



Blackburn Central HIGH SCHOOL



I hope ALL of our school community are enjoying the peace and blessings of this holy month.

As restrictions are being gradually lifted, I hope you are enjoying getting back to some normality and seeing loved ones in a COVID-safe manner.

At school plans are afoot to participate in some normality after the 21st of June and we look forward to Sports Day, Trips Day and many other activities that are much loved by our children.

As you can see from the dates listed on the month ahead there will be a closure for Eid on either Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th May or Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May. This decision will be made during that week and parents will be informed via ParentApp, social media and the website. I apologise for not informing you sooner, but it is too early to predict exactly which days Eid will fall on.

Please may I remind you to ensure that your child arrives in school in full uniform, and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Hussain
Headteacher**

The Month Ahead

Monday 3rd May

School closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 6th May

Community Forum

Thursday 13th & Friday 14th May*

School closed for Eid. *Dates may alter by 1 day

Tuesday 25th May

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Friday 28th May

Students finish at 2:50pm for Spring Half Term

Monday 7th June

Students return to school for 8:30am start



Dylan Weir Memorial Fundraiser

Dylan Weir was a very special part of our school family, but he was suddenly and tragically taken from this world us on Tuesday 28th January 2020, at only 12 years old.

Dylan's loyal friendship and incredible personality have left wonderful lasting memories within our school. Students in Dylan's year group and others across school have helped to raise money by selling Easter eggs, organising raffles, and collecting donations.

Dylan's school friends raised a total of £160 for a special memorial bench, which will be located within the community by his family.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, we hope this will make a difference to Dylan's family.



Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps our teachers to manage and monitor students' independent reading.

Students are encouraged choose books that are suitable for their reading level, and read at their own pace. When they finish they book, they take a short online quiz. The quiz measures how much of what they read was understood.

Accelerated Reader gives both students and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help the student set targets and direct ongoing reading practice.

A parent guide and login details are on our [website](#).



Mental Health Webinars

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our recent Mental Health webinars.

We'd also like to thank Bryan Pierce and rest of the Blackburn with Darwen Secondary Mental Health Support Team for running the webinars. These presentations were organised to help parents and carers learn more about mental health and how they can better support their children's happiness.

The presentations available to anyone who missed the original webinars on our [school website](#).

Aspire and achieve



π (pi) Day Competition

Thank you to all the students who took part in our π (pi) day competition last term.

March 14th marks Pi Day, an annual celebration of the mathematical sign pi. Founded in 1988 by physicist Larry Shaw, March 14th was selected because the numerical date (3.14) represents the first three digits of pi, which also happens to be Albert Einstein's birthday!

Winners were selected at random from the highest scorers in each year group. Congratulations to all our winners - James, Hajerah, Jack, and Umaina.



Ramadan Food Boxes

We have teamed up with IMO Charity and Morrisons to provide iftari food boxes to some of our families during the month of Ramadan.

Every day of Ramadan, Muslims eat the pre-fast meal called the Sahoor, before sunrise and culminates with the day's first prayer, the Fajr. The fast isn't broken until sunset with the Iftar meal, which is followed by the Maghrib, the fourth prayer of the day.

The Morrisons food boxes are used to prepare the Iftar meal, and contain 29 portions of halal chicken, chickpeas, yoghurt, naan bread, 2kg of gram flour, plenty of sauces and spices, plus a large bottle of fresh mango lassi and a box of dates.

Thank you for the additional, generous, food donations from Ryan Osman and Natasha Beck, Community Champions from Morrisons Great Harwood, and Blackburn respectively.