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This week our attendance was...

94.4%

Oh no – let's get 96% next week!

27th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week in school this week, we can't believe we only have two weeks to go before half term!

Industrial Action:

As you will have seen on the news, next Wednesday, members of the NEU will have the option of industrial action. Although this will affect a few classes in school I can confirm that school will be open as normal for all children. All classes will be taught by their own class teacher, the person who normally covers in that class or a member of the senior leadership team. We will not be using supply or anyone who does not know the class and children. You should be receiving a further letter today from the CEO of FCAT confirming this.

Number Day:

Next Friday the 3rd of February is Number day!

We have a range of different activities planned for the children and we would like to encourage the children to dress up as a number that day (or with clothes with numbers on!). Mrs Phelps will be holding a competition to find the best dressed child from each phase with class teachers making nominations. These will be included on next week's newsletter!

Stay and Read:

Don't forget that you can stay and read with your child at drop off. For children in years 1-6 it is every Wednesday morning and for our reception children it is every Thursday. We have also got some library visits booked in for the children in the coming weeks!

Our Mereside Family Workers are here to help:

Amanda and Hayley are available to support our pupils and their families - please just contact us, via the school office. Hayley and Fudge are also in our KS1 playground area most mornings and welcomes your feedback. We can offer help and advice in regard to home and school and we always have recycled clothing and footwear for primary children, to be shared with all. You can also meet us both at our **family coffee mornings**, the next one is on **Wednesday 1st February from 8.45am**. Refreshments will be available. If you need help this winter useful contact details have also been attached to this newsletter.

Half term sports camps – Blackpool FC Community Trust:

We have received the following message to share with parents. For further information please see the attached flyer.

We are excited to announce our February half term sports camps at Unity Academy and Armfield Academy.

Our school holiday sports camps are the perfect opportunity for children to have fun, make new friends and improve their sports skills. The Trust will be delivering a variety of exciting activities, including football, dodgeball, cricket, dance and many more. These camps are designed to provide a fun and challenging environment for children of all skill levels, from ages 5 to 14 years old.

- Sports Camp @ Unity Academy (8am-5pm)
- Sports Camp @ Armfield Academy (9am-5pm)

Book now! - <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/blackpoolfc/blackpool-fc-courses/holiday.html>

If sports camps are not for you, we also have football camps that focus on all aspects of the game. Booking for these camps will be opening soon, so don't miss out on the opportunity to improve your skills and take your game to the next level.

- Football Camp - ages 5-14 years old
- Girls Football camp – ages 7-14 years old

Please visit our website or contact us for more information on our camps. We look forward to seeing you this February half term!

Are you interested in training to become a teacher?

If you are then we have the course just for you! The Fylde Coast SCITT Programme is now recruiting for September. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Just a reminder:

There are quite a few children in school at the moment wearing trainers or a variety of coloured boots. We have also seen an increase in the amount of jewellery worn. Stud earrings are absolutely fine but loop earrings, bracelets and necklaces do cause safety issues as the children are playing (let alone the issues when these fall off and get lost!) Can we please ask that children do not wear jewellery or footwear which is not in line with our uniform policy. Thank you! Also, don't forget that our door is always open. If you need clarification on anything or have any questions please pop in and ask as it is very easy for the truth to get lost in chat groups. Again, thank you for your support with this.

And finally, this week's superstars are...

Nursery – Reagan for being so very helpful in nursery and attending to her own needs. Well done Reagan!

RT – Madeleine for always being super helpful to everyone and **Rory** for working really hard on his blending to read words – Well done both of you!

RP – Reggie for making positive choices in class and working hard during carpet times, you've really impressed me Reggie and **Halleigh** for persevering with her letter sounds, you've been a superstar. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Poppy for always being a star and **Amelie** for trying really hard with her writing and taking pride in all her work. Well done both of you!

1/2R – Marnie for being an absolute maths whizz and **Aniyah** for making wonderful progress in both maths and writing. Well done - you are both superstars!

1/2M – Donnie for being a great friend to his peers and **Molly** for trying so hard in phonics – Well done both of you!

3P – Ethan for showing absolutely fantastic improvement in all areas and **Lacey** for a great turnaround in her effort. Also, to Dominik and Theo for impressing Mr Ashton so much with their Spanish knowledge. Well done all of you!

3SC – Harvey for an enormous effort and progress in literacy and maths and **Isabella** for amazing writing which exceeded expectations. Well done both of you!

4FB – Mira for a fantastic first week, you've been amazing and **Bailey** for following instructions and adapting well to 4FB – Well done both of you!

5/6HP – Ollie for excellent pronunciation in Spanish and **Kyla** for demonstrating resilience throughout at swimming. Well done both of you!

5/6JP – Jayden for pushing himself out of his comfort zone and **Amy** for trying super hard in maths. Well done both of you!

5/6W – Alicia for writing an incredible opening to her narrative in literacy and **Charlie** for brilliant home reading and putting his best effort into every lesson. Well done both of you!

A special shout out also goes to **Amelia** and **Ellie** from Mrs Walpole as they independently saw the need to sort the KS2 Green Club games cupboard out and without any prompting or asking they have spent so much time this week doing a magnificent job at organising it. It was a much-appreciated act of kindness and help for everyone to benefit from!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Wednesday 1st February – Family Coffee Morning 8.45am in the Children's Centre building – All welcome

Monday 6th February – Mental health and wellbeing week

Thursday 9th February – Valentine's lunch

Year 1/2 trip to the Synagogue

5/6JP library visit

School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 20th February – School reopens

Thursday 23rd February – 5/6W library visit

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

5/6HP library visit

Wednesday 15th March – Parents Evening

Thursday 16th March – 5/6JP library visit

Friday 17th March – Comic Relief

St. Patrick Day's lunch

Tuesday 21st March – Year 3/4 production 1.30pm

Wednesday 22nd March – Year 3/4 production 9.30am

Thursday 23rd March – 5/6W library visit

Friday 24th March – Easter class swap

Wednesday 29th March – Easter competition day (Early years and KS1 – Easter bonnets; KS2 Egg decorating

Thursday 30th March – Easter Service – All welcome

Friday 31st March – School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton

Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 30 th January P.E. - 1/2M 1/2R 1/2G	Bingo – Years 1/2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Choir – Years 3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Sing and Sign– Reception/1/2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Commando Joes – 3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Manga drawing – 3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 31 st January P.E. - 5/6HP (Double Session) 5/6JP 5/6W 3/4FB 3/4P	Football Club - Years 3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Recycled Marble runs – Years 1/2/3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Drawing Club – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Dance/cheerleading Club – Years 1/2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Reading Rebels Book Club – Years 5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 1 st February P.E. – 5/6JP 5/6W	Mini Sports – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Yoga Club – Years 1/2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Craft Club – Years 5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Learn to Crochet – Years 3/4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Rugby – Years 5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
		8.45am

	Coffee Morning – All welcome	
Thursday 2 nd February P.E. – Early Years 1/2G 1/2M 1/2R	Schools Alive – Existing members only	3.15pm – 4.30pm
Friday 3 rd February P.E. – 3/4FB 3/4P	Wood Work – Years 3/4/5/6 Tower Building – Years 1/2	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm

GET HELP THIS WINTER!



The Volunteer Centre, in partnership with Blackpool Council are providing support around those struggling this winter.

Phone us or visit us to find support with

- Food and Essentials
- Utility Bills
- Community Centre Activities
- Housing (if you're struggling with accomodation costs)
- Contacts for emotional or practical help



Scan here for our socials



0808 175 3379 (freephone)



95 Abingdon Street, Blackpool

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January 2023



Are you interested in training to become a teacher? Or do you know someone who is?

We still have vacancies left to join our local teacher training programmes from September 2023 in all primary and secondary routes.

We would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher or you know someone who is. We're looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential.

100%
EMPLOYMENT
RATE

TEACHER TRAINING

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR
LOCALLY-BASED
PROGRAMMES



Our programmes do not involve travelling to a university, you can stay very close to home, and our programmes also include training and qualifications in a range of additional disciplines and practices including PSHE, trauma-informed practice and neuro-linguistic programming.

You can contact Aly Spencer on aly.spencer@blackpoolixth.ac.uk should you require more information or to arrange a coffee with her to ask any questions you may have about the courses and future opportunities in teaching.

The SCITT also has a website <http://www.fyldecoastscitt.co.uk/> and you can find them on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

We can provide you with support and guidance on your application form and offer you school experience if you want a taster of what teaching could be like.

For further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally, you can also visit www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching.

We look forward to hearing from you.

WHERE WE ARE LOCATED



OUR ONLINE PRESENCE

Stay updated with all things SCITT via our social media channels





HOLIDAY CAMPS

£13
PER DAY
or
£50
PER WEEK

Sports Camps *Ages 5-14*

A fun, friendly and secure environment for children to socialise and participate in sports and activities during the school holidays.



9am - 5pm
Armfield Academy, 488 Lytham Road,
Blackpool FY4 1TL



8am - 5pm
Unity Academy, Warbreck Hill Road
Blackpool Lancashire FY2 0TS



Football Camps

Boys Aged 5-14 Girls Aged 7-14

Whether you're a beginner looking to learn the basics or an experienced player looking to improve your skills, we have something for you.



8am - 5pm

Aspire Sports Hub, Garstang Road West,
Blackpool FY3 7JH

SCAN
TO BOOK



For more information on bookings email
camp@bcct.co.uk or visit www.bcct.co.uk