



Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

I cannot quite believe that I am now half way through the academic year and my time at Blanche Nevile as your Interim Headteacher .

I have had the pleasure of visiting classes at Primary a few times this last half term and have been so impressed. All of the pupils show such great behaviour for learning and are so enthusiastic to learn. I have seen first hand the wonderful, positive professional relationships that all the staff have with the pupils and how dedicated staff are at Blanche Nevile .

I would like to wish you all a very happy half term break and we will look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 24th February .

Karen Khwaja
Interim Head

Conor's Class

Year 1 have had a fantastic half term learning all about the weather! They explored different types of weather and seasons, using *Maisy's Wonderful Weather Book* to inspire their literacy work. They have also read and discussed a variety of weather poems, helping them to develop their vocabulary and appreciation for descriptive language. In maths, the pupils continued to focus on place value, improving their confidence in counting, ordering and comparing numbers. In DT, the pupils designed and created their own wind chimes, using different materials to explore sound and movement in the wind. The highlight of the term was the incredible collaboration with composer Kate Stiltz, where the pupils worked together to create a spectacular Weather Performance! Through music, movement and spoken word, they brought their learning to life in a creative and engaging way. Well done Year 1 for an amazing half term!



Claire's Class

The adventurers in Early Years have been busy exploring parts of our wonderful world, learning about the extremes of the polar regions and the depths of the ocean. In their Deaf Studies lessons, they learnt about and re-enacted the journey of Oliver Westbury, who was the first deaf man to reach the North Pole. Our explorers then dived into learning about what lies under the sea, with a trip to SeaLife London providing an exciting chance to see the wonders of the ocean up close. A thrilling term of discovery!



Jodie's Class

In Year 2, we've been exploring everything about transport! We've learned about how transport has changed over time and got creative by making fruit and vegetable vehicles. We read the book *Journey* and used our imaginations to create our own endings to the story in BSL. We've had lots of exciting trips too! We visited the London Canal Museum, the RAF Museum, and went into London City with our mainstream class to experience different types of transport. It's been a fun and adventurous term!



Simon's Class

This term, our students explored the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt, learning about powerful gods like Anubis, Set, Bastet and Ra, uncovering the secrets of pyramids and mummification (with some fun role-play!), and practising hieroglyphic writing. They also compared ancient Egyptian daily life, farming, clothing, and food with modern times. Additionally, they performed wonderfully in bringing the story of Osiris and Isis to life and took great pride in their performances. We also enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Petrie Museum and are excited about the two upcoming events before the half-term break. In between, we celebrated Blanche Nevile School's 130th birthday, where we were transported back to the year 1895 to experience what it was like to learn during that era. Finally, we are incredibly sad to say goodbye to one of our pupils, who is leaving Blanche Nevile. They will be greatly missed, but we know we will keep in touch, and we would like to wish them the very best of luck in the future.



Year 3 - Spring 1 **The Treasures of Ancient Egypt**



Sarah's Class

It's been a busy half term in Year 5 and 6 and, as always, the children have been working extremely hard. In maths we have been learning about money, so we set up our very own restaurant. All of Blanche Nevile were invited. The children selected their main meal, drink and dessert individually off of the interactive menu. Year 5 and 6 made sure everything was cooked and served promptly and then took their customers to the bank to explain and help them pay their bills. All customers were very satisfied and we received many five star ratings! This was such a great opportunity for all of the children to use a range of skills and work together as a team. It was an exhausting morning, the children really did put so much work into the experience and it was wonderful to see them being such good role models to the rest of the school. What experience will we set up next...



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have enjoyed another busy half term at Blanche Nevile Primary.

It has been wonderful to see our pupils go on a number of trips and visits to support their learning in class as well as celebrating our 130th Anniversary! We were all transported back to 1895 for one day and it was a brilliant experience with the whole school involved to acknowledge this historical achievement. We are one of the longest standing deaf schools in the UK!

We also finished the term with our two exciting visitors this week and we hope to share more details in the next few weeks.

After half term we have a number of exciting events to look forward to such as World Book Day, BSL Recognition Day and Sign Language Week. We are also looking forward to inviting you all in for Parent/Teacher Consultations to see the amazing work your children have been covering in school. Please keep a look out for any letters.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Half Term break.

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

Wishing you all the very best,

Kathryn

Head of School



Important Dates

End of Spring 1 term	Friday 14th of Feb 2025
Half term (1 week)	Monday 17th of Feb— Friday 21st of Feb 2025
Start of Spring 2 term	Monday 24th of Feb 2025
End of Spring 2 term	Friday 4th of April 2025
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