

Blackwood Primary and Early Learning & Childcare Newsletter – Monday 6th November (No.4) Headteacher: Ms C McMillan



CANCELLED - planned industrial action this week has been cancelled. School will be open as normal on Wednesday 8th November.

Annual Calendar - Updates

Family Learning Opportunity “ Read, Write & Count” on Wednesday 15th November at 1:15pm. A representative from each family is invited to work with their child. More than one child in Primary 1-3 don't worry they can be joined up. Unable to make it ... our Primary 7 buddies are on hand to help out.

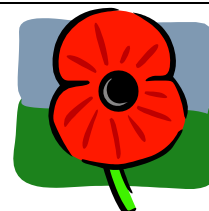
Primary 5 Swimming – Extended to 21st November.

Primary 3/2 Miss Illingworth's Class – Visit to BBC Scotland, Glasgow Thursday 23rd November. Further information will follow.

Primary 5 year group – Visit to Sky Academy, Livingston on Tuesday 28th November. Further information will follow.

Remembrance Day - 11th November

We are supporting Poppy Scotland this week and have donation tins in school. We are remembering service personnel past and present during this week in school.



Sycamore

Sycamore won the house treat for Term 1. This celebration was led by our sycamore leadership team of Brooke, Noah, Kayden and Chanelle – Well Done!

Children in Need – Dress Down Day Friday 17th November

Children in Need will be celebrated on Friday 17th November. It will be a dress down day in school and children can bring a small donation to support this charity.



The ELC have set up a Pudsey shop this week with Pudsey/Blush ears priced at £2.50, Pin badges and wristbands are £1. The shop will be open daily until stock sells out with all profit being sent to Children in Need.



Opportunities for Support

Over the festive season the school can be in a position to offer support with food, clothing and a Christmas gift. We appreciate that it is sometimes hard to ask for help. If you would like the school to access the supports available, please contact the school office and ask to speak with Ms McMillan in confidence or complete the google form below and she will get in touch with you.

<https://forms.gle/uQnP12Y818bXWtPu6>

Primary 7/6 Class Assembly – World Smile Day



Primary 7/6 theme for their class assembly was “World Smile Day”. Reflections were made on how a smile can make you feel happy and how this is important to children’s mental health and wellbeing. In true Mrs Small fashion, there was a celebration dance which put a smile on everyone’s face!

Well Done to Primary 7/6!!

Library Visits

We are a Gold Reading School. This has been a natural pathway following our success with the First Minister’s Reading Challenge. Working in partnership with Jackie, the community librarian, all stages in the school have visited the library. With a focus on the picture book “Room on the Broom” the ELC, took part in a family Halloween book walk at Blackwood Park.



Primary 7 Bikeability

Most of Primary 7 have completed and passed Bikeability Training Level 2. This is part of our sustainability agenda to reduce our carbon footprint. We would encourage all Primary 7 to cycle to school, remembering hi vis vest and helmets in the winter months. Huge thank you to all the staff and well done to all the learners!

Halloween – Monday 30th October



All our pupils enjoyed a fun day on Monday 30th October to celebrate Halloween. This day was only made possible by the support of the Parent Council, some volunteers and a few children who decorated the hall - a huge thank you to everyone who gave of their time to do this – small in numbers but big effort – awesome!

The theme for the staff this year was “Barbie” and the staff joined in the fun ... unfortunately we couldn't persuade Mr McLaughlin to take on the role of Ken!

It was an inclusive day in school for all our learners – well done everyone!



Rag Bag Collection

We will be having a Rag Bag Collection on Wednesday 22nd November. Please hand anything you wish to donate, into the school in a black bag, by Tuesday 21st November. Thank you.

Through Rag Bag, you are able to help recycle textiles and clothing that may have ended up going to landfill. The following are the only items that can be accepted - clothes, paired shoes, belts, handbags.



Parent Council 2023

You can support the Parent Council when you shop online using easyfundraising.

As we shop more readily on the internet this is a great way to support the school and ELC without having to do anything. Our cause is listed as –



Blackwood Primary Parent Council - Lanark.



Click on the link below to register your account :

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/register-your-good-cause/?invite=49bjqz&referral-campaign=s2c>

Contact details for the Parent Council are
blackwoodparentcouncil@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 22nd November at 7:30pm on TEAMS

Christmas .. in advance

Christmas Jumpers

These can be worn in school from Friday 1st December. We have a small supply of new or nearly new Christmas Jumpers in the school. If you have any for recycling, please hand them into the school office.



Parents/Children can access these at their own convenience via the school office or via the above link.

Christmas Lunch – Friday 15th December



If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch this must be pre-ordered by Friday 17th November. Please use the link below to book your child / children's Christmas Lunch.

<https://forms.gle/3Nzb6osFTcva3FB68>

Carols Around the Tree - Christmas Concert

Our Carols Around the Tree will take place during the week commencing 11th December. The format is in two parts. Part 1 is the Christmas Story and Part 2 is Christmas Fun! The performance time is approx. 1hr 20 minutes (this will be confirmed once rehearsals are underway!)



We have 4 performances which means that we will be strict on ticket numbers to ensure that everyone is comfortable and the hall does not become too hot.

The showings are

- **Tuesday 12th December at 1:00 pm.**
- **Wednesday 13th December at 1:00 pm.**
- **Thursday 14th December at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.**

Please note – the evening performance on 14th December will have a limit of 2 tickets per family and is likely to sell out quickly. There is no limit on the number of tickets purchased for the afternoon performances.

Tickets cost £2 and raffles will be on sale for £1 a strip. Tickets will be on sale via the School Shop from Monday 27th November.

[Shop | Blackwood Primary School \(blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk\)](http://blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

Please also confirm via google form that your child will attend the evening performance on Thursday 7:00pm.

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Friday 15th December

E.L.C. Christmas Party.

Monday 18th December

Primary 7 and Primary year groups
Christmas Party.

Tuesday 19th December

Primary 5, Primary 4 and Primary 3 year
groups (including Miss Lothian's P3s)
Christmas Party.

Wednesday 20th December

Primary 2 and Primary 1 year groups and the supported classes Christmas
Party.

Wednesday 20th December

Flu Immunisations

Friday 22nd December

School Closes for the Winter Break at 2:30 pm.

Monday 8th January

School and ELC reopen at 9:00 am



EDUCATION SERVICES

Executive Director: Carole McKenzie

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