



Blacklaw Primary
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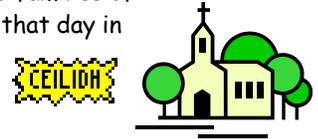


Aim
 Working together, as a community, to achieve the best outcomes for all learners.

Dear Parents/Carers

End of Term Celebrations

Our end of term service will take place on **Wednesday 26 June at 10.00 am.** at Claremont Parish Church. Our summer service collection will go to one of our very good causes. All friends and families of Blacklaw are very welcome to attend. Our Primary 7 Awards Ceremony will take place at **1.30 pm.** that day in the school hall. Again all friends and families of our Primary 7 pupils are welcome. The day will end with our Primary 7 Leavers Dance **7.00 - 9.00 pm.** The event is a Ceilidh and the dress code is smart.



Videoing/Photography



Videoing and photography by parents at school events, concerts, assemblies etc is permitted on the understanding that any such recordings/photographs must be for sole home use and must not be used for sale or reward. If you have any objection to your child being included please telephone me at the school as soon as possible.

Social Media

In accordance with the law it is illegal to post comments on public electronic communication networks that cause needless anxiety to others. Be aware of the far reaching damaging effects to the school and our community of such postings. Even after being deleted posts remain available on archive files for all time. Any concerns regarding the school or its pupils should be brought to me directly.



Updated Holiday List 2019/20

Happy Holidays! For your information an updated holiday list is attached at the end of the newsletter.

Crossing at school gate

It has been noticed that some cars are not stopping at the crossing just inside the gates to allow children to cross safely. Please respect safety in our car park when the children are entering and leaving the school.



Summer Weather



Recently the weather has been improving and pupils have been able to spend more time learning and playing outdoors. In light of this 'summer sunshine' please ensure that your child is protected from the sun by bringing sun-cream to apply, if/when necessary. Please note that sun-cream should be clearly labelled with your child's name/class and should be kept in their school bags. Sun-cream should not be 'shared' between pupils.

Our classrooms can also become hot and stuffy even with doors and windows open, so I would encourage pupils to bring a water bottle each day to school to top up in class.

P7 Netball

Well done to our netball team for their participation in the East Kilbride Primaries Netball tournament!



Parent Council AGM.

Our Parent Council AGM was held on **Wednesday 29 May at 7.00 pm.** Mrs Hannah Shanks and Mrs Karen Keeney will remain as Chair and Vice-chair and Ms Rachel Field as Secretary for session 2019-2020. Please note that our P.T.A. Summer Disco will take place on Thursday 13 June 6.00 - 7.15 pm for Primary 1-3 and 7.30 - 8.45 pm for Primary 4-7.

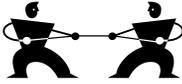


End of Year Reports

Many thanks to teachers and office staff for their hard work in the preparation of school reports which were issued on Friday 17 May. If you have any questions regarding your child's report or on any aspect of school life please feel free to contact me at any time.



Sports Day



Our annual sports day will be held on **Wednesday 19 June**. Our sports day will again have a Commonwealth theme. A letter regarding details of our sports day will be issued soon. We hope to see you all there.

Rising Fives Welcome Assembly

On Friday 7 June we will be welcoming our new primary 1 pupils at a special assembly. Pupils from Rooms 1 and 2 will be performing songs and poems. P1 will also tell about all they have learned during their first year at Blacklaw.



Uniform

We greatly value the wearing of uniform at Blacklaw. It provides our pupils with a sense of identity and belonging. Please continue to support the school by ensuring your child wears school uniform. School uniform consists of white shirt, tie, black skirt or trousers. This is encouraged for all school events. Our uniform supplier were in school on **Tuesday 21 May and Wednesday 29 May**. BARU will also visit the school on **Wednesday 5 June and Friday 7 June from 9.30 am** for parents to have an opportunity to view, order or purchase items of uniform.



Moving On

Staffing for next session will not be finalised till later in the month. I intend to notify you of your child's next class as soon as possible. Our 'moving on up' hour, at present is planned for the afternoon of **Friday 21 June**. Classes will therefore be with you prior to that day. Our P7 pupils will attend Calderglen High School on **Thursday 13 and Friday 14 June**.



After School Clubs



Homework, Knitting and Drama clubs are now finished. Bikeability finishes 4 June, Athletics finishes 10 June, Gardening finishes 12 June and Scripture Union finishes 17 June. Please refer to the diary at the end of the newsletter. Many thanks to staff/helpers for their time and dedication in running the clubs.

Retirement

At the end of this school session we will bid farewell to Mrs Mercer who has been teaching at Blacklaw since 1989.

Mrs Mercer has not only taught classes at various stages but has also been our Principal Teacher and has run the Pupil Council. We would like to thank Mrs Mercer for all of her commitment, hard work and dedication to learning and teaching at Blacklaw Primary School. We wish her a happy and relaxing 'retirement' and hope that she is looking forward to this new phase/stage.



Mrs Black

Further to our letter informing you of Mrs Black's success in securing a permanent Head Teacher post in another school, we plan to gather the children in the hall to present her with cards and gifts on Friday 21 June and I would like to request that each pupil contributes £1 towards this presentation as a gift from the children. Please send your £1 in as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation. We would like to thank Mrs Black for her leadership at Blacklaw over the past six years and wish her well in her new post.



Summer Break

Please note that school closes at **1.00 pm** on Friday 28 June 2019.



I follow the teacher's directions.

Responsible Citizens



Room 8 Pizza Express

On Thursday 16th May 2019, Room 8 P6/5 went to Pizza Express for a class treat. They went at quarter past nine. P6/5 had to walk from the school to the Town Centre but they had to walk a little bit more to Pizza Express.

When they were walking to the Town Centre, they were all very excited about making their pizzas and how it would turn out. Mr. Cairns, their PGDE teacher works at Pizza Express so it was a treat from him. It was also his second last day which made it even more special. When they arrived at the Town Centre, they had to line up in pairs so that we wouldn't get lost. The teacher also set up some ground rules:

- No walking into random shops
- Stick together
- Stay in pairs
- Keep your eyes and ears open
- Be on your best behaviour



The class arrived at Pizza Express and they were greeted by a woman named Cath. Cath advised them to wash their hands before their next instruction. Next to Cath were some tables with mountains of flour. Cath told them to take a spot at the tables where there was mountains of flour. After that, they were given some dough by a woman named Marta and she told them to flip the dough. Then Cath told them to knead the dough into the flour so that it was no longer sticky anymore. Next, P6/5 were told to pick up the dough and pass it from hand to hand between their fingers. That was to get all of the flour out of the dough. Then, a cleaner called Ryan came around all the tables to scoop the flour away so that the dough that we had just cleaned wouldn't have any more flour in it. After that, Marta and Cath went into the kitchen and got a lot of pizza pans for the children. Once the pans were all given out, P6/5 were told to put their own dough onto their pizza pans and then Cath told them to spread the dough out onto the edges of the pizza pan. Just to make sure, Mr. Cairns came around them individually to spread their dough out once more. Next, Marta came around with a ladle inside a humongous tub full of passata. Marta then took the ladle and spooned up a spoonful of passata to put onto their dough. Primary 6/5 then took a spoon and evened out all of the sauce to the edges of the dough but they had to make some space for the crust. Marta then came with a huge tub of mozzarella cubes and took a handful of it and put it next to each pizza. P6/5 then placed some of the mozzarella pieces on their pizza. After they all did that, it was ready for the oven. Cath came back from the kitchen with a portable shelf perfect for the pizzas. Then she gave us all numbers 1-23 and she called them out individually so they knew whose was whose. After that was finished, Cath went back to the kitchen and placed our pizzas in the oven.

When their pizzas were finished cooking, Cath and Marta put them all in cardboard boxes and gave them out number by number. All pizzas were presented with a basil leaf in the centre. While the children tucked in to their pizza, Cath presented the children with a little prize. The prize consisted of a crayon, a competition leaflet, an activity sheet and a certificate to award them for making a delicious pizza. After, it was time to leave. They were all extremely sad but happy because they got to enjoy the rest of their day.

Overall, Primary 6/5 had a lovely time at Pizza Express and would highly recommend a pizza party. Everything was top notch and their pizza was one of the best that they had ever tasted. So, in conclusion they all enjoyed it.

By Stella and Charley Primary 6

Scottish Gym Primary Floor and Vault Championship Perth

On Saturday 11 May we went to a final for gymnastics in Perth with our coach Miss Noble. We had a great time together competing in Level 1 and 2 and Pre Level. This year we were given royal blue leotards with silver gems. Harry got a nice royal blue leotard with black shorts. We did not get any medals but we tried our absolute hardest and we did exceedingly well. Our parents cheered us on the whole time. Well done gymnasts!

By Harry, Jessica and Anna Primary 6 Room 7



Room 2 Glasgow Science Centre

First we had a snack and it was yummy, then we went to explore. We went to the 'Egg' and Khloe was sick. Then we went in the Hamster Wheel. After that everyone had lunch and it was delicious. Finally we went to the gift shop. It was amazing!

By Freya and Khloe Primary 2



Confident Individuals



Thanks
for the
memories.

Blacklaw Memories 2018/19

Good times come and go,
but the memories
will last forever...

Room 1

Our favourite memory was when Honey the Therapet dog came to visit our classroom. We loved finding out about how to care for a new puppy and what to do if we meet a dog outside.
Some of us were very brave and gave Honey a pet.

Room 2

On Wednesday 1 May our class had a fantastic day at Glasgow Science Centre. We loved going on the hamster wheel. It was speedy and fun but it made us dizzy! We enjoyed trying to shoot the rockets in to the box. Oliver was closest. It was the most tiring day ever.

Room 3

I have enjoyed learning about the Rainforest and Space and Astronauts in Primary 3.

By Arran

I love doing number work. I am really good at it.

By Jamie

I really like writing stories. Especially when it was about the rainforest.

By Lucy

Room 4

I really enjoyed when we did 'my special day' for all the staff and it was so exciting handing it to them. 'Starting it to finishing it' was fun!

By Euan Primary 4

I really enjoyed learning about the Romans especially the Roman soldiers and how they used to fight.

By Millie Primary 3

Room 6

One of our favourite experiences that we will treasure forever is ice skating in November 2018. What makes it memorable was learning how to skate and do things like, bubble skating, backwards skate and learning the correct foot position. We worked as a team and helped each other through the process:

"It was a fun learning experience with lots of falls!"

By Katie

"We played ice hockey." **By Harrison**

"We learned how to bubble skate." **By Nimrit**

In room 6 we have really, really, really enjoyed maths this year. We have learned division, fractions, grid references, times table, money, decimals and venn diagrams. Our favourite so far has been the grid references as we have learned how to plot and find things on different grids. As we move on to primary 6 we are looking forward to more challenging things in maths.

"I enjoyed learning more difficult things." **By Katie**

"I enjoyed the grids." **By Ruaridh**

"I enjoyed the times tables and worked harder to get better at maths." **By Callum**

Room 5

My happy memory was when we went to Stirling Castle. We saw the Great Hall which was huge! You could see for miles up in the battlements, it was so cool. I bought a sword from the gift shop.

By Eva Primary 4

I really liked Stirling Castle where we met the Earl of Arran and sat on solid wood thrones! I sat on the Robert the Bruce throne and dressed up as Henty V111.

By Lucas Primary 5

My happy memory was visiting Stirling Castle. We went to the dungeon and saw some bones! I liked dressing up in medieval clothes. We went to the battlements and all the cars and people looked like ants!

By Deniz Primary 4

Room 7

'Day in the Tent'

Our best memory of Primary 7/6 was the day we spent in the tent! We really enjoyed chopping wood for the fire, eating the s'mores we made, cooking bread over the fire and experimenting by toasting random things over the fire too.

By Phoebe Primary 6

Room 8

We really enjoyed participating in our Ancient Greek assembly. The rap was our favourite part as we were able to learn about Zeus and other Greek Gods. The two Olivia's also created a dance routine which was very good!

Room 9

We remember our trip to Ardentinny in September. It was fantastic - we loved our dorm time and all the activities we did!

Diary

Mon 3 June	Athletics Club - 3.00 pm Scripture Union - 3.00 pm	Fri 14 Jun	P7 Transition Day - Calderglen Room 4 Class Assembly - 9.00 am
Tues 4 June	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre P1 Multisport Lunch Club Bikeability - 3.00 pm (last one)	Mon 17 Jun	Rag Bag collection Scripture Union - 3.00 pm (last one)
Wed 5 June	P5 Games - Ballerup Rising 5's - 9.30 am Try a School Lunch Gardening Club - 3.00 pm	Tue 18 Jun	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre P1 Multisport Lunch Club
Fri 7 June	Welcome Assembly - 9.30 am	Wed 19 Jun	Blacklaw Sports Day
Mon 10 Jun	Room 4 to Glasgow Science Centre Athletics Club - 3.00 pm (last one) Scripture Union - 3.00 pm	Thu 20 Jun	Track & Field Championships
Tues 11 Jun	P1 Multisport Lunch Club	Fri 21 Jun	Mrs Black/ Awards Assembly - 9.30 am
Wed 12 Jun	Gardening Club - 3.00 pm (last one)	Mon 24 Jun	P7 to Hollywood Bowl
Thur 13 Jun	P7 Transition Day - Calderglen PTA Summer Disco	Tue 25 Jun	P1 Multisport Lunch Club P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre
		Wed 27 Jun	P7 Leavers Day Church Service - 10.00 am Leavers Service - 1.30pm P7 Ceilidh - 7.00 pm
		Fri 28 Jun	School closes - 1.00 pm

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and support throughout this session and wish you all a lovely summer and well deserved holiday.

Yours sincerely



Lynne Mullen
Acting Head Teacher

Blacklaw Primary School



Proposed Holiday Dates 2019 – 2020

Teachers return	In service	Tuesday 13 August 2019
Pupils return 	In service	Wednesday 14 August 2019
		Thursday 15 August 2019
Local Holiday 	School closes	Thursday 26 September 2019 3.00 pm
	Re-open	Tuesday 1 October 2019
October Break 	School closes	Friday 11 October 2019 3.00 pm
	Re-open	Monday 21 October 2019
	In service	Monday 18 November 2019
Christmas/New Year 	School closes	Friday 20 December 2019 2.30 pm
	Re-open	Monday 6 January 2020
Local Holiday 	School closes	Friday 7 February 2020 3.00 pm
	In service	Wednesday 12 February 2020
	Re-open	Thursday 13 February 2020
Spring Holiday /Easter 	School closes	Friday 3 April 2020 2.30 pm
	Re-open	Monday 20 April 2020
Local Holiday 	School closes	Friday 1 May 2020 3.00 pm
	In service	Tuesday 5 May 2020
	Re-open	Wednesday 6 May 2020
	School closes	Thursday 21 May 2020 3.00 pm
	Re-open	Tuesday 26 May 2020
Summer Break 	School close	Wednesday 24 June 2020 1.00 pm