

**Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class**  
**Term 4 Weekly Newsletter - No. 5 (18.5.20)**  
**Head Teacher: Ms C. McMillan**



**Week 5**

**School on holiday - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Class Messages**

*A huge thank-you from all the staff for the messages from the children. This was a real cheer-up for the staff to get this on Monday morning!*

*Thanks to Pauline Ward (and her son Jamie) for co-ordinating this initiative.*

**Keeping in touch**

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.

**Report Cards**

Primary 2-7 parent/carers, hopefully you have received your child/ren's report via doorstep post or in some cases via Royal Mail. If you have not received this by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May please contact the please contact Mrs Park at [office@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

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](mailto:headteacher@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk).

**Phone Calls**

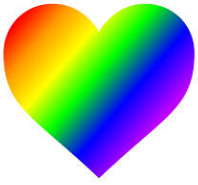
Class teachers are hoping to make telephone calls to their pupils starting from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. This number will appear on your phone as withheld. The purpose of this phone call is just a "check-in". If you miss the call the teacher will leave a message with a suggested call back time.



In discussion, we feel that pupils having this contact with their class teacher would be beneficial as lock down continues.

Respectfully, in this instance we ask that this conversation is kept short. If you have any wider issues please email [headteacher@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) for further discussions or support.

## **Activity for All - Celebrating Kindness**



Let's blanket our world with LOVE! It is simple. Just make a heart from any object and tape it to a street facing window to send your love out to the world. Encourage all your friends to do the same. Then in June, take a family walk (keep socially distanced!) to search for other hearts on houses. How fun will it be to watch love grow!

Pictures can be posted on google classrooms.

## **Google Classrooms**

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.

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](mailto:office@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)



Google Classroom

## **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/>



## **Community Volunteer - Happy Birthday**

During lock down I have just heard that one of our faithful community volunteers has celebrated a very special birthday. Mr Young, who is active in our paired reading initiative turned 80 years old! Congratulations and Best Wishes from everyone at Blackwood Primary.



## 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***

## 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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