

# Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class

## November 2019 Newsletter

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### November 2019

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

- P5 Swimming wk 11

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

- Captains and Vice Captains selling poppies until Monday 11<sup>th</sup>
- P7/6 & P6 trip to Lanark Market

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

- P6 trip to Scotland Street Museum

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

- Football/Netball League

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

- Dance festival at Lanark Memorial Hall

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

- Children in Need ... Dress Down Day. *Make a donation to Children in Need!*

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> **SCHOOL CLOSED** **INSERVICE DAYS**

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

- Barnardos – Cuppa Connect Drop in at 9:15am-10:15am all welcome

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

- P7/6 ( Miss Harrison) class assembly at 9:30am

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

- P7 – Sky Academy trip

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

- Parent Council Movie  
P1-4 at 1pm-3pm  
P5-7 at 6pm-8pm

### December 2019

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

- P5-7 Panto visit to the King's Theatre at 11:00am

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

- Nursery → P3 Big Read Event

### Family Learning Opportunity – Dates for your Diary

Our next planned family learning opportunity (HGIOS 2.5) has a literacy focus. You are invited to the following:

**Primary 4-7** on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November or Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9:30am-10:30am.

**Primary 1-3** on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 1:15pm-3pm - Read, Write and Count.

#### December ...

*Please wait for an update of dates in December. Due to the General Election the school and nursery is likely to be closed on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and limited access to the hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.*

### Cost of the School Day – Reminder

*As we approach the festive season please remember the outcome of The Cost of the School Day. The Cost of the School Day has been reviewed in consultation with the Parent Council and the following recommendations have been agreed: -*

- *NO birthday cakes/sweets to be handed into the school to be shared in the class.*
- *NO gifts at Christmas for teachers or school staff.*
- *NO gifts from staff to pupils at Christmas.*

*We ask that you respect these decisions and appreciate the thought that has been involved in the decision making process.*

### Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

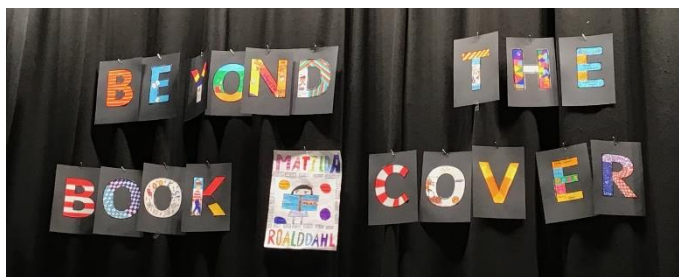
The nursery lead this enterprising activity across our school community. The Children in Need shop will open on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and will sell

- Pudsey/Blush Ears - £2.50
- Pudsey Torch Keyring - £2.00
- Pudsey wristband - £1.00

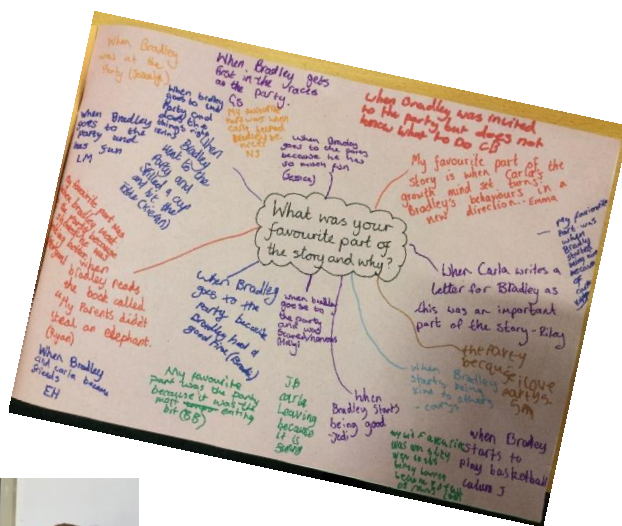


All children are invited to take part in this fundraising event – this is a dress down day at school.

**Primary 7 (Miss Meldrum & Mrs Forbes) Class**  
**Assembly - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**



*"Beyond the Book Cover"* was the theme for Primary 7's class assembly. This event showcased our reading journey and our reading culture which we have developed in Blackwood Primary School.



Family and friends were amazed by the dancing and the singing at this showcase event. A great way to start off the First Minister's Reading Challenge 2019.

## **Primary 6 (Miss Whitefield) Class Assembly - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - The Victorians**

During Term 1 the class novel for Primary 6 was “The Street Child” and this provided the context for their inter-disciplinary learning (IDL) based on “The Victorians”. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert answered questions about life during their era and ‘Inventors Got Talent’ raised the audience awareness of the amazing inventions during Victorian times. Well done P6 for an inspiring performance!



House Captains and Vice Captains will be selling poppies this week in school. Please send in a donation for Poppy Scotland if your child wishes to buy a poppy. We will participate in Remembrance Day during our school assembly on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.





## Penny Petroleum



On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Primary 5 walked along to our local Penny Petroleum Store – Kirkmuirhill Spar to see their artwork on display in the public toilet. This was a community art initiative which the learners participated in during the summer term. The winners and the class were delighted to see their art work displayed in this way. The theme 'Spend a Penny' was explored and their designs were based around the song The Magic Penny... ask your child to sing this to you!

Penny Petroleum has also gifted the school new hi-vis vests which we use when we are out and about in the community. Thanks again.



## Maths Week Scotland (1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> October)



*We really enjoyed working with the pupils at the Careers Fayre and would not change a thing. The children were great and very polite. Their questions were really good. The whole thing was very well organised.*

We celebrated Maths Week Scotland by developing knowledge and understanding of skills for life, learning and work. Visitors throughout the week worked with learners to develop problem solving skills, enhance financial awareness and learn about careers which involve maths. Primary 5-7 tried to complete an escape room challenge by working collaboratively to solve the puzzles, all learners in school met Captain Morgan who set problem solving challenges throughout the day and at a family learning event after school. A Careers fair provided learners with an opportunity to speak to volunteers with a wide variety of jobs to learn how they use numeracy and maths skills daily. P1-4 Learners enjoyed a numeracy book tasting where they sampled new fiction and non-fiction texts which have a numeracy focus. Reflecting on the week, learners identified the impact and importance that the numeracy and maths skills they are learning in school will have on their future.



*I learned that not every job is the same but all of them use Maths!*  
*P6 pupil*



## Parent Council 2019

All parents are invited to attend the next meeting on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. Parent Council representatives met the Pupil Council and they have agreed the following:-

- The movie will be Aladdin at both showings on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- The theme for gala will be Olympics. More information will follow.



These events will only take place with the support of parents, family and/or friends.

- **Gala day - 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration – June 2020**
- **Movie night – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**Halloween Disco** – *Huge thank you to all the committee and members of the Parent Council for organising the Halloween Disco. Gary on the Disco was fab and the children had a great time!*



## Easy Fundraising

Blackwood Primary Parent Council is registered with Easy Fundraising and it is the easiest way to help raise funds for school. Copy the link below to register and the school will receive a £5 donation when you raise £5 from online shopping. Lots of people will be starting their Christmas shopping and you can shop at most of the big stores including Marks and Spencers, Amazon, John Lewis, Ebay and Debenhams through the site or app. It is very easy to use and the donations quickly add up without much effort. We appreciate your support.

<https://www.easypundraising.org.uk/register-your-good-cause/?invite=49bjqz&referral-campaign=s2c>

## The Health Committee – Thank you!



The Health Committee would like to thank everyone for their support. We have successfully completed one poster and are only short of a few stickers to complete a second so please remember to send in any stickers you have at home this week before posters are sent away on Friday.



## Sponsored Bounce – Thank-you

Thank-you for supporting our school fundraiser event. The total raised was £3550. This money is in our school fund and is used throughout the year to supplement events and activities in school.



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