



# Blacklaw Primary Newsletter April 2017

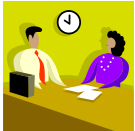


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Dear Parents/Carers

The end of term has arrived. I am very pleased with how hardworking our pupils have been, and I am sure that they are looking forward to a well deserved spring break!

## Parents Nights



Many thanks to all our staff and parents who supported our recent parents evenings. We hope you found them helpful and informative. Please remember that if you have, at any time, concerns regarding your child's progress or care and welfare then do not hesitate to contact us at the school, where we hope to address your concerns.

## Staff

We would like to welcome Mrs Olive Thomas to Blacklaw Primary as a member of our Support Staff.



## After School Clubs

It continues that some children occasionally do not attend their after school club/s without notification from parents.



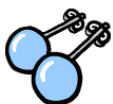
This causes a lot of time for staff to try to contact parents to find out where the child is. **Attendance at the group is expected.** If you know your child cannot attend due to absence or another commitment please explain by parental note in Homework Diary or phone the school. **It is not acceptable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

## 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.



## 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.

## Christmas Pantomime

On **Monday 18 December** we have booked to take all pupils to see the pantomime - 'Pure Belter of a Cinderella Story' at the Village Theatre. We hope that you will support the arrangements for this event. As we will be travelling by coach and attending a performance this will incur a cost of **£8** per pupil. This will cover the cost of travel, ticket into the performance and a snack.

**Payment for tickets will need to be secured early in September 2017.**

If you have any questions or queries regarding this planned event then please do not hesitate to contact me.



## Book Swap



We are looking for a donation of any books for our book swap. If you have any unwanted books could you please hand them in to the school. Many thanks.

## Book Fair

As always our Book Fair was a great success. Many thanks to the volunteer helpers without whose support we would be unable to run our Fair. The commission received by the school is a huge 60% of all sales and can be spent on books. These books will help provide a wider selection of literacy resources to be used across all stages. This year our total commission earned has been £683. Thank you Blacklaw!



## Vouchers



Blacklaw Primary are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. If you or your family shop at Sainsbury's please donate your vouchers to the school. Thanks.

## VSE Visit

On Wednesday and Thursday 26 and 27 April we will be taking part in a Shared Self Evaluation Visit. Our Quality Improvement Officer and a Head Teacher from another establishment will visit the school to evaluate the quality of feedback to learners through class visits, learning conversations with pupils, professional dialogue with the Head Teacher and staff and discussions with parents.

It is hoped that this visit will highlight good practice and identify any next steps which need to be undertaken to ensure that the quality of learners feedback (oral and written) is consistent across the school and that learners are able to identify and talk about their next steps in learning.



## School Meals



New lunch menus will be issued after the spring break. The new menu will begin on Monday 24 April. **The charge for P4-7 is £1.60 for each pupil.** Primary 1-3 meals remain free.

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

## MAC Challenge



Thank you to everyone who sponsored our pupils to participate in our fundraising day. Please ensure any outstanding donations are paid to the school immediately. To date we have raised a fantastic £1402.00!

## Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who sponsored our pupils to participate in our fundraising day for Comic Relief.

To date we have raised £394 from our Mad Hair/PJ Day as well as £200 from the sale of Red Noses which will be used to make a difference to the poorest communities within the UK and across the world. In the last two years, Sport Relief cash has helped to enable children to attend school and receive an education, support people to improve their mental health, provided life-saving vaccinations for children and support people living with dementia.



## Pals Plus



The collection taken at our Easter service will, as last year, be donated to the charity PALS PLUS.

This is a small East Kilbride based club, which was originally formed in June 2013. The club's main aims are to aid in the rehabilitation of stroke survivors and to improve and maintain their progress, thereby increasing the quality of their daily lives. Our donation will be used to assist with the costs of the next 'Away Day' event for members. Thank you for contributing to this local charity.



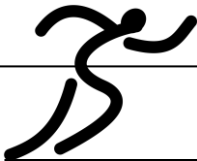
# Responsible Citizens



## Athletics Cross Country event

On Friday the 3 March P6 and P7 took part in Cross Country in Strathaven Park 2017. We got to the event and walked down to register and get our numbers. We waited to get a walk round the course. The P6s got 1½ laps and the P7s got 2 big laps. The first race was the P6 girls. The second race was the P6 boys, then P7 girls, and finally the P7 boys. After the races were finished we had our lunch. We had to change out of our muddy clothes. We got on the bus and went back to school. It was a great experience and we enjoyed taking part and would hope to go back again!

By Josh & Rachel Primary 7 Room 10

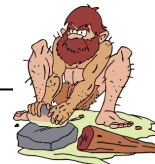


## Kelvingrove Art Gallery P4 Room 6

At Kelvingrove Art Gallery we made pots out of clay and we decorated them with string and twigs. We were split into four groups and then felt different animal skins like wolf and wild boar skin. After that we got to look and feel different Stone Age tools - some were fakes and some were not. The real ones were very old and fragile the arrow heads were really small but sharp. Then we saw the man playing the giant organ. It was really loud and nice to listen to. We saw old paintings of people and animals and we wandered around the museum for half an hour or so. We had our packed lunch. There was another class in the other room and Paul started a 'dab off' with the other class. It was super funny! After that we went to have another look around in the museum for a little while.

Then we went to the gift shop to get some toys and things!

By Erin and Katie Primary 4 Room 6



## Queensferry Crossing

We all really enjoyed the visit to the Queensferry crossing. We all learnt something interesting about bridges, like they use cable wires to hold up the bridge. We liked trying on the uniform that some engineers wear when building bridges. It was funny when the engineer told us that they use Milky Ways to make sure the bridges don't sink down, but then he said it was a different type of Milky Way! Our whole class enjoyed the trip, even the teacher! It was fun when we had to make our own tower, there was lots of trial and error work in that activity. The views from the windows were amazing, we could see the Queensferry Crossing, the Forth Road Bridge and the Forth Bridge. The engineers are doing amazing work on the bridge. We liked holding objects they use when building bridges, some were a bit heavy.

We wish we could go again!

By Sophie and Abigail Primary 5 Room 8



# Confident Individuals



## Diary

Tues 18 April	School re-opens 9.00 a.m. Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m. Homework Club - 3.00 p.m.
Wed 19 April	Badminton Club ( <b>Group 2</b> ) - 3.00 p.m. Gardening Club - 3.00 p.m. K'Nex Club - 3.00 p.m.
Thur 20 April	Netball - 3.00 p.m.
Fri 21 April	Assembly with Explore Learning - 9.15 a.m. P6 Bikeability Football Club - 3.00 p.m.
Mon 22 April	P7 Class Photo - Tempest 9.00 a.m. Lunchtime Choir Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m.
Tues 25 April	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m. Homework Club - 3.00 p.m. P.T.A. Meeting - 7.00 p.m.
Wed 26 April	VSE visit Day 1 Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m. Gardening Club - 3.00 p.m. K'Nex Club - 3.00 p.m.
Thur 27 April	VSE visit Day 1 Netball - 3.00 p.m.
Fri 28 April	P6 Bikeability Football Club - 3.00 p.m.
Mon 1 May	<b>School Holiday</b>
Tues 2 May	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m. Homework Club - 3.00 p.m.
Wed 3 May	Room 4 to Glasgow Resource Centre Football Festival - Ballerup Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m. Gardening Club - 3.00 p.m. K'Nex Club - 3.00 p.m. Parent Council Meeting - 7.00 p.m.
Thur 4 May	<b>In Service - School closed to pupils</b>
Fri 5 May	R.O. Assembly 9.15 a.m. P6 Bikeability Football Club - 3.00 p.m. Jotters home - Literacy/Numeracy

Yours sincerely

**Noreen Black**  
Head Teacher