



Blacklaw Primary Newsletter February 2019

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

Dear Parents/Carers

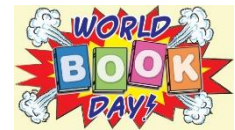
Scottish Assembly



We hope you enjoyed our recent Scottish Assembly. Congratulations to all of the pupils who participated. A great achievement! Grateful thanks to Mr. Roddy Shanks our piper and Craig our drummer. Thank you to Anna (P3), Amy (P4), Anna (P6), Olivia (P7), Scott (P7), Kayla (P7) and Daniel (P7) who worked alongside Mrs Watson and Mrs Mercer, their peers and school staff, in organising and presenting such a fantastic event. We were very pleased to see the number of family and friends who attended.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7 March. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a fun whole school activity, e.g. dressing up as their favourite book character with more details to follow.



Pupil Absence/Appointments



Please be reminded that any absences should be reported by telephone **each day before 9.30 am** and explained by letter to the class teacher on your child's return to school. Hospital/Doctor/Dental appointments or holidays taken during term time **should be notified by letter to the class teacher.**

Stamps

Just to remind you that one of our parents is still saving stamps for Macmillan Cancer Support. We would appreciate if you could save stamps from envelopes and send them into the school and we will pass them on. Thank you.



After School Clubs



Please be reminded that if your child cannot attend an after school club we **must** have notification from the parent either by telephone to the school office or by a note in their homework diary. **It is not sufficient for the child to come and tell the office staff.** If your child decides to leave a club please notify the school by letter. Thank you.

Supervision - Doors Open

Please be aware that there is no supervision in the school before **8.50 am**. Please refrain from sending your child/children in to school before this time, where possible. Thank you.



Gym Shoes

Pupils in Primary 2 to Primary 7 may bring 'clean white soled' trainers to school for P.E. These trainers should be kept in school and only be used for P.E. or indoor after school activities. All pupils will still be expected to change from their outdoor shoes into indoor shoes, before they enter their classroom.

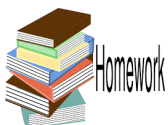


Being Ready for School

Please can you ensure that your child comes prepared for school with the correct equipment. All pupils should bring a sharp pencil, rubber, ruler, homework diary and reading book each day.



Homework



We would value your support in ensuring that your child completes all homework on a regular basis. This includes practising reading.

Hand Washing



Please remind your child/children to wash their hands after visiting the toilet to avoid transfer of germs.

Dogs in Playground

I would like to remind you that all dogs should be kept outside the school gates when collecting your children.



Uniform

Throughout the school session we endeavour to work in partnership with parents/carers to maintain a high level of standard with regards to pupils wearing our school uniform. During the winter months pupils are permitted to wear appropriate footwear which may not 'fit' in line with our school guidelines. However, I have noticed a significant number of pupils who are wearing cardigans, hoodies, jumpers etc which are not part of our school uniform. Whilst I acknowledge that it can be 'chilly' at times in certain areas of our school building, we do have a 'stock' of school sweatshirts etc which pupils may borrow if they are feeling cold and therefore there is no reason for any pupil to be wearing any alternative form of cardigan/sweatshirt etc as part of their school uniform when in the school building.



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. The following method of detection is effective:

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo, then use a wide toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair. It is easier to do this with wet hair, and using hair conditioner.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair, without dragging, switch to a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots and draw down to the ends of the hair with every stroke. The comb must be fine enough to catch the lice -size indicated below -do not confuse lice or their eggs with clumps of dandruff or other debris.
- Check the comb for lice after each stroke as you work through the hair section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through, then rinse out the conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.
- This can be undertaken on a regular basis -eg at routine hair washing sessions -to detect the presence of lice before they can spread. Check all family members at the same time and arrange treatment when lice are found. If you find lice, then there are two options. Whichever option you choose it is important to recognise that neither will protect against re-infection if head to head contact is made with someone with head lice at a later date. You may therefore wish to undertake occasional checks during hair washing sessions.



Option 1: Lotions and creme rinses using insecticides

Do not use lotions or rinses unless you find a living moving louse. Check all close family/friends by the "wet combing" method, as described, and treat anyone who is found to have lice at the same time, to prevent re-infection.

Option 2: The "Bug Busting" treatment method

This aims at systematic removal of live lice by combing through the hair and physically removing any lice found. Success depends largely upon adopting a painstaking approach.

Bug Buster: Help Line: 020 7686 4321

Internet: www.chc.org/bugbusting www.nits.net

Responsible Citizens

Brass Tuition

In primary 5 I was given the chance to try the trombone. I was lucky enough to carry on and have lessons. Mr. Beattie visits our school on a Monday and he teaches all of us brass tuition. We can choose between trumpet, trombone or euphonium. I think that brass is fun for everyone and everyone should try it!

By Thomas Primary 6 Room 7



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Room 9 visit to Sky Academy

Room 9 visited Sky Studios to film a trailer for a horror movie. We were split in to four groups and each group did a different trailer which were all amazing! We also had jobs to do which were, actor, director, cinematographer, producer, script writer and editor, everyone had a job and some had two jobs. Before we went we had to choose what genre to do the trailer on, so we choose horror. Once we had finished filming we got to watch our trailers, they made us laugh a lot. We were given a USB with our trailers on it and then we went home.

Overall our trip was fun and we had a blast! We hope everyone who visits gets as much fun out of it as we did.

By Sophie Primary 7 Room 9

P5 YMI Music

Mrs. Dolan comes to visit the primary 5's every week and we learn new musical words e.g. orchestra, notation, rhythm, tempo, ensemble, pulse and pitch.

We learned how to use a musical instrument like the boomwhacker, a tambourine, triangle and sound shapes.

We learned how to play 'Frere Jacques' with the boomwhackers. We also learned to dance a samba with all the instruments. We learned how to play things using musical notes.

Finally, we did a big performance to the parents and sang songs like 'Doe a Deer', 'I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing', 'Pulse and Rhythm' and 'Star Wars' with the boomwhackers.

By Heather, Chaya and Katie H Primary 5 Room 6



Confident Individuals

Diary

Friday 1 February	P7 Assembly - 9.30 am P2/3 Multi Sports Club - 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Monday 4 February	Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Athletics Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Scripture Union 3.00 - 4.00 pm Homework Club 3.00 - 3.45 pm
Tuesday 5 February	P4 Lunchtime Multi Sports Club Knitting Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm P6/7 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Wednesday 6 February	Football Festival - Ballerup P4/5 Lunchtime Scottish Dance Club Pupil Council Meeting - 1.30 pm Football Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Thursday 7 February	P6/7 Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Friday 8 February	House Assembly P2/3 Multi Sports Club - 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Monday 11 February	School Holiday
Tuesday 12 February	School Holiday
Wednesday 13 February	In Service - school closed to pupils
Thursday 14 February	P6/7 Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Friday 15 February	Awards Assembly - 9.30 am
Monday 18 February	Cricket - Class Taster Sessions P2/3 Lunchtime Cricket Club Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Athletics Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Scripture Union 3.00 - 4.00 pm Homework Club 3.00 - 3.45 pm
Tuesday 19 February	P5 Lunchtime Multi Sports Club Knitting Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm P6/7 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Wednesday 20 February	P4/5 Lunchtime Scottish Dance Club Pupil Council Meeting - 1.30 pm Football Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Gardening Club - 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Thursday 21 February	Netball Festival - Stewartfield P6/7 Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Friday 22 February	R.O. Assembly - 9.30 am
Monday 25 February	Cricket - Class Taster Sessions P2/3 Lunchtime Cricket Club Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Athletics Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Scripture Union 3.00 - 4.00 pm Homework Club 3.00 - 3.45 pm
Tuesday 26 February	P5 Lunchtime Multi Sports Club Knitting Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm P6/7 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Wednesday 27 February	P4/5 Lunchtime Scottish Dance Club Football Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm Gardening Club - 3.00 - 4.00 pm Parent Council Meeting - 7.00 pm
Thursday 28 February	P6/7 Netball Club 3.00 - 4.00 pm

Yours sincerely

Noreen Black
Head Teacher