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Year 3 & 4 Parents Presentation



Dear Year 3 and 4 Grown-ups,

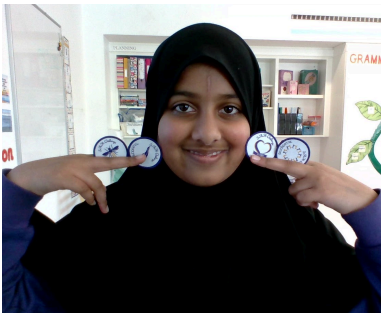
Thank you so much for coming to join us for our DT presentation this afternoon.

We really enjoyed sharing our work with you and the trinkets we have made to store our precious items.

Thank you again,

Year 3 & 4 Team

SAM Star!



A huge congratulations to Rishial for achieving all four SAM star badges! She has worked extremely hard to produce some outstanding evidence to go towards achieving this incredible accomplishment. Well done!

Design an Egg Competition



The closing date for entries is Tuesday 26th March. The winners will be announced in a special assembly on Thursday 28th March.

Please note that it is one entry per child and make sure your child's name and class are clearly marked



Easter Eggstravaganza

Dear Ash Class Grown-ups,
Please come and join us for our Easter Eggstravaganza on Wednesday 27th March from 2.30pm. Ash Class will sing an Easter song for you called, 'Spring Chicken.' We will be offering refreshments for those not observing Ramadan and there will be some Easter craft activities for you to enjoy with us. If

the weather is fine, you can help us with an exciting Easter egg hunt around our EYFS outdoor area. We hope to see you for lots of fun and to celebrate the end of a successful Spring Term, filled with learning.

Thanks

EYFS Staff

School Trips

School trips are an important part of our school curriculum. They provide rich learning experiences that children remember forever. The contributions by parents towards the cost of a school trip are always paid on a voluntary basis. As a school we have been subsidising the costs of the school trips for a number of years now so that all children have the opportunity to attend educational visits. However, we have found that with our parents' contributions falling the school cannot afford to continue to pay the increased shortfall on trips. Therefore, moving forwards, **should we not get enough voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the school trips, they will unfortunately have to be cancelled.** In particular, if more children in Year 5 do not sign up for the Year 6 activity holiday before Wednesday when we have to pay the deposit, then the holiday will have to be cancelled. This is very disappointing as the children always love it.

Earrings

Please be aware that hooped earrings are **not** to be worn in school for safety reasons. A small stud can be worn in each ear. Earrings should not be worn for P.E. Children will be asked to remove them. If they are unable to do this they will not be allowed to take part in the P.E. lesson. Please teach your child how to take them out by themselves or alternatively leave them out on P.E. days if they are too young.

Stay and Play

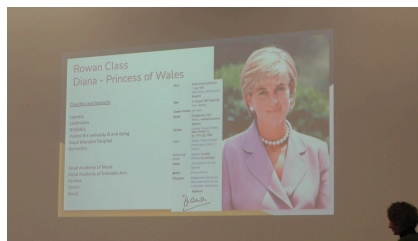


Our stay and play sessions have started again. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm

Women's History Month 2024



March 2024 celebrates Women's history month. This morning during our SAM Star assembly we celebrated some women from our past. We had a brilliant time and enjoyed hearing about what made these women significant today and how they have impacted on our lives.



School Uniform



Please be reminded that children must wear the correct school uniform every day. Jogging bottoms and trainers are not acceptable clothing. Girls' hijabs must be either plain black or purple and for health and safety reasons must be a short length. PE uniform is black jogging bottoms and black trainers and must only be worn on PE day.

We have a large stock of free, pre-worn school uniforms so please contact the office if you need to replace your child's clothes.



Uniform Swap Shop

If you need a new school uniform for your children please feel free to have a look at our stock of spare uniforms.

School Meals Price Increase



After careful consideration and due to the rising food costs, we will need to increase our meal price to £2.50 after the Easter holidays. We have always tried to keep our meal prices affordable to our families, however the current meal price is no longer covering these rising costs.

To ensure we can continue to fund a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises, we will be increasing our meal price to £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week, from Monday 15th April.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

You may be entitled to apply for free school meals for your children if you receive one of the following income-related benefits:

Income Support

Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit combined with both a household income below £16,190 per annum and not in receipt of any Working Tax Credit

Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Guarantee Element of state Pension Credit

Universal Credit, with annual household earnings of less than £7,400

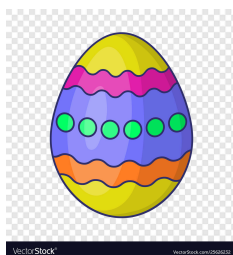
Please follow this link to apply for free school meals

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

Perfect Week

The Government has launched a new school attendance initiative called "Moments Matter, Attendance Counts". In support of this we are continuing to issue weekly Perfect Week stickers to every child who is in school all week, is always on time and is excellently behaved.

In addition to this every child who gets a perfect week will get a ticket to go into a prize draw at the end of the Spring Term. They have 9 chances to be in the draw, so their attendance really does matter!



Breakfast Club

Why not send your child to our Breakfast Club in the morning? They can take part in various activities and have their breakfast together before they go into class. They can come anytime from 7.45 and it only costs £1 a day. Please ring the school to book them in.



Children's University

SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs have now finished. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please make sure their passport is handed in by THIS Monday 25th March. Please note all passports will be returned by next Thursday 28th March, before the end of term. No responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned. Please do ensure you look out for it.

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

If you have signed your child up to any of the Easter holiday activities please look out for the confirmation email which has been sent from Sara Burton (s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk). This confirms the activities your child is down to attend as well as the link to an online consent form which MUST be completed. The deadline for consent forms is this Monday 25th March. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have not received this email please do let Sara Burton know straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

ANDERTON CENTRE CHILDREN'S UNVIERSITY TRIP

If you have signed your child up to this trip please look out for a confirmation email from Sara Burton (s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) which will be sent out next week. Further information and consent forms will be sent after the Easter holidays.

CU FAMILY TRIP TO MARTIN MERE – SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

A family trip has been organised. If you would like your family to attend please register your interest via this form: <https://bit.ly/MartinMereFamily24>. Registration will close this Sunday 24th March. Further details will then be sent to you after this.

BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

2nd April: Pendle Productions, The Storytellers Theatre Co. will make a welcome return, with their unique take on Alice in Wonderland at Blackburn Central Library at 10.30am. Tickets will be available up to 2 weeks before the performances. The cost is £1 per child, £3 per accompanying adult.

11th April: Takeshi Matsumoto presents Club Origami. Rip, fold and scrumple! Shall we see what we can make with a single square of paper? As you scrunch the paper, see how your imagination begins to dance...Dive into the magical world of Club Origami, an immersive and interactive dance show inviting family audiences to create, imagine and explore whole new ways of thinking, playing and moving. Dance, fashion and live music meet the magic of origami to sweep us up on a spirited and inspiring adventure in a land made purely of paper and play. Performances will be at Blackburn Central Library starting at 11 am and at 2.30 pm, price £5 per head. Tickets can be booked online at [Spot On Lancashire](#), or bought from Blackburn Central Library, tel: 01254 661221 or email library@blackburn.gov.uk. Please note that they are unable to accept reservations without payment.

Please remember if your child attends any activities at Blackburn Library and they are a member of Children's University to pick up a slip from the library to show your child has attended. Please send this slip in with your child's CU passport so it can be updated.

BLACKBURN BID

Blackburn Business Improvement District (BID) has revealed the details of this year's egg-cellent Easter event, The Easter Escapade! The escape-room style puzzle trail, (or should that be 'egg-scape?!') has been uniquely created for Blackburn, and will see 10 Easter themed puzzles located around the town centre for families and teams of all ages to find and solve. Blackburn Children's University members can collect a 2 hour stamp for

completing this trail! Between Thursday 28th March and Saturday 13th April 2024, visitors are invited to help the Easter Bunny in a top-secret mission involving the Most Special Easter Egg that has ever been created, by completing the free Easter Escapade trail.

The Easter Escapade trail maps are available at the Ask Me Point in The Mall, which lists the 10 venues where you can find the fun puzzles. Completed trail leaflets can be entered into a free prize draw with a chance of winning £100 in high street vouchers! Please note, some of the venues are not open during Bank Holidays – including Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

Do not forget if your child is a member of Children's University to send Sara Burton a picture of the completed trail, together with your child's name, school and class. You can email on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or send a picture via WhatsApp to 07805929965. More information about the trail is available at: www.blackburnbid.co.uk/news-events/easter-escapade

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Birch** with **97.6%** attendance
Oak had 97.1% and Elder had 96.6% attendance

If your child is absent from school you **MUST** ring the school office to let them know.

It is important that your child is in school by 8.40 am and they must be picked up at 3.10 pm every day.

Please note holidays are not authorised. If your child misses more than 5 days in school due to a holiday you are likely to be fined. If you are considering taking a holiday please book a meeting with the headteacher

GOLDEN BROOM AWARD



Every week the class that has been the cleanest and tidiest will be given the golden broom to keep in their classroom. This week the award goes to

Alder Class

for not leaving coats on the floor and putting their chairs away under the tables all week.

Well done!

Family Point Winners

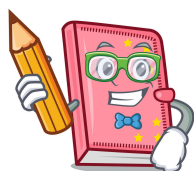
The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **SERVICE**

Family/Week	12.1.24	18.12.24	26.1.24	2.2.24	9.2.24	23.2.24	1.3.24	8.3.24	15.3.24	22.3.24	
Belonging	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	3	2	1	
Love	2	2	2	1	2	4	4	1	2	3	
Service	3	3	1	2	4	3	1	2	1	4	
Thankfulness	4	4	4	4	3	2	3	4	4	2	

SAMS Star Learners - Children's Choice

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Zaynab	
Hornbeam	Jack	
Beech	Daniyal	
Alder	Yusuf	
Elder	Emilia	
Hazel	Azwa	
Rowan	Aun and Ameera	
Birch	Khalifa	
Beehive	Nicholas	
Cherry	Abasin	
Willow	Hannah	Umama
Oak	Mohid	
Ash	Jamaal	



VectorStock

Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

25th March	Cherry visit to Corporation Park
26th March	Stay and Play 2 - 3 pm
28th March	Easter Assembly in school hall
28th March	School finishes for Easter Holiday
15th April	School re-opens

Twitter X



Please follow our Twitter account. <https://twitter.com/stsilasprimary> to keep up to date with events in our school.

Website - please copy this link into your browser

<https://www.stsilasprimary.co.uk/>

Instagram



St Silas now has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:
<https://www.instagram.com/stsilasblackburn/>



Loving God and each other, we work together to be the best that we can be.