



Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

It has been a busy and exciting time during the Spring term at Blanche Nevile. I want to let you know that am so proud of how the pupils show such enthusiasm and effort in their learning each day. Keep up the great focus and determination to keep learning and developing.

We believe in you!

I hope that those pupils, staff and families celebrating Eid this week had a lovely time.

During the holiday break, I would ask that you support your child with continuing the daily habit of reading at home. Research shows that reading every day is extremely beneficial.

I know the Summer term will be packed full of exciting learning opportunities and enrichment and hopefully we will enjoy more opportunities to learn outside when the weather is warmer too.

Thanking you for your continued support at Blanche Nevile and wishing you all a very break.

To those celebrating, I also wish you a very Happy Easter!

Karen Khwaja

Interim Head

Conor's Class

Year 1 have had a wonderful term exploring the fascinating world of toys, both old and new! They had great fun playing with toys from the past and comparing them with modern day toys, carefully thinking about the different materials they are made from - wood, plastic, metal and cotton.

A true highlight of the term was their dazzling performance in the whole school assembly, where they took to the stage with their mainstream Year 1 class to bring the beloved children's book *While You Are Sleeping* to life. Dressed as a ballerina, Superman, a teddy bear and a fluffy toy dog, they truly shone like superstars!

The excitement didn't stop there! Year 1 also enjoyed some fantastic trips, including a visit to Frank Barnes School to celebrate BSL Recognition Day, where they deepened their understanding of BSL. They also had an unforgettable experience at Bubble Planet in London, immersing themselves in the wonders of VR technology and optical illusions.

What an incredible term it has been! Wishing everyone a restful and joyful Easter break and we can't wait for all the exciting learning ahead in the summer term!



Claire's Class

This term, our Early Years class has been learning all about Amazing Animals! As part of their learning, they enjoyed trips to Hertfordshire Zoo, Willows Farm, and to the local allotment, where they discovered a variety of animals and their habitats and observed seasonal changes. To make Literacy meaningful and fun, the children created direction signs for their very own role-play zoo and designed and labelled maps of the allotment, inspired by their experience of reading maps on their trips. It has been a busy and creative term, full of exciting discoveries and hands-on learning!



Jodie's Class

In Year 2, we have been busy learning lots of things! Our topic, 'Circus', has been fun! We had a visit from a real clown who taught us some circus tricks. We looked at the story of 'Simp', the little dog who was thrown away in a rubbish pit and then found the circus! We focused on comprehension and questioning. We have developed our understanding of what a question is and how to answer and write it. We have also had some lovely trips! We went to Willows Farm and Bubble Planet and also visited Frank Barnes School to join their BSL celebrations. We have been busy, but we have learned a lot!



Simon's Class

Year 3 have enjoyed a wide range of activities associated with our topic The Race to the South Pole; including trips to the Science Museum for the Antarctica exhibition at the IMAX and an ice-skating trip to Ally Pally. In school, we have dressed up as Polar explorers, made plaster of Paris icebergs for our penguins to live on and tried out recipes for ships biscuits used on the expeditions of Scott and Amundsen (guess which ones tasted better?!). BSL lessons have linked to all the key signs and vocabulary for this topic. In other news, we have investigated the topic of 'Forces' in Science, finding out about pushes, pulls, friction, gravity and magnets. We really enjoyed our trip to The Children's Bookshop in Muswell Hill to buy a book for World Book Day - thank you to the Friends of Blanche Nevile for funding this. We missed Simon whilst he was on his placement, but the good news is that he's back after Easter - hurray!



Sarah's Class

This half term has been like no other, Year 5 and 6 have become professional presenters. For British Science Week, the class attended Heathlands school for deaf children and presented to their peers, a presentation they had researched and created themselves. All students were so clear with their communication and confident with their knowledge about camouflage. Then, for sign language week, Year 5 and 6 went to present to each Year 4, 5 and 6 Highgate class, explaining their hearing devices, answering any questions and teaching them some sign language. Finally, the class also led an assembly, alongside Conor, teaching some of the younger year groups signs for a range of animals. Of course this was all alongside lots of hard work in every subject in class. The children really have been super stars and everyone has commented on their confidence. They have made all of the adults but most importantly, themselves, very proud!



Important Dates

End of Spring 2 term Early finish	Friday 4th of April 2025 12.30pm
Easter Holidays	Monday 7th of April— Friday 18th of April 2025
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 21st of April 2025
INSET Day (School Closed to pupils)	Tuesday 22nd of April 2025
Start of Summer 1 term (school open to pupils)	Wednesday 23rd of April 2025
Blanche Nevile Family Day!	Friday 13th June 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

I cannot believe we have reached the end of another term. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parent Consultations and I'm sure you were all as proud as we are with the progress your children are making.

We have been busy this term and as well as all the trips, new topics and visitors we had a huge celebration for Sign Language Week.

We look forward to the Summer Term when we will be enjoying our final term of this year. Remember when pupils return on Wednesday 23rd April we will have our St George's Day celebrations and have our BN Family Day to look forward to on Friday 13th June. Keep the date free!

Eid Mubarak to all those who celebrated earlier this week and Happy Easter to all those who celebrate towards the end of the holidays.

I hope you all have a safe and happy break over the holiday.

As always, thank you very much for your continued support.

Wishing you all the very best,

Kathryn

Head of School

