

Blackwood Primary and Early Learning & Childcare Newsletter – November 2024 Head Teacher : Ms C McMillan



Annual Calendar - updates & reminders

- Book Week Scotland starts Monday 18th November
- Road Safety week starts Monday 18th November
- Friday 22nd November Primary 5 (Miss Whitefield) class assembly
- Tuesday 26th November Biggar Puppet Theatre Primary 1 (Mrs Robinson) and Supported Classes (Miss Colquhoun and Mrs Gray)

Participatory Budget - Outcome

Participatory budget spend has now been completed and by the end of this term all classes will have participated in a free educational excursion.

Primary 1 & Supported Classes	Biggar Puppet theatre
Primary 2 - 6	Glasgow Science Centre
Primary 7 & 7/6	Edinburgh theatre trip

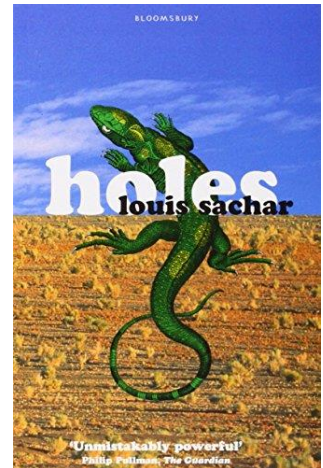
Primary 6 Class Assembly (Miss Lothian)



The United Nations
Convention on the
Rights of the Child



As the United Nations Chart for the rights of the Child (UNCRC) becomes law in Scotland, Primary 6 used their class assembly as an opportunity to share with our community what this means for our young people. Based on their class novel “Holes” by Louis Sachar, the class provided examples of how certain situations impact on their rights.



This informative assembly exemplifies how learning takes place in Primary 6. Well done to everyone .. you were fab!

Primary 5 Swimming

Primary 5 have completed their 12 weeks of swimming lessons at Larkhall Leisure Pool. The class have been given further information on how to continue to access the pool which includes several free entries.

Primary 6 Forest Schools

What is Forest Schools?

Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

During Term 2, Primary 6 completed a block of Forest Schools. This takes place at Loch Wood which is part of Blackwood Estate.





Our young people love this experience and learn many life skills when learning in nature.

Unfortunately, due to staff absences we are unable to offer this opportunity to a class during Term 2.



Halloween

A huge thank you to all the house captains and vice captains for organising our Halloween Day in school. This involved

- Decorating the hall
- Organising the distribution of treats
- Planning the games & music
- Supporting our young people throughout the day





Our Halloween Day was financially supported by the Parent Council to ensure that this was free for all to participate. Thanks to the Parent Council for this support.

Reduce, Reuse & Recycle - As part of our ECO work we will have a rag bag collection on Thursday 28th November. Please see attached leaflet for further information.

We were able to donate £87.02 to The Scottish Poppy Appeal 2024, Poppy Scotland following the sale of poppies this month. This helps to provide life-changing support to our Armed Forces community in Scotland.



Parent Council 2024

Please note the dates of the 3 remaining Parent Council meetings which will be held this year. If you would like to join the Teams meeting online please email blackwoodparentcouncil@gmail.com

Wednesday 27th November - Teams online
Wednesday 12th February - Teams online
Wednesday 7th May



The Parent Council is made up of 4 office bearers

Chair	Emma McGeachie (P7 & P5)
Vice-Chair	Laura Watt (P7)
Secretary	Kimberly Miller (P2)
Treasurer	Donna Neeson (P7)

You can support the Parent Council when you shop online using easyfundraising.

Now that we shop more readily on the internet this is a great way to support the school and ELC without having to do anything. Our cause is listed as –

Blackwood Primary Parent Council - Lanark.

Click on the link below to register your account :

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/register-your-good-cause/?invite=49bjqz&referral-campaign=s2c>



Contact details for the Parent Council are

blackwoodparentcouncil@gmail.com

In advance - December updates

- Christmas jumper month - from 1st December
- Wednesday 4th December - Christmas assembly at Kirkmuirhill Parish Church
- Friday 6th December - Primary 1(Mrs Robinson) Christmas assembly at 9:30am
- Tuesday 10th - Christmas Concert "Carols Around the Tree" 1pm
- Wednesday 11th - Christmas Concert "Carols Around the Tree" 1pm
- Thursday 12th- Christmas Concert "Carols Around the Tree" 1pm
- Friday 13th - ELC Christmas Party Day
- Friday 13th - Christmas Lunch
- Monday 16th - Primary 3 and 4 Christmas Party Day
- Tuesday 17th - Primary 5-7 Christmas Party Day
- Wednesday 18th - Primary 1 & 2 Party day
- Thursday 19th - Primary 7 (Mrs Kellie) and P7/6 (Mrs Small) extended day trip to Edinburgh
- Friday 20th - SCHOOL CLOSSES at 2:30pm

Here to Help!

As a school we are committed to helping our families and it is always worthwhile asking! Please be assured any requests will be treated in confidence.

Looking for help

SLC have also launched the Community Wellbeing Helpline on

Tel - **0303 123 1009**.

Children 1st Parentline –call free 08000 28 22 33



EDUCATION SERVICES

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