

# Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class

## October 2019 Newsletter

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#### **FAMILY LEARNING MATHS WEEK 1<sup>ST</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

##### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

- P5 Swimming wk 7

##### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

- Parents' Night 3:30pm - 5:30pm  
& 6:30pm - 8:30pm

##### Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

- P7 (Miss Meldrum & Mrs Forbes) class assembly at 9:30am

#### **SCHOOL IS CLOSED 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – HOLIDAY**

##### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

- P5 Swimming wk 8

##### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Barnardos Family Drop In - 9:15am
- Parent Council Meeting at 7pm

##### Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

- Football/Netball League

##### Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

- Fluoride Varnish Nursery → P2

##### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

- P5 Swimming wk 9
- Halloween Disco
  - P1-4 at 2pm - 4pm
  - P5-7 at 6pm - 8pm

### November 2019

##### Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

- Primary 6 (Miss Whitefield) class assembly at 9:30am

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

- P5 Swimming wk 10

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

- P7/6 ( Miss Harrison) trip to Lanark Market

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

- Football/Netball League

### 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.*

### Sponsored Bounce – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

This is our only school fundraiser for the year and we are very grateful for the support shown by our families. We will continue to accept sponsor money until 11<sup>th</sup> October.



The Health Committee organised this event for our school community - Thank You!

### Summer Reading Challenge 2019



The Reading Agency and Libraries "Space Chase" Summer Reading Challenge was won by Darcy who read a total of 18 books!

Poppy was the first to sign up for this challenge and received a book by Enid Blyton.



## Come and Spell – Family Learning Primary 2-7

Families were invited into school to work alongside their child in class during spelling. 45% of families were represented at these workshops and feedback is extremely positive. A guide for parents has been created and this has been handed out to all pupils in school to help develop parental understanding of how their child learns spelling and phonics in school and ideas are included to support this at home. If you have any questions about spelling or indeed any of our literacy developments please contact the school office.



*Great to see the children having fun working on their spelling. Very informative.*

*Well-structured and good to see the difference between Primary 2 and 7!*

*Really helpful workshop teaching parents how the children are learning. I now realise what my child means when she tells me she is doing Diacritical Marking. Love how children use simple things like pasta and playdough to spell out words.*

*Really worthwhile, good to see how the children learn in the classroom and it gives us better ways to help them at home!  
You all do a great job!  
Thank- You.*

*Great to see all the new strategies being used. Great insight for parents.  
Really fun ways to learn!*

## Parent Council 2019

All parents are invited to attend the next meeting on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. I would encourage you to come along.

Please see enclosed flyers:-

... Call out for parent/carer helpers - please complete and return by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

... Ticket order form for Halloween Disco - please complete and return with money by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

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**
- **Halloween Disco – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**
- **Movie night – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**





## The Health Committee – Do you shop in Aldi?

The Health Committee have signed up and are collecting Team GB Stickers. If you, friends or work colleagues could collect the rewards and send them in to school that would be appreciated.

The Olympic theme will be evident in the work the Health Committee do this year as Japan 2020 becomes more high profile in the media.



## Primary 1 Trip to New Lanark – Book Festival



All the Primary 1 pupils went to New Lanark for a *Meet the Author* event with Chae Strathie. He read two of his books - *Gorilla Loves Vanilla* and *Dear Dinosaur*. The children sang and, danced and had lots of fun and laughs! After the stories and songs, Chae signed some books and we were able to order a few more for our class library.



## Primary 7 Trip to New Lanark – Book Festival

Primary 7 visited New Lanark for the Book Festival where they listened to and met the author Keith Charters. They were able to find out how Keith became an author, how he approaches story writing and they asked many interesting questions. We were able to purchase books for the school library and we were able to get these signed.

It was really fun because we learned a lot about Keith Charters and the characters in his book.  
Taylor

It was fun. I liked when he explained his books and I'm hoping to buy his first book with my birthday money.  
Morgan



## Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill Flower Show

Congratulations to Primary 4 for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the small garden category. They are delighted with this achievement and are thinking of lots of ways to spend their voucher for Tesco!



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

Your child will be participating in a range of activities throughout the week which will develop their skills for life, learning and work. Formal Invitations to a family learning opportunity on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 3pm were sent out recently. This event will be delivered by A.S. Creatives and has been funded by the Parent Council. This is an excellent opportunity for you and your child to learn

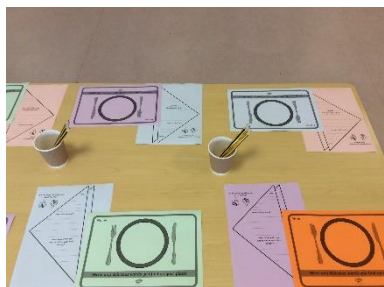
### Family Learning (HGIOS 2.5)

Our next planned family learning session is on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

Who?	What?	Where?	When?
Parents/Carers/Family Adult of Primary 1-7 along with their child / children	Numeracy workshops	In Gym Hall	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October at 3pm - 4pm

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October ... Maths week is underway

Here are a few examples of activities so far ....



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