

Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class
Term 4 Weekly Newsletter - No. 4 (11.5.20)
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Week 4 – Term 4

Report Cards

Report cards are normally issued in April prior to our parent-pupil-teacher consultation meetings. The teachers have completed these reports prior to lockdown. In the haste of lockdown being implemented, Primary 1, 7 and our supported classes were printed and posted to the families. It is a legal requirement that parents/carers receive an annual update on progress, therefore, it is our intention to print these and deliver them to you during the course of next week. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, these will not be signed by the class teacher or myself.

Once you have received your child/ren's report please direct any questions you may have in the first instance to headteacher@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk.

There has been an increased uptake in the use of **Google Classroom**. This platform provides our learners with weekly ideas for learning and provides the opportunity to engage in online dialogue with peers and their class teachers. This has been approved nationally and by the trade unions.



Google Classroom

Access Codes to activate this resource for your child/ren 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

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 for this purpose.

Primary 7 - Transition to Secondary

Lesmahagow High School have asked us to share the following link with you which includes lots of information about transition to High School. Within the link there are various activities for your P7 child to take part in.



<http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/p7-transition/>

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***
- *Linking with Community Resilience Group (Based at Kirkmuirhill Parish Church) open daily 10am-noon, Monday – Friday T: 07943 990630 or 07943 804965*

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 plans to generate community through family activities and offer support to ensure the mental and emotional wellbeing of all.



Kids Club - Village art project to tackle litter, dog fouling and environmental issues around the community. We would like children to take photos of areas that are bad and areas that are good, tell us a little bit about why it is bad and why it needs to change, create a slogan and finally an art poster. Every poster entered will be made into a street sign and erected around the village with an overall winning design announced in June. Details to follow.

To help get started a craft pack will be given out to families who want to take part containing an A3 poster pad, pens and pencils and guidance on what to do - one pack per 2 children please.

Week 1 activity is to take photos while out on their daily exercise and post onto the announcement on the group page - announcement will go out later today/tomorrow.

Rainbow Club - is our garden project to gets kids (and their adults of course) creating a 1 metre square garden area using recycled items. They can re-use random items from around the house or garden to create a space for planting etc with the challenge to get creative and put as much into the space as possible, with an overall winning design announced sometime in June. Details to follow.



We will share ideas on our Facebook page to help the children get inspired and hope to be able to provide garden packs to help those taking part get started with planting etc.

Week 1 activity is to collect items that can be recycled & reused and to post pictures to help inspire others on our page - announcement will go out later today/tomorrow.

Kids & Rainbow Club

Over the next 4-5 weeks we will announce a weekly activity, and to encourage the children to get involved and to share what they are doing, we will randomly select a photo/post from each club to receive something from our arts & crafts section each week.

Time-Capsule - we are also looking for budding film makers and writers to help us with our time capsule project making short videos, writing short stories and messages about what they are doing and how they are feeling while we are and have been in lock-in. We are very excited about this project and being able to capture a snapshot of Blackwood & Kirkmuirhill in this historical moment - how we as a community will remember and be remembered during this time.

Or you can get involved by having some fun with our Time Capsule activity packs.

So please let us know if you would like to get involved or know someone else who would - we'd love to hear from you.

Our website is now live - www.bkrg.com, please visit for further information on our group, what we are doing and our outreach programme of activities & events. Our newsletter for this week is also 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**



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