

Blackwater Newsletter

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Dear Parents and children,

Over the last three months, there have been some silver linings to this challenging time. One really great thing is that the relationships between home and school has strengthened no end. Children have seen the teachers as the wonderful human beings they are, working tirelessly to provide an education for your children, whether they are at home and at school. You have also got to know my busy greenhouse and my children! We have had such an overwhelming sense of support from our community and this has really helped with the huge decisions and challenges we have been faced with. We really hope this relationship continues to strengthen as we find ways to move towards the next phase of school opening.

On Thursday, the government guidance was released for September opening of school to all children. As predicted, there are certain recommendations and guidelines to support a safe opening for all children. Over the coming weeks, we will be looking at this in detail and developing a plan of our own to meet the needs of our children here at Blackwater. If you are interested in finding out more, this link will take you to the guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

As we edge towards the end of term, we are looking forward to sending out reports next Friday to families. Due to the current situation, we will be emailing reports however please let us know if you would like a paper copy as we are more than happy to accommodate this. It has been a real pleasure reading and writing these reports as it fills us with such joy to reflect on all the wonderful learning and progress we have made with each and every children. We really do miss them!

Thank you for everyone who took part in our Arts Week. The Covid Snake, it is looking fantastic and we will be displaying it for all to see next week. Please feel free to continue to give us your painted stones to add onto the snake over the next couple of weeks. It was also brilliant to see the art work you created.

Next week is Maths week, bursting with exciting activities including planning for our wonderful tuck shop, working out how tall your house is and more activities! We have also arranged for a Magic maths session over zoom for all of Wheal Busy and Luna children, whether at home or at school. Please keep an eye out for more details over e-mail.

Best wishes

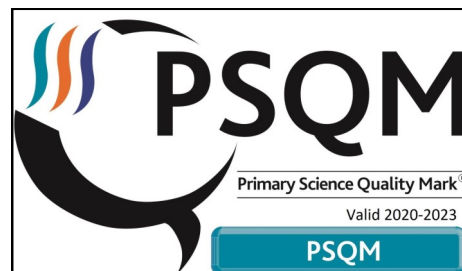
Mrs Evison



A huge congratulations to Mrs. Watkins who has worked so hard to gain this award over the last 12 months. She has researched and written essays to improve the Science teaching at Blackwater School.

Our children's science education has been massively influenced by this research and learning from Mrs. Watkins for the better.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our school.



Blackwater School Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark

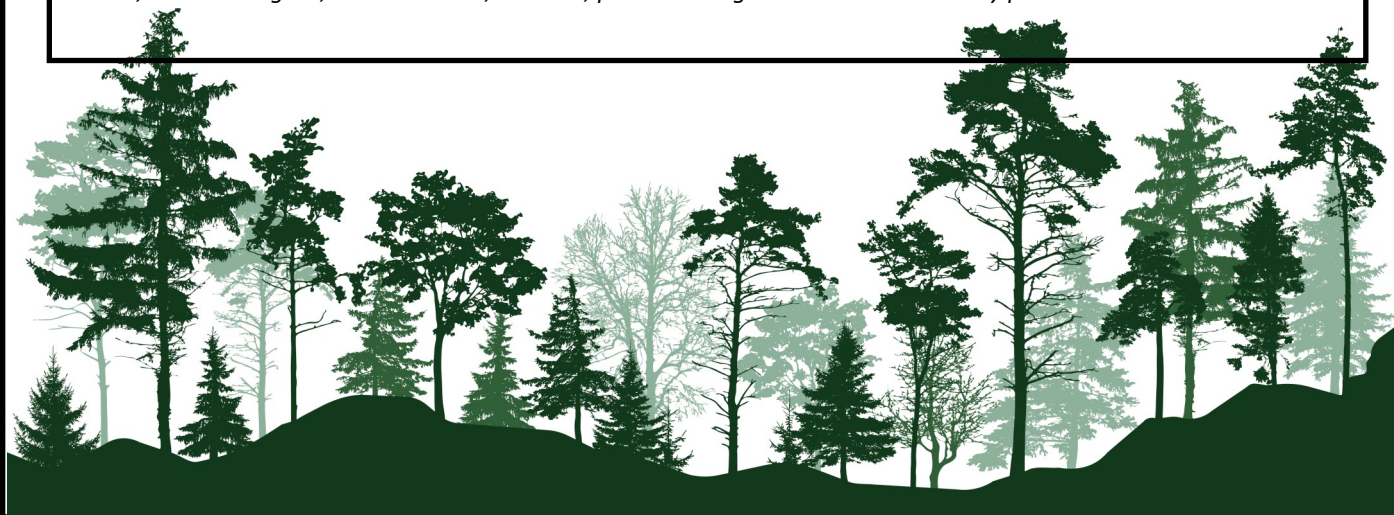
[Schools Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark](#)

Primary Science Quality Marks have been awarded to 160 infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools to celebrate a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. So far, since its national launch in 2010, over 4000 schools across the UK have achieved a prestigious Primary Science Quality Mark.

The Primary School Quality Mark programme ensures effective leadership of science, enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning. Schools that achieve PSQM demonstrate commitment and expertise in science leadership, teaching and learning.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire, School of Education in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.

Associate Professor Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: *“There was never a more important time for primary children to have a high-quality science education. The Coronavirus Pandemic has made everyone aware of the impact of science on our daily lives. Primary schools have an important role to ensure that children understand how science works and keeps us healthy and safe. Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science teaching and learning, even at this challenging time for schools. The profile and quality of science in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.”*





To stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), you should try to avoid close contact with anyone you do not live with. This is called social distancing.

Stay at home as much as possible.

It's very important to stay at home as much as possible.

There are only a few specific reasons to leave your home, including:

- for work, if you cannot work from home
- going to shops to get things like food and medicine, or to collect things you've ordered
- to exercise or spend time outdoors
- for any medical reason, to donate blood, avoid injury or illness, escape risk of harm, provide care or help a vulnerable person.

When outside your home, it's important to try to stay 2 metres (3 steps) away from anyone you do not live with.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

The Trust has its own Out of Hours telephone support provided by Support Matters Cornwall. This service operates from 5pm to 9am on weekdays and 24 hours a day at weekends and bank holidays. The service is open to all patients (aged 16+) under the care of the Trust's mental health services. Support can be delivered over the telephone, via text, email or web chat. Call free on **0800 001 4330**.

This is an unusual time and we are conscious that some people and families will be finding it difficult. We have included some helpline numbers on this page in case anyone finds them useful.

0300 123 3393



"It's alright to ask for help"



116 123



NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE

0808 2000 247

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



**AT HOME
SHOULDN'T
MEAN
AT RISK**

#YOUARENOTALONE

FIND SUPPORT AT:
gov.uk/domestic-abuse



Nursery Places at Blackwater

Please spread the word. We are now accepting new children for September. Our Nursery is thriving and an amazing place for children to learn and develop, looking forward to inviting more children and families into our school community.



Blackwater Community Primary School

Full time Nursery places available for children 3 years and older.

-  Places available in our fantastic Nursery provision from September.
-  All sessions run by qualified teachers.
-  Wrap around care available from 8am to 5:15pm.
-  Spaces available for 15 and 30 hours funding.
-  Amazing outdoor spaces for children to learn and play.

For more information please:

Visit our website
www.blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk

Or ring
01872 560570



Holiday Hunger Scheme

Truro Food Bank are offering top up bags of food to provide breakfasts and lunches for children in the Summer holidays.

They understand the government are now supplying vouchers for free school meals during the holiday, but every little bit helps.

If anyone needs support with food at this time, please email trurofoodbank@gmail.com for more information.

They are operating a collection service at All Saints Church, Highertown, Truro, TR1 3LD to collect food parcels.

Please email for more information.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Stars of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Izzy H - For always being beautifully behaved in the classroom, what a role model.

Wheal Harmony: Charlie L - for his enthusiasm and pencil control this week.

Wheal Busy: Thea T - for her enthusiasm for learning at all times.

Wheal Luna: Jordan L - for his resilience, hard work and kindness over this week.

Above and Beyond

William R - for his amazing handwriting improvement in the recent weeks.

Saffron J - for her kindness and emotional resilience this week.

Each star will get a special certificate flying into the inbox of their parent's email.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."

Albert Einstein

