



Blacklaw Primary May Newsletter April/May 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

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We are now in our final term of this school session.

Aim
Working together, as a community, to achieve the best outcomes for all learners.

Welcome to Primary 1

We are preparing to welcome our new P1 pupils at our Rising 5s programme on Wednesday 29 May 9.30 - 11.00 am and Wednesday 5 June 9.30 - 12.00 pm where they will take part in a variety of activities.



A parents' information session is also organised during the event and parents can 'Try a School Lunch' on Wednesday 5 June.

P7 Year Group Photograph

Our P7 year group photograph was taken by Tempest on Monday 29 April. This is a great way to capture the children in their last term together at Blacklaw and a lasting memento for future reference.



P7 Leavers' Day



Our Primary 7 leavers' day will take place on Wednesday 26 June. Our end of term service will be at 10.00 am at Claremont Parish Church (weather permitting). Our leavers' award ceremony will begin that day at 1.30 pm to which friends and family of our P7s are welcome. The day will finish with the leavers' dance from 7.00 - 9.00 pm. It is not necessary to dress formally. Dress code for the evening should be smart but comfortable.

Staff

Congratulations go to Mrs Strathearn who has been appointed O:4 Acting Principal Teacher until June. Many congratulations to Mrs Scott who is expecting her first baby in the summer. Mrs Jackson will also be staying with us until the end of the school session.



PTA

Our next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 7.00 pm.



Our next Parent Council meeting will be on Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 7.00 pm.

The children's summer disco will take place on Thursday 20 June for Primaries 1 - 3 from 6.00 - 7.15 pm and Primaries 4 - 7 from 7.30 - 8.45 pm.

Alzheimer Scotland

The collection taken at our Easter service will be donated to the charity Alzheimer Scotland. Alzheimer Scotland is the leading dementia organisation in Scotland. They campaign for the rights of people with dementia and their families and provide an extensive range of innovative and personalised support services.



Thank you for contributing to this local charity

Make use of Rag Bin



If you have any clothes you wish to recycle please use our Rag Bin and the school will benefit from your donations. The Rag Bin is situated in our school parking area.

School Lunches

New lunch menus will be issued after the spring break. The new menu begins on Tuesday 23 April. **The charge for P4-7 is £1.65 for each pupil.** Primary 1-3 meals remain free.

The facilities team would appreciate quick payment of outstanding balances. Any queries regarding school lunches should be directed to the facilities management team.



BOSC Out of School Care

We would also appreciate if parents who use the after care facility make contact with Mrs. Johnston or her team if your child is absent from school or not attending out of school care on a day when they would normally attend.



School Clothing Grant/Free School Meals

Looking towards our new term in August please be reminded to apply for any clothing grants/free meal entitlement which you may qualify for. If



you claim certain benefits and have a child in P4-P7 they may be able to get free school meals.

Forms are available from the school office or from South Lanarkshire Council Q&A offices from late June. Contact the Civic Centre on 08457 406080. The same forms can be completed for free school meals (again only those on certain benefits are eligible for free school meals). Information and application forms are also available on the council website

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk School Clothing Grants and Free School Meals page.

School Life

If you wish to get involved in any aspect of school life whether through attending Parent Council/P.T.A. events or helping out at school trips etc, (**ALL parents must be PVG disclosed by Blacklaw Primary - forms available from the school office**) then please do not hesitate to contact the school for further information.



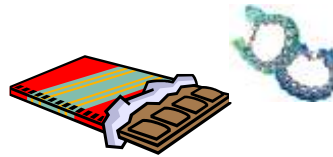
Fairtrade

Fairtrade products are sold every Friday during interval while stocks last.

Please help by bringing in the exact money. Thank you.

Prices

- Divine (milk or white chocolate) 90p
- Friendship Bracelets £1.50



School Uniform

Thank you to all parents/carers for your support in ensuring that Blacklaw pupils continue to maintain a high standard of uniform. Black shoes are the recommended footwear, as outlined in our school uniform guidelines, however I do realise that at this time in the school year many school shoes become worn or too small. I do not expect parents to go out and purchase new school shoes at this late stage in a school year. However, if your child is wearing alternative footwear in the last few weeks of the term then I would be grateful if a note could be written in your child's diary or a phone call could be made to the school.



Pupils may bring appropriate footwear to change into at break/lunch when it is their MUGA day, however I would appreciate that footwear worn to school is in line with school guidelines where possible.

Rising 5s

As part of our Rising 5s programme and in preparation for our new term in August, we will be holding uniform events on Wednesday 22 May 5.30-7.30 pm and Thursday 23 May 3.30 - 5.30 pm during our Parental Consultations. Our supplier BARU will bring along uniform samples for you to try. Orders can then be made and uniforms ordered and delivered before the end of term. BARU will also visit the school on Wednesday 29 May 9.30 - 11.30 am and Wednesday 5 June at 9.00 am. Please refer to the school uniform guidelines leaflet for information regarding our uniform for August 2019. Copies of the guidelines are available from the school office on request.



After School Clubs

It continues that some children occasionally do not attend their after school club/s without notification from parents. This causes a lot of time for staff to try to contact parents to find out where the child is. **Attendance at the group is expected.** If you know your child cannot attend due to absence or another commitment please explain by **parental note in Homework Diary or phone the school. It is not acceptable for your child to come to the office and say they are not attending a club without a note from parents.**



Please note our Athletics Club will run on Monday's 29 April, 3 June and 10 June ONLY from 3.00 - 4.00 pm.

Please note that week commencing 20 May there will be no school clubs (except Bikeability on 21st) due to Parents Nights.

PE - Earrings

Just a reminder that, where possible, earrings should not be worn during PE. If earrings cannot be taken out then pupils should bring in tape to cover their earrings during gym. Thank you for your assistance with this request.



Head Lice

All our pupils have been reminded of the importance of regular Bugbusting. Please support us by regularly checking your child's hair. Head lice are well camouflaged and hide when disturbed by combing. They do not always cause itching, particularly when recently arrived on the head. They may also be few in number and a quick inspection is unlikely to detect them.



Bug Buster: Help Line: 020 7686 4321 **Internet:** www.chc.org/bugbusting www.nits.net

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Room 5 Sky Academy

When we arrived we saw a big whale made of plastic bottles. We were given lanyards with our jobs and got in to groups. We watched a short clip in the cinema and went to our studios to plan our scripts and start making our video. Our videos were so funny! Everyone sang 'Baby Shark' on the bus back to school.

By Nieve, Tilly, Jayden, Ben & Harry P4 & Harrison P5 Room 5



Room 6 Sky Academy

We arrived and were given group numbers. We went to a cinema and watched a video about Sky. There were four studios and we were given different jobs which were, Director, Editor, Producer, Camera Operator, Presenter, Eye Witness and Script Writer. We did a news report on volcanoes and made the magic work

By Katie Primary 5 Room 6

Room 8 Sky Academy

We visited Sky Academy in Livingstone. After our snack we went in groups to make a news report of an Indonesian Tsunami which happened in September last year - we did a fundraiser for this. Our different jobs were, editor, director, producer, reporter and camera person. We prepared our script, got into costume and started filming. We merged it all into one news report for our USB. Everyone enjoyed it and it was great to see new technology.

By Zoe Primary 6 and Jack Primary 5 Room 8

P6 Danish Gymnastics

All the Primary 6 learners had an experience with the Danish National Performance Team at Calderglen High School. We learned some routines, dances and balances. The performance team have been all around the world and they showed us their national dance which we learned, we also played some games and had a really great time. As room 7 have been learning about Europe it tied in perfectly with our learning!

By Phoebe and Jessica Primary 6 Room 7



P6 Danish Gymnastics

Primary 6 visited a Danish Gymnastics event in Calderglen High School on Monday 14 March. It was a great experience for us to show off our skills in gymnastics. We had a lot of opportunities to use lots of equipment. We took part in some games, in pairs or groups with Halfmerke Primary School. We did 3 activities which were, running up and jumping on a trampoline, different jumps across an air mat and different rolls on an air mat. To finish we all took part in a dance which they teach wherever they visit. Everyone had a great time because there was a smile on everyone's face at the end!

By Olivia R and Olivia M Primary 6 Room 8

P7 Easter Code

When we arrived at Claremont Church we were split into 4 teams. Our first activity was an Easter quiz. When we got a correct answer we took a plastic ball from a tub and added it to our bucket. The team with the most balls in their bucket won.

We heard a story about Jesus and the adults acted out the story.

It was good fun.

By Koral Primary 7 Room 9



Room 3 Amazonia

We enjoyed a great educational visit to Amazonia. Amazonia provided lots of interesting information about the class topic 'The Rainforest'. We learned lots about poison dart frogs, macaws and tarantulas.

"I really enjoyed learning about the nocturnal animals and holding the corn snake called Fanta."

By Kayla

"I loved going to Amazonia. We got to hold animals. It was amazing."

By Jamie Primary 3 Room 3



Confident Individuals

Diary

Mon 15 April	Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Credit Union Scripture Union 3.00 - 4.00 pm Homework Club 3.00 - 3.45 pm	Mon 6 May Tues 7 May Wed 8 May	School Holiday In Service Room 5 to St. Leonards Library Football Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Gardening Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Awards Assembly 9.30 am Track & Field event - John Wrights Floor & Vault Championships - Perth Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Credit Union Scripture Union 3.00 - 4.00 pm Homework Club 3.00 - 3.45 pm P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Knitting Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Knitting Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Bikeability - 3.00 - 4.00 pm PTA Meeting 7.00 pm Football Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Gardening Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm RO Assembly 9.30 am Credit Union P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Bikeability - 3.00 - 4.00 pm Parents Night 5.30 - 7.30 pm & BARU Parents Night 3.30 - 5.30 pm & BARU School Holiday School Holiday P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Football Tournament - Hamilton Palace Knitting Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Bikeability - 3.00 - 4.00 pm Rising 5's 9.30 - 11.00 am & BARU Football Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Gardening Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Parent Council Meeting 7.00 pm Room 1 to Riverside Museum Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Schools 50 th Birthday - Fun Day PTA Race Night
Tues 16 April	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Knitting Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Bikeability - 3.00 - 4.00 pm	Thur 9 May Fri 10 May	
Wed 17 April	P4 Tennis - Calderglen Park Football Festival - Ballerup Football Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Gardening Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm	Sat 11 May Mon 13 May	
Thur 18 April	Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm		
Fri 19 April	School Holiday		
Mon 22 April	School Holiday		
Tues 23 April	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Knitting Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Bikeability - 3.00 - 4.00 pm PTA Meeting 7.00 pm	Tues 14 May	
Wed 24 April	Ardentinny Assembly - 2.15 pm Football Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Gardening Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Parent Council Meeting 7.00 pm	Wed 15 May	
Thur 25 April	Netball Play-off - Stewartfield Room 4 to St. Leonards Library Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm	Thur 16 May Fri 17 May Mon 20 May Tues 21 May	
Fri 26 April	Whole School Assembly		
Mon 29 April	Tempest Photographer P7 Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Credit Union Athletics Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Scripture Union 3.00 - 4.00 pm Homework Club 3.00 - 3.45 pm	Wed 22 May Thur 23 May Fri 24 May Mon 27 May Tues 28 May	
Tues 30 April	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Knitting Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Bikeability - 3.00 - 4.00 pm	Wed 29 May	
Wed 1 May	Room 2 visit Glasgow Science Centre Football Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Gardening Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm	Thurs 30 May	
Thur 2 May	Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm		
Fri 3 May	Room 5 Class Assembly P7 French Cafe	Fri 31 May	

We hope that you will continue to support the school as we endeavour to provide the best learning opportunities for your child.

Yours sincerely

Lynne Mullen
Acting Head Teacher