

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

What a delight it has been to welcome all the children back to school this week! It is wonderful to have our classrooms full of children who are working with one another, enjoying their learning and having lots of fun along the way.

At the start of this week, the staff team spent a day together in our new outdoor classroom (more of that in a moment). Before staff got stuck in to the various activities, I talked to them about how valuable the team at The Blake is. None of us can do our job on our own – we are a community. Each of us has our own unique strengths, but we also have things that we find more of a challenge; we need each other.

Important as the team at The Blake is, we recognise the importance of the wider team of which we are a part. As a staff team, we work in partnership with you as parents. We believe the very best outcomes for your children are achieved when school and home work together. It was lovely to see so many of you popping into classrooms this week to say hello and to meet the team who are now working with your children. Later this term (17th and 22nd October) we will be holding parents' evenings, when you can learn more about how your child has settled into their new year groups and how you can best support their learning. We are so grateful for the partnership that exists between staff and parents, it is great to be part of one community.

You will all have noticed the new outdoor classroom, built over the summer and funded by The Friends and The Blake Educational Trust. On Monday, staff spent a wonderful day in the new area, learning how to teach the core curriculum outside, as well as how to use the materials that come with the canopy to help children build resilience and character. I have been so encouraged to see the new space in use all through the day, every day this week. Children have been learning French and literacy as well as having quieter and more reflective story times and time to cover the PSHE curriculum.

We will be fundraising for more resources and additional equipment to support this new area e.g. some standing tables, so please to look out for how you can get involved in future Friends events.



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I hope you all have a relaxing and restful weekend, being back at school is tiring!