



Black Lane CP School

...Aiming high, achieving the best

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Online Payments

All payments should be made through Parent Pay
 Snack, dinners and school trips etc. will be available to pay online. If you need any help then please speak to Mrs Blackmore who will be happy to help.
 All school meals and breakfast club sessions must be booked and paid for if required in advance.

Snack

A reminder that school snack is provided at the minimal cost of £1.00 a week. Payments should be made at the start of each term/half term. We are a healthy school and adhere to this with school snack. If children are bringing their own snack to school please ensure that this is in line with our school policy.

Free School Meals

Although all our pupils receive a free school lunch as part the Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme, we would strongly encourage those who are eligible to still apply for free school meals. The Welsh Government use these applications to assess where funding is needed. By applying you will bring extra funding into school for your child and it also enables you to apply for things such as a School Essentials Grant- benefiting both you, your child and the school.
 To find out more and apply please follow the link below:
[Free school meals | Wrexham County Borough Council](#)

Water Bottles

We encourage all children to drink regularly throughout the day, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Attendance & Punctuality

We are now following Wrexham's new Attendance Policy. Please visit www.blacklaneschool.co.uk to view the policy in full.
 Where possible dental, hospital & other appointments should be made out of school hours and holiday requests will no longer be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.
 School starts at 8.55am, please ensure children are on the yard ready for the bell.
 The Local Authority has reintroduced fixed penalty notices for children who are persistently late or absent from school.

Illness

If your child is going to be absent from school then we kindly request that you call the school office on 01978 757959. Class Dojo should not be used for reporting pupil absence or reporting to members of staff on the yard. If your child is off school and no contact has been made then school staff will follow up with a phone call and may arrange a home visit.

Forest School/Outdoor Classroom

We are excited to develop an Outdoor Classroom and Forest School at our primary school, offering students a unique, hands-on learning experience in nature. To make this vision a reality, we are seeking generous donations from our school community. Your contribution will help us create a safe and engaging outdoor space where children can explore, learn, and grow in an inspiring environment. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference!

Dates for the diary

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| Friday 21 st March | Red Nose Day |
| Friday 28 th March | Easter Non-School Uniform Crazy Hair day |
| 1 st /2 nd /3 rd April | Parents Evening(s) |
| Wednesday 9 th April | PTA Easter Bingo |
| Monday 14 th April | EASTER HOLIDAYS |
| Monday 21 st April | EASTER HOLIDAYS |
| Monday 28 th April | School Training day – School closed for children |
| Tuesday 29 th April | Back to School |
| Monday 5 th May | May Bank Holiday |
| Monday 24 th May | HALF TERM |
| Monday 2 nd June | Back to School |

We are looking for:

- Decking boards
- Wooden planks
- Tyres
- Cable reels
- Pallets
- Drainpipes
- Perspex
- Crates
- Wooden Boxes
- Tree trunk stumps
- Large log slices
- Plants and herbs

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What's been going on

PTA

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our PTA's *Wear What You Love* day on Valentine's Day! The children came to school dressed in their favourite clothes. Thanks to everyone's support, we raised a fantastic total of £93.25. Our *Non-Uniform Crazy Hair Day* is next on Friday, 28th March. Children can come to school with their wildest, wackiest hairdos in exchange for Easter Bingo donations.

Eisteddfod

On Friday 7th March we celebrated our Welsh culture! The morning was filled with Welsh songs and poems, celebrating Welsh art and of course our Welsh National Anthem! We were blown away by the effort of all the home learning projects – thank you so much for getting involved with the children; It's so important for your child's development – we hope you had fun taking part. The projects and artwork will be displayed around our school to show the talents of our children.

Tree Planting

The juniors recently planted trees to create a natural border around our Forest School area. This hands-on activity allowed the children to help enhance the outdoor learning environment. The trees will provide shade, shelter and will have a lasting impact on their learning space.

Technocamps

Children in KS2 took part in a workshop called "It's only Rocket Science"
They investigated forces at work to beat gravity and reduce drag and considered design principles for making the perfect rocket. We put our skills to the test to simulate launching a satellite to a height of 400km from the Earth and soon realised the impact of incorrect engineering. We then got busy making rockets from household items that were launched to heights of 100 metres by releasing compressed air from a cylinder. Slight differences in rocket design made HUGE differences to performance. The learners all had a blast (off)!

World thinking day

We celebrated World Thinking Day Friday 21st February, where we honour the values of Girl Guiding and Scouting, and the global community of young people working together for positive change. Diolch to all the pupils who came dressed in their club uniforms!
Your dedication to your clubs and the spirit of cooperation truly shone.

World Book Day

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, children were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.
It was lovely to see all the children in their costumes. The excitement and conversations about the children's favourite books and characters were contagious. Well done to everyone and a big diolch to parents for making such a big effort.

Netball Festival

Mrs Peters took a squad of 9 children to represent Black Lane at a netball festival back in February. The children came back with some amazing results for their games throughout the day and were undefeated.

The children all played brilliantly in their positions and really gelled as a team.

If your child is interested in playing netball, there are lots of local teams that run netball sessions from as young as 5 years old, these include: Wrexham, Phoenix, Dragons and Rhosnesni Netball Clubs – you can find information online.

Da iawn Têm Pêl-rwyd!

First Experiences in Music

Our Year 3 students have had the opportunity to dive into the world of music through the exciting *First Experiences* workshop! They've been learning how to use their voices through fun and engaging singing sessions, exploring the rhythm and sounds of various musical instruments.

Safer internet day

February 12th was Safer Internet Day. Our digital leaders gave a special Safer Internet Day assembly to the whole school – Da iawn!
The assembly highlighted how we can all help make the internet a positive and safe space.
Diolch yn fawr, to all the pupils for their effort and enthusiasm in raising awareness about online safety.