

Classes:

CLOVER	Year 5/6	Mrs Batey
FIG	Year 4/5	Mrs Geraghty
WILLOW	Year 3/4	Mrs Fernandez
IVY	Year 1/2	Mrs Newbury (Miss Hill maternity cover) Mrs Briscoe & Mrs Brown
OLIVE	Reception/Y1	Mrs Holt

Governing Body:

Chair: Mr James Parman

Mrs Curtis, Mr Briscoe, Mr Lloyd, Mr Verran, Mr Rollett, Mrs Tens, Mrs Addleshaw & Mr Duke

Clerk: Mrs Patterson

INSTAGRAM:

Please follow us on Instagram for regular updates on the children's learning: Instagram: **@Bcl2U**. You are very welcome to join us. The 'X' account has recently been closed.

If you wish to discuss any concerns you have about your child's education, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We try to return any call or email as soon as we can.

Mr Duke



Blyton cum Laughton Church of England

Primary School



Newsletter: Spring Term Bcl Christian value: **THANKFULNESS**

Biblical Quote: 'He has made everything beautiful in his time.' Ecclesiastes 3:11

"More like a school that happens to be in a library." Author, Shane Hegarty

Hello everyone—

THANKFULNESS

Thankful for the bright blue now appearing in the sky.

Thankful for the warmth beginning to surround us.

Thankful for the buzz of children learning.

Thankful for everyone who is making a difference.

Thankful to communities for generosity and support.

Thankful to the creativity and imagination of our children.

Thankful for eyes looking out for those in need.

Thankful for children showing resilience and application.

Thankful for experiences to broaden minds.

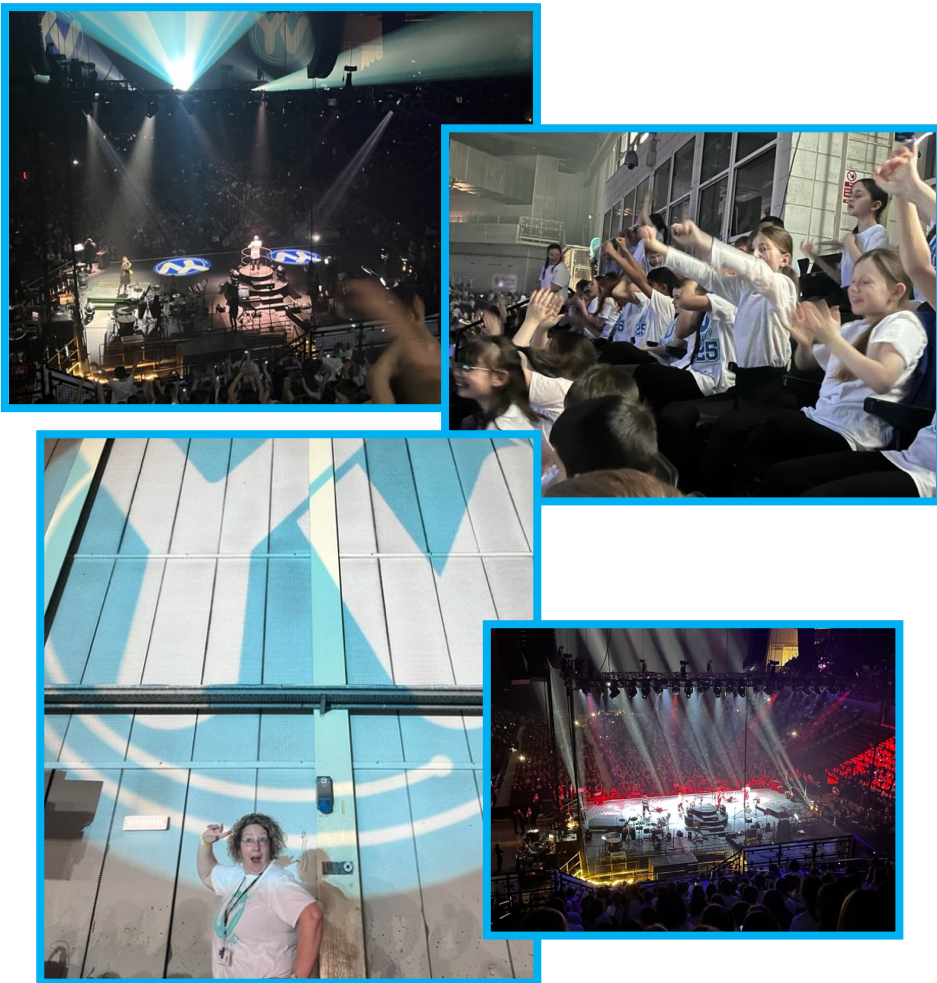
Thankful for opportunities to learn together.

Thank you to God for helping us all to thrive.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO AT BCL?

One of the highlights of any year in Year 5 and 6 is the trip to Sheffield to take part in Young Voices with 4500 other children. So much preparation goes into the performance with weekly rehearsals and lunchtime practice with Mrs Batey (thank you!). The children were exceptional on the day and it was a delight to be part of the evening although my 'dance' moves were not a patch on the brilliance of our movers and shakers! Thank you to families for coming along and supporting your children on the night.



Our BcL Christian Values:

Friendship

'Make your light shine so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5:16

Trust

'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye.'

Psalm 32:8

Courage

'Be strong and courageous for the Lord will be with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1:9

Thankfulness

'He has made everything beautiful in his time.'

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Compassion

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'

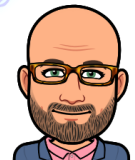
Ephesians 4:32

Hope

'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.'

Genesis 1:1

*Peace
be with you*



Blyton cum Laughton Church of England Primary School



Our BcL Mission Statement:

To be **HAPPY** - To be **CARING** - To **ACHIEVE**
HAPPY - **CARING** - **ACHIEVING**
Caring for our school...caring for each other

Our BcL Vision:

Psalm 32:8: 'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye.' to:

- be a figure of faith, following in the footsteps of Christ through communication, prayer and friendship
- **take the lead to be the best trusted version of ourselves**
- be courageous when faced with or exploring challenge and adversity
- be thankful for our innovative and imaginative problem solving
- be compassionate and caring global citizens
- provide hope through our creations

Our BcL Aims:

At BcL, we aim to encourage everyone in our school community:

- to be respectful, tolerant and walk in the light of Christ
- **to take ownership of their actions, excel as individuals and have a positive impact as citizens in the 21st century**
- to explore and be inquisitive, showing a thirst for learning
- to persevere, be resilient learners, to find solutions and have high aspirations for the future
- to show compassion, empathy and care for others
- to be creative

TRACTOR EXPERIENCE!



Earlier this term, Fig children had the opportunity to learn all about tractors linking with their history learning. Thank you to Mr Sleight



for bringing along his tractor and for answering many questions from the children. The size of tractors always amazes me! They are HUGE!

SWIMMING SUCCESS!

Our swimming team front-crawled their way to trophy success this term in the Gainsborough School's Swimming Gala. The team won many prizes and were seconds away from the overall first prize too!

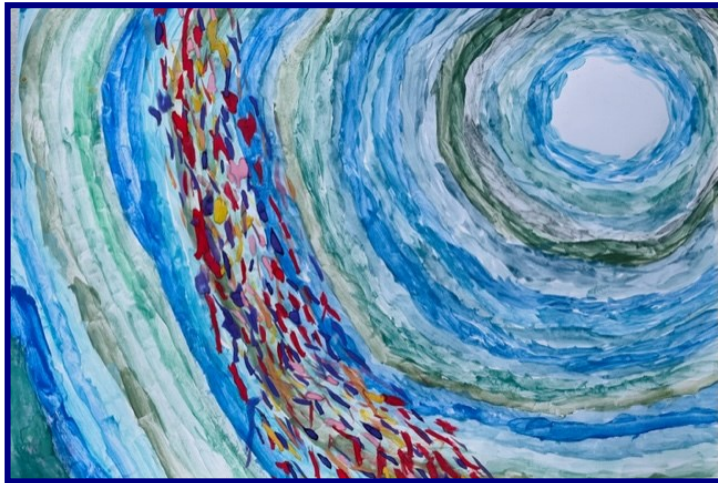
The trophies for Small School's Girls, Small School's and the Overall trophy are now proudly displayed in school.

We are very proud of you!

Thank you to Miss Fisher for supporting the children and giving up your Saturday evening.



THE POWER OF ART TO INSPIRE:



It's the turn of Fig children to share their incredible artwork in this term's 'Power of Art' section. They have been looking at the underwater paintings of Ukrainian artist Olga Nikatina and particularly how she paints flowing water and fish. The patience and skill shown by every single member of the class has been exceptional and many pieces are now on display in school.



CLASS DOJO:

Reminder: If your child is ill or off school for another reason please call the school office to inform us.

If you want to contact your child's teacher about their learning or any other important information you need them to know please do so via Class Dojo.

Messages sent after 8.35am are unlikely to be read by the class teacher until the end of the day due to teaching commitments. Teachers are also not expected to read Dojo messages after 4.30pm so any sent during the evening may not be read until the following morning.

Class Dojo has made a positive difference to communication between teachers and families and we thank you for using it purposefully and with understanding.

UNIFORM NAMES:

A reminder to put your child's name in every item of their uniform. Thank you. It helps so much.

HOMEWORK: Keeping it simple for everyone

All KS1 and KS2 children should read every night and practice their times tables and spellings at least three times per week. Occasionally there may be a project set, e.g. for World Book Week.

Children will have a log in and password for TT Rock Stars (times tables), Numbots (KS1) and Spelling Shed.

If you have any problems with passwords please let us know.

If you wish to challenge your children further with writing, the most helpful way is to encourage the building of sentences using their current spellings.

The key message is **READ! READ! READ!**



BCL REMINDERS:

CELEBRATION WORSHIP:

We present a selection of certificates from the following categories in Celebration Worship during the year: **3.10 at Laughton** on Wednesday and **2.45 at Blyton** on Friday. Celebration Worship takes place most weeks of the year.

SHINING LIGHT (our Figure of Faith) - linked to our Christian Value of **Friendship**

CARER—linked to our Christian Value of **Compassion**

LEADER—linked to our Christian Value of **Trust**

CREATOR—linked to our Christian Value of **Hope**

INNOVATOR—linked to our Christian Value of **Thankfulness**

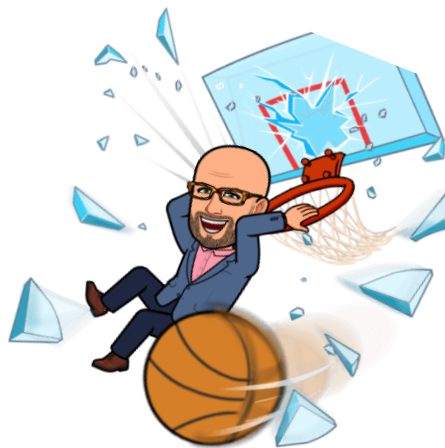
EXPLORER—linked to our Christian Value of **Courage**

Children may also earn our Bcl Values badges throughout the year too for displaying our values. These will be nominated by adults and children.

PE KIT:

The PE kit is **blue/black shorts**, **blue/white t-shirt** and trainers/plimsolls. A football kit or a coloured t-shirt other than blue or white is not appropriate.

The children in Ivy, Willow, Fig and Clover must come to school in their PE kit on PE day.



Spreads from sketchbooks are also displayed to show the process from initial ideas to the finished framed pieces. Olga paints from the sea bed looking up to the light coming through the surface of the water. The children have done so well to create their own versions.



Next time you are in school, please have a look at the underwater gallery! (The photos really do not do the artwork justice)



IMPORTANT NEWS:

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB: UPDATE

We are pleased that numbers for the after-school club have stabilised this term and although we will need to monitor, it will remain open for the foreseeable future as we know how vital it is for our families. It is lovely seeing so many children taking part in activities outside now that the weather has brightened up.



SCHOOL VISITS:

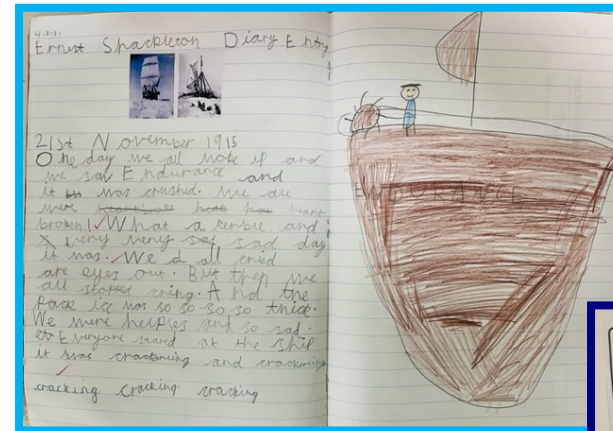
Two schools (from Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire) are visiting us this year having heard about our Reading-Inspired Curriculum. The first visitor was amazed by the creativity of our children and was very interested in how we included books in everything that we do. I will also be talking to the headteacher of a school in Somerset soon as he is looking to develop a curriculum like ours. Exciting times!

MARVELLOUS MUSIC!

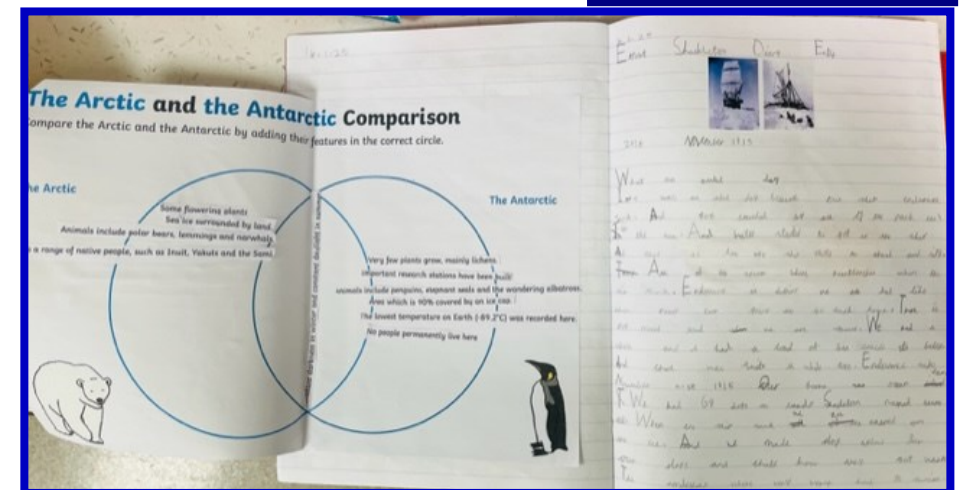
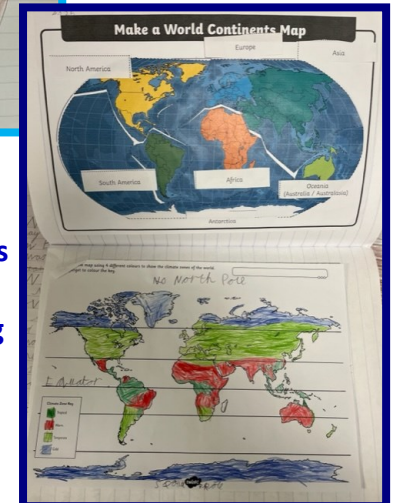
The music sessions delivered by the Lincolnshire Music Service have been a great success this term. The children in KS1 and in Fig class have thoroughly enjoyed the activities and we were delighted to be able to extend the KS1 sessions for a few more weeks. The ukulele concert by Fig class was a wonderful experience and showcased how focused they had been learning how to play as well as singing at the same time!



IVY EXPLORERS!



Learning about one of our BCL Extraordinary Lives, Ernest Shackleton, has always been popular in Ivy. The children have been exploring and labelling maps, using Venn diagrams to sort information and written diaries about Shackleton's journey. Super learning!



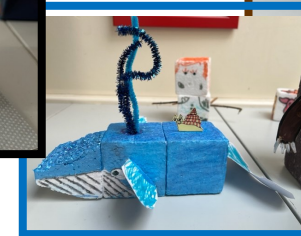
NATURE STUDIES in OLIVE

Children in Olive have been thinking about rainbows—a symbol of HOPE—and developing their fine motor skills to create their own versions. Look at the collage daffodil bulbs they've beautifully displayed on the windows too.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2025:

It was lovely to see entries coming in for our World Book Day competition. We appreciate families have busy lives so try to minimise these extra voluntary tasks on top of the regular homework. The winners were selected by KS2 children at KS1 and by our writer in residence, Beth Walker at KS2.



FUNDRAISER: READ RUN RECYCLE! Tuesday April 29th

The Junior Leadership Team have been given the responsibility of organising a fundraising event for the school called READ RUN RECYCLE. The children have drafted a letter with the details and you should have received it this week. Children will be sponsored to spend the day reading, running (or some form of exercise) and creating a recycled product. It is important that children develop leadership skills in this area and I am sure they will do a superb job of running it.

DIARY DATES for 2025:

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION!

APRIL

Fri 4th Apr: Term 4 ends

Tues 22nd Apr: Term 5 starts

Wed 23rd Apr: Heights and Weights measures Y6 and Reception

28th & 29th April: PARENTS EVENINGS

29th April: Fundraiser—Read, Run, Recycle Fundraiser—The Junior Leadership Team are organising this and will write to you shortly.

30th April: Y5(selected) Mini-Olympics at De Aston

30th April: Author Zoom—Eileen Browne for KS1

MAY (KS1 & KS2 SATS take place this month)

Mon 5th May: Bank Holiday

Fri 9th May: KS1 trip

Mon 12th -15th May: KS2 SATS

Fri 23rd May: Term 5 ends

JUNE

Mon 2nd June: Staff Training Day

Tues 3rd June: Term 6 starts & BCL500 Words Writing Competition

Tues 17th June: KS1 Sports Day

Tues 24th June: BcL SUMMER FAYRE (please help if you can)

Mon 30th June: 5– 6.30 BcL500 Words Celebration Evening (Blyton Church)

Fri 28th June: Parents/carers informed of new classes for 2025/26

JULY

Tues 1st & Wed 2nd July: QEHS Taster Days

Tues 1st July : Kirton Academy Transition Day

Wed 2nd July: New Intake Parents Eve

Mon 7th July: Move-up Day & New Olive children visit

Wed 9th July: Y6 Induction Day De Aston

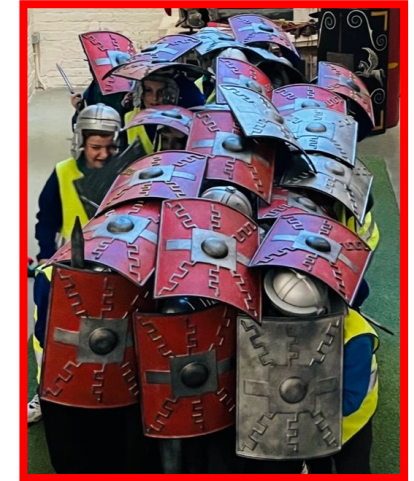
Wed 9th July: KS2 Sports Day

Fri 11th July: Reports to Parents/Carers

Mon 14th—16th July: Y6 Residential (Mr Duke, Mrs Batey , Miss Fisher and Mrs Sleight attending)

Tues 22nd July: 1.30 Leaver's Celebration
(For Year 6 parents)

End of the academic year



Children in Willow and Clover enjoyed great trips to Lincoln last week visiting Lincoln Castle and Bomber Command.

