

Blackwood Primary and Early Learning & Childcare

April Newsletter – Monday 29th April



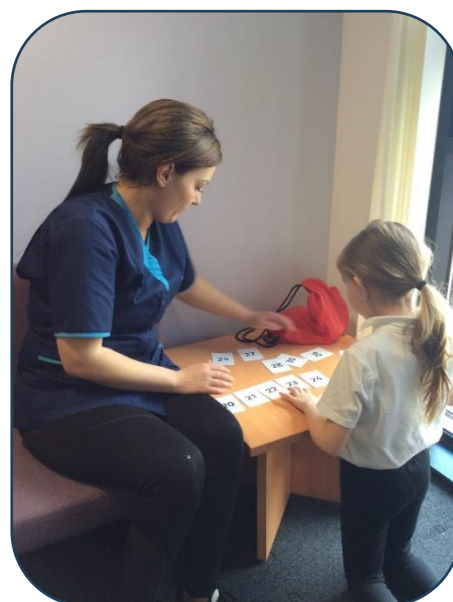
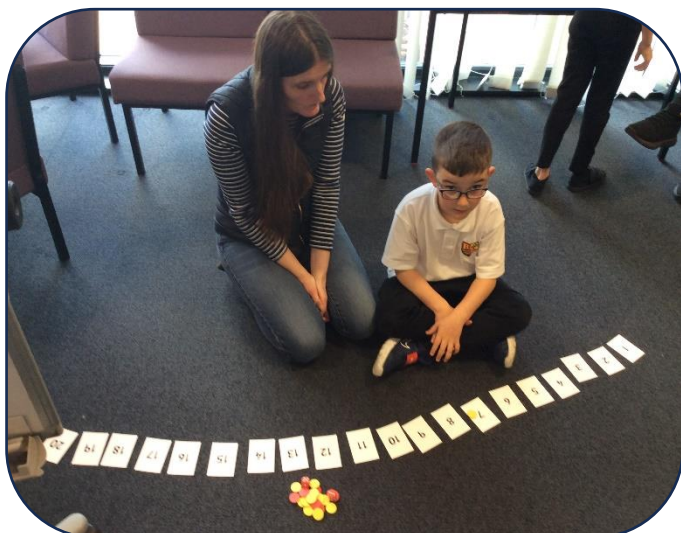
Parents' Evening

Thank you to all families who attended Parent Consultations on Thursday 25th April. This opportunity to discuss learning and teaching along with the information on your child's report card should have provided you with an update on progress and given you an understanding of your child's progression towards the curriculum level they are working towards achieving. Report cards were issued via ParentsPortal, if you have been unable to view your child's report card it will need to be resent as downloading the report is time sensitive so, please contact the school office to resolve this. Thank you to all families who completed our annual parental survey. We will share the results of this questionnaire in the next newsletter and your views will inform our improvement planning for next session.

**We had 91%
attendance at
parents' night.**

You + Me Workshop

9 families from Primary 3 and Primary 4 are attending the You + Me Numeracy workshops with Mrs Bennie on a Tuesday afternoon. This is a further opportunity to help support your child's learning at home and enhance your understanding of how your child is taught Numeracy in school. The pupils are really enjoying having a family member in school to play games and spend time with and parents/carers are developing a range of strategies and games to work together on at home.



Health Week

We are currently planning a health week in school for the week commencing 13th May. During that week we will have Sports Day, welcome visitors into school and participate in activities relating to physical and mental health and wellbeing. If you or someone you know works in or has a special interest in an aspect of health and wellbeing and could spare a few hours during the week please get in touch with the school office and Mrs Colquhoun will get in touch. It might be to deliver a taster session of an activity to inspire pupils (Yoga, mindfulness, fitness etc) or it could be to speak to or provide a workshop to support our focus on developing skills for life, learning and work. Red sweatshirts/leavers hoodies should be worn throughout the week along with t-shirt, leggings/joggies/shorts to ensure pupils are comfortable and ready for any active sessions they will participate in.

Primary 7 Leavers Hoodies

Primary 7 pupils have received their Leavers' Hoodies and are enjoying wearing these to school. Thanks once again to the Parent Council for donating to this initiative to subsidise the cost for families.



I like having everyone's names on the back of my hoodie. (Harley, P7)

My hoodie is really comfy and keeps me warm. I really like wearing it to school. (Charley, P7)

Athletics

This term, many classes are developing athletics skills during PE lessons. We have organised for all Primary 6 and 7 pupils to visit the John Cumming Stadium in Carluke on Tuesday 30th April to experience participating in track and field events. They will take part in 100m, 600m and 4x100m relay using the track and focus on long jump and javelin as field events. A team will then be selected to represent the school at the SLC track and field competition on Friday 17th May. There is no cost to families for this trip.

Science Centre Trip – P2-P4

All pupils from Primary 2-4 will visit the Science Centre on Wednesday 1st May. Whilst there, they will take part in workshops relating to their STEM focus on hydro heroes this term. A packed lunch is required and red sweatshirts should be worn. Pupils should wear comfortable bottoms and shoes, e.g, tracksuit trousers and trainers or leggings and trainers. Pupils should arrive in school on time as buses will depart at 9:15am sharp and they will return by 3pm for collection as normal. In line with Cost of the School Day there is no charge for this trip due to funding received from the Science Centre and Parent Council for travel costs. Teaching staff attended an additional CPD twilight session which allowed all pupils to get free entry to the Science Centre.

Masterclass

Our final block of Masterclass sessions for Primary 6 and 7 will take place each Friday in May. Pupils have selected from; basketball, football, arts & crafts, Eco/sustainability, music and puzzles/brain games. Each Masterclass will be skills based with development across skills over the 4-week period.

Attendance:

We are monitoring attendance closely in line with South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) guidance. Blackwood Primary as a whole school currently have 92.6% attendance. SLC have set a target across the authority of 94.5% so we are currently sitting below that aim. Please continue to ensure your child attends school each day unless they are unwell and notify the school office with the reason for their absence.

Class configurations 2024-25

Planning is underway for next session with next class configurations being submitted to HQ on Friday. We will have 9 classes again next session and will share configurations with you once they are finalised.

What is on?

Tuesday 30 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P6 and P7 trip to John Cumming Stadium, Carluke for track and field• You + Me workshop 1:45pm
Wednesday 1 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Centre Trip – P2-P4 (packed lunch required, red sweatshirts should be worn)
Thursday 2 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inset Day – School and ELC closed to pupils
Friday 3 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Football/Netball – Host school
Monday 6 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You + Me workshop 1:45pm
Thursday 9 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 parental talk and buddy session 1:15pm for new cohort
Friday 10 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 assembly – Friends and family invited to attend – 09:30am
Wednesday 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ELC Sports Day
Thursday 16 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Centre on Tour visit to school for all P1, P5, P6 and P7 pupils.
Friday 17 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track and Field Competition at John Cumming Stadium, Carluke
Friday 24 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May holiday weekend
Monday 27 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May holiday weekend

Parent Council

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

As we move to shopping 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 –



anything.

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

**You are invited to attend the next meeting on
Wednesday 28th August in school at 7pm for the AGM**

Here to Help!

As a school we are committed to helping our families and it is always worthwhile asking!
Please be assured any requests will be treated in confidence.

Looking for help

SLC have also launched the Community Wellbeing Helpline on **0303 123 1009**.

Children 1st Parentline –call free 08000 28 22 33



EDUCATION SERVICES

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