

# Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class

## January 2020 Newsletter

### Head Teacher: Ms C. McMillan



#### January 2020

- Primary 5 - 7 cross country on a **WEDNESDAY** afternoon this term.

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

- Football and Netball clubs start

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

- P5/4 (Mrs Kellie) class assembly at 9:30am – all welcome!

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

- Barnardo's CUPPA CONNECT - drop in session at 9:15am - 10:15am – all welcome!

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

- P7 transition event at LHS

#### February

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

- Parent Council Meeting – 7pm

**School is closed on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>,  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of February.**

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

- Football and Netball league games

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

- P5 and P5/4 visit to Sky Academy
- P1 and P2 year groups family learning workshops

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

- P5 (Miss Hendry) class assembly at 9:30am – all welcome!

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

- P7 & 6 Residential to Dalguise, Perth

#### March

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

- Clydesdale Cross Country Competition at Lanark Race Course
- *PARENT COUNCIL SOCIAL NIGHT AT BLACKWOOD BOWLING CLUB- see flyer!*

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

- Football and Netball league games

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

- P1 class assembly at 9:30am – all welcome!

#### January Emotional Theme – HAPPY!

In school we started the new session at our assembly looking at the word “happy” and what it means for everyone at Blackwood Primary. Despite the dark mornings and the damp weather, being happy is important to our emotional health and wellbeing.

Using our Emotional Literacy Framework calendar as a focus-

#### What makes me a happy person?

- I can smile
- I can laugh
- I can appreciate and share humour
- I can have fun
- I can enjoy life
- I can look forward...
- I can help others to be happy



#### How can I develop this theme at home?

- Share a joke
- Draw a happy face
- Go for a walk with my family
- Play a game with my family
- Dance to music



#### Cross Country - Primary 5, 6 and 7

Primary 5, 6 and 7 have started their cross country training on a Wednesday afternoon as part of their entitlement to 2 hours of high quality Physical Exercise every week. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothes to wear and assume that this activity will take place weekly regardless of the weather.

#### Staff News

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Stein, class teacher in Primary 1 will be leaving school towards the end of Term 3 to have a baby - Congratulations and Best Wishes!

# Cost of the school day!



We offer **free, confidential and impartial advice** - we can help check your benefit entitlement, assist with the claims process, challenge decisions and represent you at Social Security appeal tribunals. For debt issues we look at your financial circumstances, contact creditors, discuss options and give budgeting advice; **Contact number: 0303 123 1008**

Our Telephone Advice Line offers a similar service specifically aimed at pregnant women and families with young children; **Contact number: 01698 453154.**

## **Primary 1 and Primary 2 Family Learning Literacy Workshop** **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 1:15pm**

Santa visited the Primary 2 and 1 party and gave the children a dictionary and a thesaurus as a gift. This was a great present as it allows us to take forward our literacy strategy with the learners in Primary 2 and 1. Parents/Carers and their child are invited to attend a workshop on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 1:15pm. We are encouraging all parents or an adult from the family to come to school to work on literacy skills and games with their child – letters of invite will be issued from Miss Colquhoun.

## **Barnardos – Family Support**

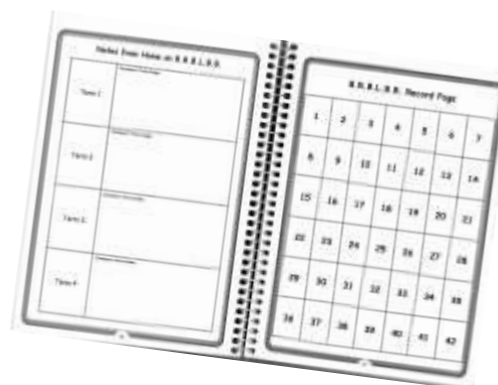
We work in partnership with the agency Barnardos to offer family support. This is a bespoke service to fit your needs - please come along to Cuppa Connect on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am to find out more.

## **Diaries:- Parental Engagement**

As we start a new term, I would ask for you to look at **Page 86** in the home link diary with your child and discuss their learning to date by answering the questions

- What I now know?
- What can I improve?
- Who or what can help me?

I would also ask you to look at **Page 25 & 26** which records Better Relationships, Better Learning, Better Behaviour (BRBLBB). Ideally your child will have been awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze star for the term and you are asked to comment on your child's behaviour on **Page 25**. If your child has not received a reward, then you should have a discussion with your child on ways they can improve their behaviour and set a target for this term.



If you wish to discuss this further, please contact the school office and make an appointment to speak to a member of the Senior Management Team.

