



# Blaise Primary & Nursery School Newsletter - Term 3 Winter 2024

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## Welcome Message



Throughout the school we have had a fantastic Term. There has been lot's of great activities a few of which you learn more about below, the children have taken part in lot's of things such as Planting trees with the Mayor and a whole school Hockey Tournament. Although the weather has been cold, our school's new heating system is keeping us warm and cozy. Thank you for always sending your children into school with suitable warm clothing and coats that are keeping them comfortable during break times outside too.



As always, Thank you for your continued support, and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We value all feedback and are currently talking to children about what would make them feel happier, safer and more comfortable in school. We hope you have a great half term and look forward to seeing children on Monday 19th February at 8.40am.

## Tree Planting with the Mayor



On Wednesday some of our Year 6 children joint our Mayor, Marvin Reece, to celebrate the planting of the 100,000th tree planted in Bristol, at our local Open Space.



























## Year 3 Science



In Year 3 Science, we have been learning about forces and comparing how vehicles travel on different surfaces. We have explored the term 'friction' and have learnt that all surfaces have tiny bumps. When two surfaces slide over one another, the tiny bumps push on each other. Friction causes a force in a surface which is in the opposite direction to it's motion. Friction also causes heat and this was demonstrated by rubbing our hands together very quickly; go on, try it! 🔥

In English and Theme, we have been learning about volcanoes through a variety of incredible fiction and information texts. Ask your Year 3 children the answers to the following questions; we're sure you'll be very impressed!

1. How many different types of volcanoes are there? Can you name any of them?
2. Which volcano is the largest and most active on our planet?
3. What does the term 'dormant' mean?

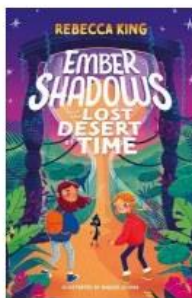
Before the end of Term 3, we are going to be planning, building and of course creating our own 'active volcanoes' using a selection of materials! If you have any water bottles, newspapers and/or shiny wrappers, please do bring them in!

Thank you for your support as always,

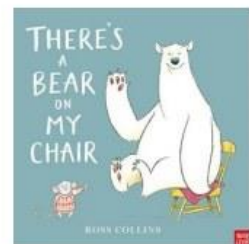
Mrs Cresswell & Mrs Fifield

The Relaunch of Open Nights and Story Time with Mrs Young

## Open Nights and Story Time



in the  
School Library



school library will be open on



**TUESDAYS**

**3.30 – 4.30pm**



Why don't you come along with your  
to browse the library and chat about books  
and reading with Mrs Young.

Mrs Young will read a story at approx.  
3.45pm. What books would you like to share?

We are excited to relaunch Open Nights and Story Time next term, now every Tuesday from 3.30-4.30pm, in the school Library. We look forward to seeing you there!



## NOVUS Afterschool Club



Please click [here](#) to book NOVUS Afterschool Club in the new school term.

Below are the clubs that are available and for which Year Groups:

MON: Dodgeball (yrs 4-6)

TUE: Musical Theatre (yrs 1-6)

TUE: Netball Club (yrs 3-6)

THU: Gymnastics (yrs 3-4)

FRI: Kreative Kids (yrs 1-3)

## Minecraft Afterschool Club



We also have Minecraft Afterschool Club available on Mondays and Thursdays for Year 3-6, please click [here](#) for more information and to book your child's space!

## Breaktime Snack



Infants are supplied with a piece of fruit daily from school to eat at breaktime.

Juniors are allowed 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 policy. 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

## P.E Kit

Blaise Primary and Nursery School uniform is available [here](#) on the Monkhouse Uniform Page.

Our PE Kit includes:

- A white t-shirt
- A dark blue jumper or sweatshirt
- Dark blue trousers, leggings or shorts
- White or dark blue socks
- Trainers in a neutral colour

**All clothing should be named so it can be returned to your child if it is misplaced.**



**Children can come into school in their PE kits to wear all day on PE days.**

Year 1 - Monday and Thursday

Year 2 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday

Please do not send your child in on PE days wearing:

- **earrings or jewellery that cannot be removed**, as this may get caught or pulled.
- **long hair without a hairband to tie it back**, as this may get caught or pulled.
- **jeans or other clothing made of denim**, as this does not allow skin to breathe.
- **tops that leave shoulder or midribs bare** (crop-tops and vests), as equipment or tag bands may rub or scrape the skin.
- **unsuitable footwear** (high heels, slip on shoes, crocs or flip-flops), as these have little grip and may cause trips and slips.

*Let's Play out!*



**Good for children's health and happiness**  
**Get to know your neighbours; build a community**  
**Help make safer streets for your children**



***Dear parents, attached is a flyer on how to run a play street on your doorstep - this is a local and FREE way to get your children playing outside, exercising in the fresh air without them even realising they are exercising! It's an easy way to get to know your neighbours and make your street***

*feel like a safer, nicer place to live. If you live on an estate you can still take part, for more information visit [www.playingout.net](http://www.playingout.net) or email [hello@playingout.net](mailto:hello@playingout.net) or call us on 0117 9537167.*

## 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.







## 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 policy. It is noticeable on PE days that some children are coming to school not in the correct PE kit. We have purposely chosen a uniform that is more affordable and is readily available from supermarkets. we have included the uniform list below. Football shirts are not an acceptable top on PE days. Please can you check that all school uniform is labelled .

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.

- Dark grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- Black shoes or trainers
- In the summer terms, tailored shorts and Blue checked summer dresses may be worn.

### PE Kit

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



- Navy/Black sweatshirt or hoodie

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



### Term Dates and INSET Dates 2023-2024



**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 5 - 12th July 2024

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

## **Pupil Premium**



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 access to free school trips to name but a few.

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/fsmapplication#h1>



## 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 2024. 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 0117 3772424

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## Safeguarding



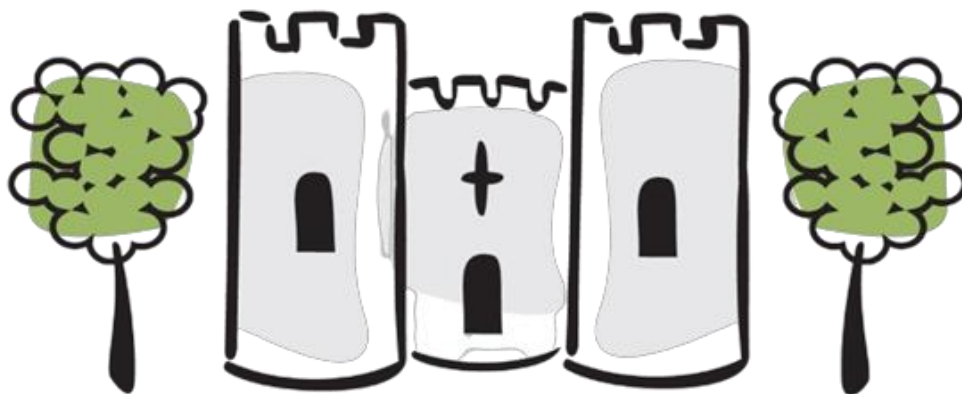
When the school closed, you may wonder who to contact if you have concerns about a child.

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

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

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

## Contact Us



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