

ACHIEVEMENTS

We had a great year with much to celebrate. Our strengths include:



- The ethos and life of the school community
- Our nurturing and inclusive practice
- Partnership working to support children and their families

We are particularly proud of our achievements:

- 100% of our children took part in a club this session! We are the only quartile 1 school in North Ayrshire to achieve this and one of only two primary schools to do so!
- Our football team took part in the Kilwinning Champions League competition, winning many games, but more importantly were fantastic sports!
- Our Netball team took part in the Kilwinning League and our Athletics team participated in the North Ayrshire Primary Schools Athletic Championships.
- More of our P4-7 pupils participated in North Ayrshire Cross Country events than have done in previous sessions.
- All our classes take part in the daily mile #fit 15.
- Many P6 pupils successfully completed their i-cycle training.
- A number of our young musicians took part in the Ayrshire Music Festival and some travelled to Manchester to perform with the brass band.
- A number of our young musicians took part in the Kilwinning Academy Next Generation Concert.
- Our ECO/Fairtrade council hosted a 'Fair Trade Hot Chocolate Cafe' and we maintained our Fair Active status.
- We achieved our 3rd Eco Green flag.
- We all took part in an amazing STEM week, with the support of Kilwinning Academy. We participated in a digital storytelling event with 5 other schools across the authority.
- Staff and Children with help from the Fundraising Council raised funds during dress up days and events and we had a number of successful collections for charities including; the Children in Need, Cash for Kids and the North Ayrshire Foodbank.
- Our P6 Euro Quiz team were amazing participants in the North Ayrshire Contest.
- Our P1-3 'Children Around the World' and P4-7 'A Ruff Ruff Night in Bethlehem' involved every child in our school and was well supported by our community.

For more of our achievements follow us on Twitter

@BlacklandsPS



ATTAINMENT

Throughout the year we gather lots of information on how our children are progressing in their learning. To monitor their progress we observe children working on tasks, listen to what they say, ask lots of questions, set challenges and use some standardised assessments. We look carefully at the experiences and outcomes of Curriculum for Excellence to ensure children are making progress.

North Ayrshire Council also ask us to summarise our children's progress in Listening and Talking, Reading, Writing and Numeracy and Maths. They ask us to look particularly at children who have reached the end of Early, First and Second Level at P1, P4 and P7.

Key highlights of this year's analysis include:

- All children in P1 achieved Early Level Reading, Writing, Talking and Listening and Numeracy. This is well above the North Ayrshire and national average.
- The majority of P4 children achieved First Level in Reading, Writing and Numeracy and most P4 children achieved First Level Listening and Talking.
- The majority of P7 children achieved First Level in Reading, Writing and Numeracy and most P7 children achieved First Level Listening and Talking.

Our rigorous analysis of our attainment data for Session 2018-19 means we are able to identify gaps in attainment, including literacy attainment, and work to ensure we close that gap whilst improving attainment for all.



Should you wish a copy of the School Improvement Plan please contact the Headteacher.

Blacklands Primary & Early Years Class



STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

September 2019

This leaflet has been prepared to give you information about our school's progress and achievements as well as our plans for 2019-20.



Susan Lauder

HEAD TEACHER

OUR SCHOOL



Blacklands Primary and Early years Class is a non-denominational school with a roll of 128 pupils in 6 primary classes and 23 children in our Early years provision.

The school serves the Blacklands and Dirrans area of Kilwinning. The current staff structure consists of 1 Head Teacher, 1 Depute Head Teacher, 8 Teachers (including one probationer), 1 Nurture teacher, 1 Nurture Early Years Practitioner, 0.6 Pupil Support Teacher, 4 Classroom Assistants, 2 Clerical Assistants and 1 Janitor.

We have a very successful Early Years Class, a Nurture Class and a Breakfast Club. We pride ourselves on our nurturing, inclusive approach to education.

Working in partnership within a caring and stimulating environment, we aim to provide quality learning experiences which will encourage positive attitudes, enabling pupils to achieve their potential as valued members of the community.

Community Partners



We work closely with our partners enhancing experiences for our pupils and building skills for life long learning.

Kilwinning Sports Club, our Active Schools Coordinator and the Professional Learning Academy continue to be a great support for pupils and staff.



Kilwinning Academy



ROBERT SERVICE COURT



KILWINNING SPORTS CLUB
250812 CFNB



Professional Learning Academy



TESCO



FAIRTRADE
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OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



The School Improvement Plan is a document which sets out the activities we will be undertaking as a school over the coming session. When writing this document we take into account a number of factors:

- *National Priorities and directives as set out by the Scottish Government
- *Local Priorities and directives as set out by North Ayrshire Council
- *Our self evaluation procedures and development needs of our own school

DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES 2019-2020



1. Focus on ensuring high quality learning experiences for all children incorporating effective use of assessment by staff and learners.
2. Review and refresh the Science curriculum and build staff confidence in delivering progressive skills based Science experiences.
3. Review and refresh the technologies curriculum and build staff confidence in using digital learning to enhance learning and teaching.
4. To empower our children to become successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens through life skills/experiences to ensure equity and promote ambition.

These documents are continually reviewed and evaluated by school staff and the Senior Management Team. We focus on evidence based evaluations from all stakeholders and use these to inform our next steps. At Authority Level we are supported by the Head of Service and our Senior Manager.



LOOKING BACK SESSION 2018-19

Last year we worked hard to improve our work in the following area:

Focusing on ensuring high quality learning experiences for all children incorporating effective use of assessment by staff and learners.

Visible learning was a focus in session 2018-19 and continues to be this session. Staff have been involved in extensive training at the Professional Learning Academy where there have been opportunities to be involved in coaching activities. This will continue to be embedded. There has been a focus on 'Inspired and Passionate teachers' as well as 'Feedback' and 'What makes an Effective Learner'. Children are developing an accurate understanding of their progress and know what they need to do to improve.

Staff have developed 'Consistency Guides' for all curricular areas which are used for reference to ensure consistency and for quality assurance purposes.

All staff and children have been involved in 'Growth Mindset' training which has helped our children build resilience, which is one of our school values. Parent/carers attended a 'Discussion Dinner' where this was cascaded. There has been extensive discussion between children and staff about the 'learning pit' and the way we learn. Children are able to talk about this in regards to their own learning.

There are effective systems in place to promote equity of success and achievement for our children. PEF money has been used to provide equity and our learners can talk about the impact this has had on them.

Staff facilitate leadership opportunities for children which contribute to wider achievement. All children are in a school council, P6 and 7 children are voted as House and Vice Captains, P7 and P2 buddy new P1, there are Digital Leaders, JRSO officers and lunchtime helpers.