

**Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class**  
**Term 4 Weekly Newsletter - No. 3 (6.5.20)**  
**Head Teacher: Ms C. McMillan**



**Week 3 – Term 4**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> School In-service and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Day Holiday**

The staff at Blackwood Primary and Nursery class have launched their “**Reach for Stars**” video message for all our young people. This is a song that we sing weekly at our school assembly to celebrate our achievements. This can be viewed on Google Classroom, Twitter - @BlackwoodPS\_SLC or the School Website – [www.blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)



The Parent Council would like to organise a response .... if you would like to take part, you can take a photograph of your child/ren along with a message for their class teacher and send this to Pauline Ward -

[paulines76@live.com](mailto:paulines76@live.com) Thank You!

**Google Classroom** has been launched this week for our learners to provide weekly ideas for learning and to engage in online dialogue with peers and their class teachers. This has been approved nationally and by the trade unions.



Passwords to access this resource were issued in the learning packs, and some have already been activated, so we would ask that if you have not done so can you please log on and sign up for this... any problems please contact Mrs Park at [office@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

It is our aim to provide you with a weekly update of learning opportunities and to answer any generic questions you may have. Please use this email address [headteacher@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) for this purpose.



## Primary 7 Leavers – Transition to Lesmahagow High School

Lesmahagow High School have issued the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of their “Shining a Spotlight on Lesmahagow High School”. This is now available to download from their website – [www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk) via their Pupils/P7 Transition page. Keep checking back for updates.

## Residential and Day Excursions for 2020/21

At this moment in time we have been advised by SLC, following Government Guidelines not to book any residential experience or day excursions for the session 2020/21.

Our current Primary 5 and 6 would have been scheduled to go to Ardentenny in February 2021. Sadly, this has been cancelled.

## Classes 2020/21

In a normal scenario, we have been advised to form 11 classes for the session 2020/21. This would involve one team teaching situation, however as we are awaiting guidance of how schools will function after lock down no further information is available at this time .....  
*I will keep you informed!*



## We are here to help ... let us know how!

- *We have access to our Barnardo’s Family workers who can offer support. This support is in many different forms ... it is not a one size fits all. Please ask if you have any questions*
- *SLC are looking at ICT and internet access for all families – If you need internet access or any ICT equipment can you please let us know by emailing – [office@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)*
- *Linking with Community Resilience Group (Based at Kirkmuirhill Parish Church) open daily 10am-noon, Monday – Friday T: 07943 990630 or 07943 804965*

## Primary 2 Year Group Family Learning

### RAINBOW LITERARY WARRIORS STORY GROUP

Contacts:-Wendy Thomson (07846317110) & Emma McGeachie (07512734107)

A STORY BY OUR CHILDREN, CREATED TO CONNECT OUR CHILDREN .....

*Hello Everyone*

*Whilst this is a time of much uncertainty & fear of change for our families we wanted to do something positive that would not only unite our children with their peers but also help them achieve some normality out of this extraordinary situation.*

*It has become more & more apparent on social media that our children are missing their friends. As an alternative to a play date we thought a creative project might encourage connection & provide our children with a positive focus for which to display their many talents.*

We are looking for creative, inspiring or even just "willing to give it a try" P2 boys & girls who would like to work collectively to create their very own story. The idea is that each individual child will write a section of the story, creating characters, plots, artwork & then within 72 hours the story will be passed to another child to do the same and so on and so on to create a story chain, until we eventually have a Blackwood & Kirkmuirhill Best seller!!

The story will be uploaded/presented on the Facebook page as unfortunately we can't do a paper option in the current climate & the children will be able to follow the story and the creative talents of their friends as it is written. We need words (lots of them) pictures, characters & the beauty of it all is that anything is possible, it's their story!!

We don't know how long the current situation will last but in the meantime if we can stay connected despite being distant or isolated & if it helps our children feel a little bit closer to their friends then something positive will have been achieved.

*If you are interested in something, no matter what it is, go at it full speed ahead. Embrace it with both arms, hug it, love it and above all become passionate about it. Lukewarm is no good!"*

Roald Dahl

*Miss Lothian and Mr Broadhurst are so excited to hear about this literacy project and can't wait to read it!*

*They want to buy the first copies of this story as they know it will be a best seller!!*

*Good luck to all the authors and illustrators in Primary 2.*

*Ms McMillan thinks this is a fabulous idea and has enjoyed reading the story so far .... Can't wait for the next chapter!!!*

## Within our local community

Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class are working in partnership with the Community Resilience Group based at Kirkmuirhill Parish Church.

As lock down continues, this group plan to generate community through family activities and offer support to ensure the mental and emotional wellbeing of all. Please see their newsletter which is attached.

## 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**



**EDUCATION SERVICES**  
**Executive Director: Tony McDaid**  
**Blackwood Primary School - Head Teacher: Ms Christine McMillan**



# NEWSLETTER

## SO what's been happening for the BKRK team?

Well, we have been busy putting together several outreach projects and campaigns and our BKRK hub team have responded to over 160 of your calls. Amazing!

**WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR TEEN TIK TOK CHALLENGE @BKRK20 and**

### THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT THING

Last week saw the launch of our regular *Wednesday Night Thing* with a family quiz on Facebook Live last week. The quiz was designed for some good old fashioned light-hearted fun with ridiculous prizes given to the funniest and most ridiculous answers to our very random bonus questions! We certainly have discovered a few hidden comedians in the village!

The response from the community has been amazing and we are looking to run regular quiz nights going forward - follow our Facebook posts or visit [www.bkrk.org](http://www.bkrk.org) to find out when our next quiz night is!



Stacey & family had fun with their cartoon monster mouths

## Messages of Hope

was one of our first outreach campaigns & is for both adults & young people to get involved in

We want our vulnerable people to know that we we are still thinking about them and supporting them through these uncertain times with letters of encouragement to cheer people who are either shielding or isolating. Children are especially encouraged to get involved by drawing pictures and writing poems and letters. You can write as many friendly letters & draw as many pictures as you like and when you are finished pop them the dedicated post box outside the BKRK Hub, located at the Parish Church. Watch out for our Facebook announcements on a Tuesday



**Tuesday 5th May**  
Kids Club & Rainbow Club Challenge

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#bkrk20 your TikTok videos

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**Wednesday 6th May**  
KIDS DISCO - 6:30pm-7:30pm

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**Thursday 7th May**  
Weekly Tik Tok Challenge

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Find out how you can get involved in our COMMUNITY TIME CAPSULE



**THE OUTREACH TEAM ALSO RAN A LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION.**

**ALL OF THE ENTRIES WERE FANTASTIC AND IT WAS AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT DECISION TO CHOOSE A WINNER!**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR TAKING PART AND TO THANK OUR WINNER 'STACY BROWN' FOR HER DESIGN.**

**WE LOVE IT!**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.BKRG.ORG](http://WWW.BKRG.ORG) TO SEE ALL THE AMAZING ENTRIES**



**OUR EASTER BONNET COMPETITION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH OVER 60 ENTRIES! WOW!**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO GOT INVOLVED, FOR GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE ACTIVITY AND ENJOYING SOME GOOD OLD FASHIONED FAMILY FUN!**

**YOU CAN FIND PICTURES OF ALL THE ENTRIES AT [WWW.BKRG.ORG](http://WWW.BKRG.ORG)**



**WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL TEAM OF OVER 40 VOLUNTEERS - WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!!!**

**AND OF COURSE ALL OF OUR GENEROUS DONORS WHO HAVE DONATED THEIR TIME, MONEY AND SERVICES!!!**



**OUR AMAZING RESPONSE TEAM**

Our volunteer call handlers have taken 29 calls this week & our runners have been busy shopping & making deliveries

With 164 calls taken so far we are delighted to be able to help our more vulnerable community members

We have lots of puzzles, games, books, DVDs etc & our care packages are still available so please give us a call



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Monday to Friday, 10am - 12 noon