



# Blacklaw Primary Newsletter March 2019



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

Dear Parents/Carers

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Thank you from Mrs. Mullen



Thank you so much for the friendly supportive welcome I have received from the Blacklaw community. I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with you all. I can confirm that I will remain in post until the end of the school session in June.

### Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held in Claremont Parish Church at 10.00 am on Friday 29 March (weather permitting). At this service we will dedicate our collection to a local charity.



### Spare Socks/Tights



We provide, where possible, changes of clothes and underwear if children require them. However, our stocks are being depleted. If your child is provided with a change of clothes or underwear, could you please ensure that items are laundered and returned to the school. Also, if you have any spare **trousers, socks, tights or shorts**, we would welcome donations. Thank you.

### Medicines/Inhalers in school

Can you please keep a note of the expiry date of all medicines or inhalers handed into the school and replace when necessary. Thank you.



### Childhood Infectious Diseases, especially Chickenpox, Measles and Shingles



One of our pupils is currently taking a course of medication which suppresses his immune system. It is very important that the school is notified **immediately** if your child has contracted one of these illnesses, as appropriate action must be taken within 72 hours of contact.

### Mobile Phones

It is not necessary for pupils to bring mobile phones to school, as our office staff are happy to contact you if required or take important messages on your behalf. **Please keep all mobile phones at home. Any child who brings a mobile phone to school shall be instructed to switch it off throughout the school day and to hand it into the school office at 9.00 am and collect it at 3.00 pm.** This procedure is to ensure that we minimise any loss, theft or damage to pupils' phones. We would greatly appreciate your support with this necessary request.



### Football in Playground



A gentle reminder that footballs are not permitted in the playground and may only be used in the MUGA during the timetabled slot.

### School Lunch

I would be grateful if you would ensure that if your child (P4-P7) is having a school meal that they bring £1.65 to school that day in order for a meal to be provided, and that any outstanding balance is **paid promptly**. Pupils will be responsible for looking after their own money and paying this directly for their meal to the catering staff.



### Lost Property

We have some lost property in the school. These have been left out in our foyer area for pupils and parents to check.



Please note that we will only hold these items **until 29 March**, after which time the clothing will be put in our recycling bank. If your child has anything which is missing, please come to the school before then to reclaim.

### Cricket Taster Sessions

Taster cricket sessions are underway with a focus on Primary 2 and Primary 3 this term.



### Digital Developments

Digital developments are underway - watch this space #blacklawprimaryschooltweets.coming soon.twitter.com.



### Gymnastics – National Danish Performance Team – Alistair McCoist Complex



In addition to the National Danish Gymnastics Performance Team specially visiting the Calderglen Learning Community in March which our Primary 6 have been invited to the team are putting on a special evening display for the public to enjoy. South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture are hosting this event on Thursday 14 March at 7.00 pm at the Alistair McCoist Complex at a cost of £5 child, £7 adult and £20 family ticket. Please find event information and booking details on the following link: <http://www.slleisureandculture.co.uk/news/article/3130/world> class danish gymnasts visit south lanarkshire.

### Fairtrade Fortnight 25 February – 10 March

This annual event aims to increase awareness of Fairtrade products. It celebrates the farmers and workers who grow the food we eat promoting a living wage and Fairtrade. Thanks to Mrs Mercer for coordinating this years events. Please join us for a Fairtrade refreshment on Friday 8 March before Room 8 class assembly.



### World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 7 March. All pupils will be issued with a £1 voucher which can be redeemed at all participating bookshops from 28 February – 31 March while stocks last. Most large chains and many independent booksellers are participating. The token can be exchanged for any of the six special World Book Day titles. Happy Reading! (Please note bookshops will have limited quantities so first come first served!)

### Head Lice



Please be vigilant of head lice and refer back to our report in February's newsletter.

All our pupils have been reminded of the importance of regular Bug busting.

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. Please support us by regularly checking your child's hair.

**Bug Buster:** Help Line: 020 7686 4321

**Internet:** [www.chc.org/bugbusting](http://www.chc.org/bugbusting) [www.nits.net](http://www.nits.net)

### Car Park – Pupils disembarking from cars.



It has come to our attention that a number of parents are allowing their child/children to disembark from the 'driver' side of their cars when dropping their child/children off at school.

This is a cause for concern as there are other cars trying to park or moving on and pupils are jumping out of cars from the rear at the driver's side into the flow of moving traffic. Recently a number of drivers have had to stop their vehicles suddenly to avoid potentially injuring a child who had come out of a car at the driver's side paying no attention to the moving traffic. We hope that you will support us in ensuring the safety of our pupils by reminding your child/children to exit from cars at the 'passenger' side doors.

**We would also appreciate if you would avoid allowing your child to disembark from your car outwith the marked drop-off area and parking next to the coned area beside the staff parking bay.**

Where possible we would encourage pupils to walk to school or to 'park and stride' to minimize the amount of traffic coming into the school car park. **Please note that the parking bays are for staff only and please DO NOT block cars in.**

### After School Clubs

Please be reminded that if your child cannot attend any after school club, the school must be notified **either in writing or by telephone by parent**. If they decide to leave a club you should **notify us in writing**. Please remind your child in the morning if they are attending a club after school as many children forget to go.

A register is kept of children who should attend, and if a child is missing for any reason then it is of paramount importance that we are assured of their safety.

Please **do not** send a verbal message via your child.



### Advance Notice P7 Leavers' Assembly

Our Primary 7 Leavers' Day will take place on **Wednesday 26 June**. We will have our summer service at Claremont Parish Church (weather permitting) at 10.00 am. All parents/carers are welcome to this event. The leavers' assembly will commence at 1.30 pm. to which all family and friends are invited. Our Primary 7 Leavers' Ceilidh will take place at 7.00 pm. **It is not necessary for pupils to dress formally – however we encourage a dress code of smart**. There is also no expectation for parents to incur additional costs through the hiring of limousines to transport children to the ceilidh.



### Cycling to School

A reminder that now the lighter evenings are back with us we must still remember to keep safe on the roads. Have a look at <http://talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk/>.

It is the responsibility of the children to padlock their bikes at our bike stand.

Safety helmets must be worn.

Although we encourage 'fit kids' we do want all of our pupils to arrive safely in school. Thank you for your support!





# Responsible Citizens



## Fairtrade

### What is Fairtrade?

Before Fairtrade farmers were living in poverty and didn't have access to running water or fluent electricity because business men who bought and sold their products weren't giving them enough money for a healthy lifestyle. But now Fairtrade has helped farmers get a fair share of their money so now they do have access to running water and fluent electricity and can now take care of their families properly.

Blacklaw are organising a fun day in the hall for the children in every class from Primary 1 to Primary 7. There will be stalls and Fairtrade goods and fun games to take part in, a FREE raffle ticket and you can bring a maximum of a pound to spend.

By Phoebe and Zac Primary 6 Room 7



## Cricket Taster

We think it is fun because we learn how to catch, throw and bounce!

By Millie Primary 3 Room 4



## Cricket Taster Room 2

In Room 2 we are very lucky to be receiving 6 weeks of cricket taster sessions. These taster sessions have been taking place on a Monday morning, helping to wake us up and get ready for the week ahead! During these taster sessions we have been developing our throwing and catching skills. Some of us were able to bounce and catch the ball over 20 times non-stop with a partner!

We have also been practising our bating and fielding skills, both of which were quite tricky. We hope we get some more cricket lessons in Primary 3.

## Cricket Taster

I am enjoying using the cricket bat to hit the ball to the goalie.

I like being a fielder so I can get the ball and return it to the person batting.

By Lochlan and Bonnie Primary 3 Room 3



# Confident Individuals



## Diary

Fri 1 March	Room 8 Class Assembly EK Primaries Cross Country - Strathaven Park	Mon 18 March	P7 Mindfulness Workshop 3 Cricket Taster Sessions Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Credit Union Athletics Club - 3.00 pm Scripture Union - 3.00 pm Homework Club - 3.00 pm
Mon 4 March	Room 5 to Sky Academy P7 Mindfulness Workshop 1 Cricket Taster Sessions Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Credit Union Scripture Union - 3.00 pm Homework Club - 3.00 pm	Tues 19 Mar	Room 3 to Amazonia Room 8 to Sky Academy P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre P6 Mindfulness Workshop 3 P5 Multi Sports Lunchtime Club Knitting Club - 3.00 pm P6/7 Musical Theatre Club - 3.00 pm
Tue 5 March	Dress down for Fairtrade P6 Mindfulness Workshop 1 P5 Multi Sports Lunchtime Club Knitting Club - 3.00 pm P6/7 Musical Theatre Club - 3.00 pm PTA Meeting - 7.00 pm	Wed 20 Mar	Room 5 to St. Leonards Library Pupil Council Meeting Lunchtime Dance Club P4/5 Scottish Dance Lunchtime Club Football Club - 3.00 pm Gardening Club - 3.00 pm Dance Festival at Calderglen High School
Wed 6 March	Fairtrade Lunch Lunchtime Dance Club P4/5 Scottish Dance Lunchtime Club Football Festival - Ballerup Pupil Council Meeting Football Club - 3.00 pm Gardening Club - 3.00 pm	Thur 21 Mar	World Poetry Day Netball Festival - Stewartfield P1/2 Art & Craft Lunchtime Club P6/7 Netball Club
Thur 7 March	World Book Day P1/2 Art & Craft Lunchtime Club P6/7 Netball Club	Fri 22 March	World Water Day Awards Assembly - 9.30 am Room 6 to Sky Academy P7 Transition Event - Calderglen
Fri 8 March	Fairtrade Tea/Coffee morning Room 8 Class Assembly	Mon 25 Mar	Cricket Taster Sessions Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Credit Union P7 Easter Code Athletics Club - 3.00 pm Scripture Union - 3.00 pm Homework Club - 3.00 pm
Mon 11 March	P4 Swim payments to be complete today P7 Mindfulness Workshop 2 Cricket Taster Sessions Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Credit Union Athletics Club - 3.00 pm Scripture Union - 3.00 pm Homework Club - 3.00 pm	Tues 26 Mar	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre P5 Multi Sports Lunchtime Club Knitting Club - 3.00 pm P6/7 Musical Theatre Club - 3.00 pm Ardeninny Meeting - 7.00 pm P4/5 Scottish Dance Lunchtime Club Football Club - 3.00 pm Gardening Club - 3.00 pm
Tue 12 March	P6 Mindfulness Workshop 2 P5 Multi Sports Lunchtime Club PC Lucie Black to visit Room 4 Knitting Club - 3.00 pm P6/7 Musical Theatre Club - 3.00 pm	Wed 27 Mar	P1/2 Art & Craft Lunchtime Club P6/7 Netball Club PTA Disco
Wed 13 Mar	Lunchtime Dance Club P4/5 Scottish Dance Lunchtime Club P6 to Calderglen High School - Danish Gymnastics Football Club - 3.00 pm Gardening Club - 3.00 pm	Thur 28 Mar	Fri 29 Mar
Thur 14 Mar	International School Meals Day P1/2 Art & Craft Lunchtime Club P6/7 Netball Club		Easter Service - 10.00 am <b>School closes 2.30 pm</b>
Fri 15 March	Room 3 Assembly Red Nose Day - Crazy Hair Room 4 Showcase 1.15 - 1.35 pm		

Thank you for your continued support. I hope all families enjoy a wonderful spring break.

Yours sincerely

**Lynne Mullen**  
Acting Head Teacher