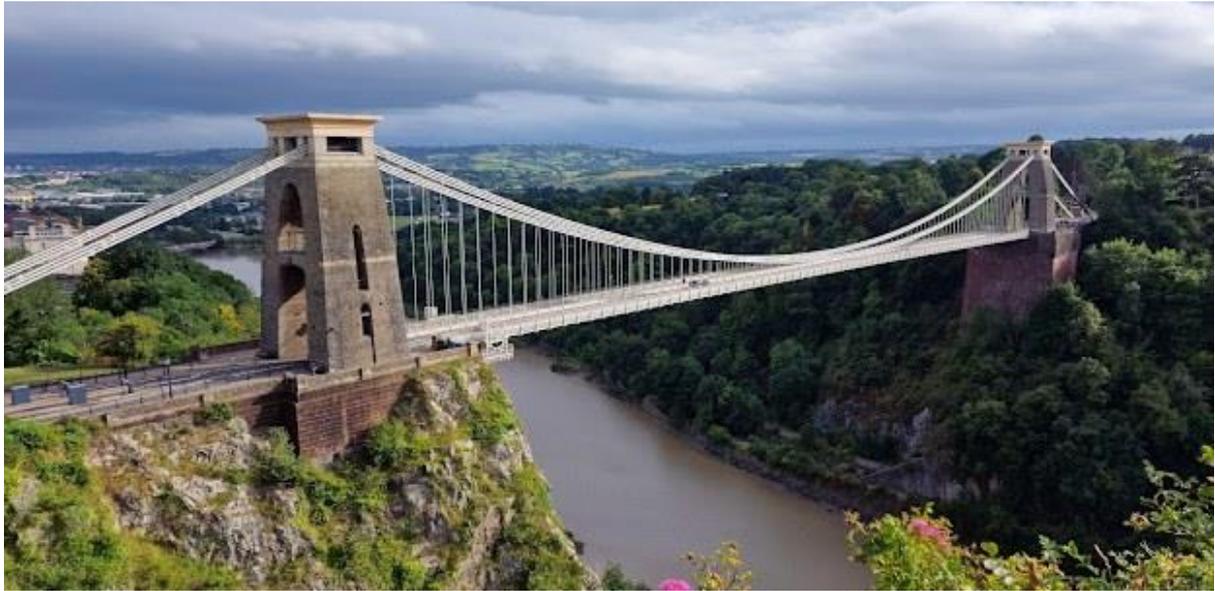
Our School Council Members



Our school council has been announced. Here they are having their very first meeting on the school Bus. So far they have been tasked with:

- designing a new school logo,
- accompanying the school site manager on a health and safety walk around the school
- How we can best use the bus.

Year 2 trip to Clifton Suspension Bridge



Year 2 visited Clifton suspension bridge on Friday 10th November. We explored the museum downstairs and completed some fun quizzes. We learnt more about Brunel, Bristol and the history of postcards and made some of our own. A fun day was had by all.

Year 6 WW2 Evacuee Day





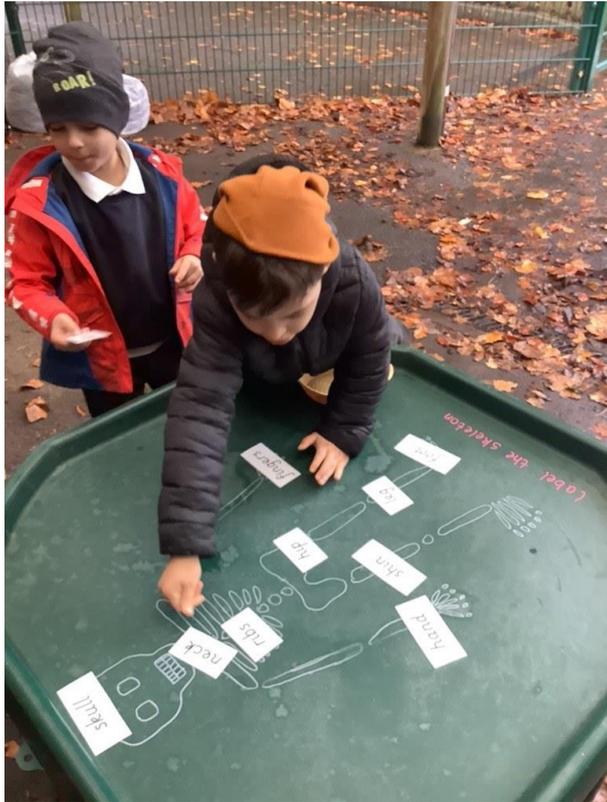


Our WW2 learning came alive when the children put themselves in the shoes of an evacuee. We had an exciting day imagining that we were evacuees. We wore labels and identity cards and had them on all day! We went to visit an Anderson shelter and tried to better understand what it would have been like to have been in the Blitz.

We also made WW2 planes!

Year 1

In Year 1 this term we are learning about the human body and our senses. This week we have been reading labels and matching them to the correct parts of a skeleton.



Year 4 Scooter Experience Day



Year 4 had a great scooter Experience day. The children got to try out lots of new stunts. However their favourite part of the experience was Ms Thorn lying down on the hall floor and the stunt man doing a back flip on his scooter over her. We hope that all the children feel more confident keeping themselves safe when riding.

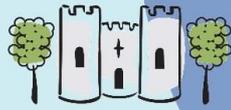
Year 5 BMX Experience Day

Year 5 enjoyed a BMX experience day. One of the best parts about riding BMX is that you have a small enough bike to add in a load of fun tricks, which they did. Some of the tricks included The hop, The Drop and the Bunny Hop.

Reception 2024 Tours



We have held two open events at our school for any new children starting school next September, We still have one final tour in the diary, on 20th November at 10am. Please spread the word far and wide for to any prospective parents that you know who are look for a school place. If they are not able to attend our final tour, please tell them to contact the School Office to arrange a tour.



**BLAISE PRIMARY
&
NURSERY SCHOOL**

**Are you looking
for a school place
for September
2024?**



**Tour dates
16th Oct 2.00pm
7th Nov 3.45pm
20th Nov 10.00am**



**For more information
or to book a tour
please contact our
school office on
0117 3772424**



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Breaktime Snack



Children in Nursery, Reception, years 1 and 2 are supplied with a piece of fruit daily from school to eat at breaktime.

Children in years 3,4, 5 and 6 are encouraged to bring in their own **healthy snack**. We have seen several children eating chocolate and crisps at breaktime which is not in line with our vision for a healthy school experience. Many children are also going to their packed lunchbox to retrieve their snack which we are hoping is meant for breaktime and is not part of their lunch, you may wish to check with them in case they need an extra snack provided for them. For this reason please can we request breaktime snacks are kept separate from their lunch boxes. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Blaise P.E. Days

Nursery	Wednesday
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday & Thursday
Year 2	Monday's & Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday & Friday
Year 4	Tuesday & Friday
Year 5	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday's and Thursday's

Parking



Play your part in keeping the area outside our school safe

During last year several vehicles received a fixed penalty charge for parking or stopping outside our school and other local schools. Park Legal will be making regular appearances with foot patrols and camera cars this academic year to help ensure our community stays safer for all travelling to and from school.

The Highway code states:

Rule 238

You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone)

You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

- No Stopping
- No Excuses
- Keeping our children safe

Please can we also ask that parents do not use the school car park to drop off if running late unless you have prior permission.





PTA

Join the PTA!



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

A huge thank you to the PTA who organised the Fangtastic day on 31st October. The children (and adults too!), looked great. We managed to raise over £106. Monies raised will help to fund projects around the school

A PTA is a Parent Teacher Association, an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. Blaise Primary and Nursery school PTA brings together parents/carers, teachers and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover. There is no expectation on any parent

volunteer, any amount of time you can give to the PTA will always be well received. There are a variety of ways you can get involved, from engaging with social media activity, attending PTA Meetings through to volunteering at events or even coordinating your own event. Even donating preloved items, raffle prizes or suggesting brilliant ideas are ways of getting involved. If you would like to get involved please email pta@blaiseprimaryandnursery.co.uk

PTA Events



1-12-23 Winter Fair after school. Please contact PTA if you would like a stall.

11-12-23 School Winter Disco after school. Tickets will be available shortly.

Breakfast



Please ensure your child has breakfast at home each day. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Breakfast consumption in children has been found to:

- Improve cognitive function, particularly memory, attention, and executive function
- Improve academic performance
- Increase on-task behaviour in the class

School Uniform



We wish to remind parents about our school uniform expectations, which you can read by [clicking here](#).

We continue to ask that children come into school, in their PE kits, on PE days.

Please be reminded that the school's PE kit is:

PE Kit

- Plain Navy/ black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings
- Plain white t-shirt (no football shirts)
- Navy/Black sweatshirt or hoodie

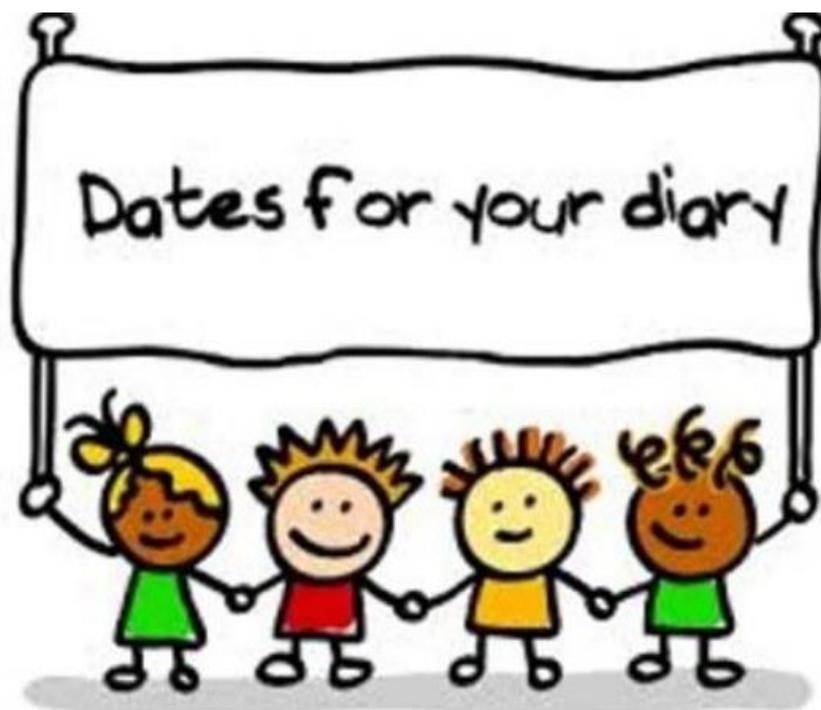
Health and Safety

The children **should not** be wearing jewellery to school, including bracelets and necklaces. Stud earrings are permitted, no dangly or hooped earrings as these could get caught when the children are running around in the playground or during PE lessons. Earrings need to be removed or taped and long hair tied back for PE, tape is to be brought in from home.

Please see attached poster re a book launch at a local book shop



Diary Dates



20-11-23 Operation Topaz workshop for children during school time
20-11-23 Operation Topaz information for parents after school @ 3.30pm
23-11-23 Year 1 trip to Blaise Museum
01-12-23 Winter Fayre
08-12-23 Children individual and sibling photos taken
11-12-23 Winter wonderland Disco
12-12-23 Whole school football Tournament
13-12-23 Rocksteady Concert
13-12-23 Christmas jumper day and Christmas Lunch
14-12-23 Reception sing a long for Reception parents @ 2pm
14-12-23 KS1& KS2 sing a long concert for parents @2.30pm

Please follow us on our [Blaise Facebook page](#)

The image shows the Facebook logo, which consists of the word "facebook" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font centered on a solid blue rectangular background.

Term Dates and INSET Dates 2023-2024



Term 1 Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

Term 2 Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023

Term 3 Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

Term 4 Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

Term 5 Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

INSET Dates

Day 4- 2nd January 2024

Day 5 - 12th July 2024

Please note that some INSET dates may change due to circumstances beyond our control

Pupil Premium Information



If anyone believes that they may be entitled to claim, please contact the office for further details or follow this link to complete a simple form. It will entitle your child to Free School Meals as well as other resources provided by the school.

[Pupil Premium Application](#)

We are accepting Nursery Applications for 23-24



Please share this with anyone you know who will be looking for a nursery place from September 2023. We have a large classroom and a huge outdoor space. Our nursery is part of our school community and makes transition to school so much easier for children.

**High quality early education and care within
the heart of
Blaise & Nursery primary School**



**We are now accepting
applications for our
nursery school places
2023-24**



- Fully funded 30 hour childcare for working parents
- Qualified teaching staff who are dedicated, caring and experienced
 - Small class sizes
- Large spacious outdoor areas
- Varied activities following the EYFS curriculum



Continuity of skills & curriculum from nursery to reception year and beyond
Exciting & stimulating inside and outdoor areas

- Daily healthy snacks and milk provided
 - School lunch available
- Be part of a whole school community

**For more information or to
book a tour of our room and
to meet our Nursery team
please contact our
school office on
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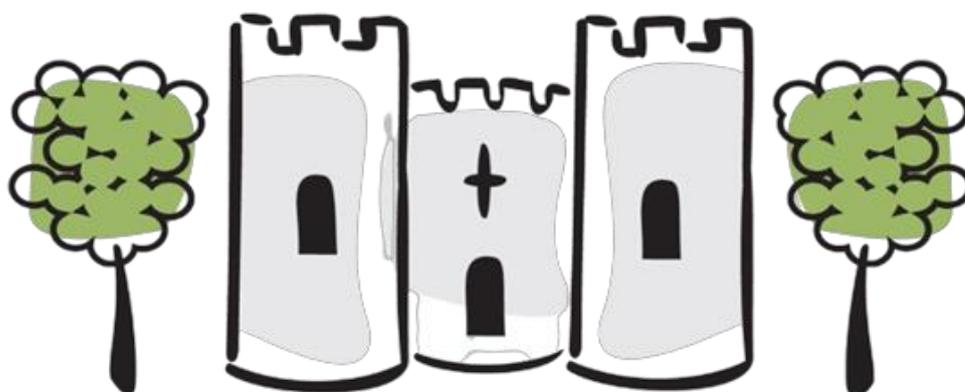
Who to contact if you have concerns about a child when the school is closed:

If you're concerned about the well-being of a child contact the First Response Team on 0117 903 6444

When their offices are closed call the **Emergency Duty Team** on 01454 615 165.

If a child is at immediate risk call the **Police** on 999.

Contact Us



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