

Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class

February 2020 Newsletter

Head Teacher: Ms C. McMillan



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

Wednesday 5th

- Parent Council Meeting – 7pm
- School is closed on Friday 7th,
Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th,
Wednesday 12th of February.**

Friday 14th

- Football and Netball league games

Thursday 20th

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

Friday 21st

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

Monday 24th – Friday 28th

- P7 & 6 Residential to Dalguise, Perth

March

Friday 6th

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

Wednesday 11th

- P3 (Miss Murray) visit to the Scottish Owl Centre.

Friday 13th

- Football and Netball league games

Monday 16th

- P4 and P6 year groups workshops with RNSO

Wednesday 18th

- P7 & 6 Residential Showcase 3pm-5pm

Friday 20th

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

Friday 27th

- Awoke – Charity Day

Pupils Absent from School Due to Illness

We respectfully ask that all parents/carers respect NHS guidelines for the control of illness – diarrhoea and / or vomiting – must be kept off for 48 hours from the last episode. If your child is sent home with the above from school, we may refuse readmission.



Update from Early Years

The new Early Years Centre at Kirkmuirhill is now under construction and it is anticipated that this facility will be open by August 2020. The need for this expansion is in response to the Scottish Government's commitment to provide 1140 hours of free early education and childcare.



This facility has been named as “**Woodhill Early Learning Centre**” and is a 50 week establishment. This facility will work in partnership with the local primary schools but is a ‘stand-alone’ centre.

Blackwood Primary School Nursery will continue to operate offering a school term time resource and from August 2020 will offer all children 1140 hours.

If you have any questions regarding early learning and childcare – please contact the school office.

Enrolment – August 2020

The enrolment process has been completed and the first configuration submitted to SLC. At this moment in time, we have enrolled 30 Primary 1 children. This means we are anticipating remaining at 11 classes for August 2020. It is very early days in this process and I will keep you informed with updates as necessary.

Cost of the School Day – Money Matters Advice Service

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 20th 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 20th 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.

P4 - Assembly – Lights, Camel, Action Thursday 19th December



Primary 4 were all 'fab-yule-ous' as they took to the stage to perform the story of Lights, Camel Action! Their performance was themed around Strictly Come Dancing where Nativity characters, such as the Angels, Camels, Innkeepers, Shepherds and Sheep danced and sang for the judges. In true Strictly style the judges were represented by the hip-shaking and enthusiastic Donkey, the level-headed (and a bit biased at times) Innkeeper's wife and the opinionated and hard to please Caesar who had the crowd 'booing' and 'cheering' throughout. Well done!!

P7 Billionaire Boy- Kings Theatre Glasow

Primary 7 (Miss Meldrum) visited the Kings theatre, Glasgow on Thursday 16th January to watch a performance of their class novel 'Billionaire Boy'. This performance enhanced their visualisation and comprehension skills and will be transferred to the scots version 'Billionaire Bairn'.



EDUCATION SERVICES

Executive Director: Tony McDaid

Blackwood Primary School - Head Teacher: Ms Christine McMillan