

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

The end of this first week in school has been overshadowed by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In Collective Worship this morning we thought about the life and work of the Queen and reflected together on the way she chose to live and serve.

During her first Christmas broadcast, prior to her coronation, the Queen said -

'Pray for me, that God may give me the wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life'

Many years later, in a future broadcast she declared -

'For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God, provide a framework in which I try to lead my life'

At The Blake School, those same Values that provided a framework for the Queen serve as a foundation for all that we do and seek to be. As we head into this year, we will together allow those Values to guide and shape us as we learn and grow.

If you share the Queen's faith, I too would ask that you pray for us, as we seek to serve you, your children and one another faithfully in the weeks and months to come.

As we remembered the life of the Queen, we joined together in celebrating her sense of humour and love of life and I shared with the children what joy I believed it would have given Her Majesty to see them in school, learning and having fun.

Walking around the school this week it has been a joy to see your children settled in their new classes, getting to know the new adults and continuing on their learning journey. There has been a lot of joy and laughter in school this week as children enjoy being together with their friends and anticipate the year ahead of them.

I look forward to sharing the year ahead of us with you and your children and to growing and flourishing with them. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us if you have any worries. We look forward to meeting with you in the coming weeks to share the key learning areas for the year ahead.



Join our team

We are currently recruiting to the role of Lunchtime Supervisor.

If you have space in the middle of your day and would like to come and help our children have a happy and safe lunch hour, we would love to hear from you.

You can find out more details about the job and an application form on our website.

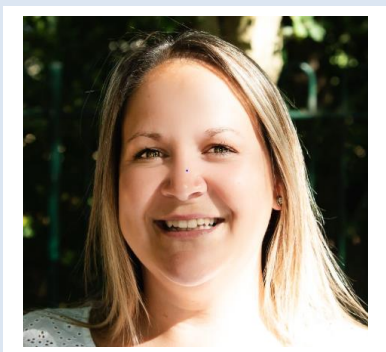
Applications close on Friday 16th September.

Welcome to our new members of staff

At the end of last term we bade farewell to some staff and so at the start of this term we are welcoming new members to the team.

Miss Emma Andrews is working as our new Finance Officer.

As parents you may never see Emma and you will be unlikely to hear much about her or her work. For us as a staff team however, Emma's role is absolutely critical. Emma makes sure that what we spend is not greater than what we receive, she keeps our budget on track and helps the governors monitor it through the year. Emma will also have a role in personnel and capital projects, making her role often invisible but vital. We are delighted to welcome her as part of our admin team.



Mrs Kenna-Jo Cooper is working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 6.

Kenna is new to working in schools but the skills that she brings from her previous roles are well suited to working with children.

The Year 6 team is delighted to welcome Kenna to work with them and already feel like she has been with them for much longer than just four days!

Mrs Claire Davies is working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 3.

Claire's association with the school goes back many years, to when her son was here. In the intervening years, Claire has worked in a whole range of childcare roles and we are very excited to see the skills she has gained used within The Blake.

The children in Year 3 have already benefited this week from her gentleness and sense of humour.



Mrs Lucy Fletcher is working as a class teacher in Year 4.

The Blake School has been home to Lucy in a wide variety of roles over many years. Lucy has been both a parent and a mature student and so it is a particular joy to welcome her as a member of the staff team.

As an Early Career Teacher Lucy is continuing to receive training, which means the whole staff team will benefit from the learning that she will bring back and share.

It has been a great first week in Year 4!

Loving, learning and flourishing in community