

Blackwood Primary and Early Learning & Childcare

Newsletter – April 2025

Headteacher: Ms C McMillan



Spring and Easter Holiday

School closes tomorrow, Friday 4th April at 2:30pm. Please note early pick up time. School reopens on Tuesday 22nd April at 9:00am

We hope you all have a lovely holiday and enjoy the sunshine!



Parking

Please read attached Parking reminder and note that the gates will be closed to the staff car park (Carlisle Road) from Tuesday 22nd April 22.4.24



Larkhall Burns Competition

Blackwood Primary hosted this competition on Tuesday 11th March. Our pupils were amazing showcasing singing, reciting and play musical instruments. The choir also performed to the audience.

Well Done to everyone who took part – Rebecca, Rory, Amirah, Kiera, Darcy, Connie, Gabrielle, Lucy, Arden, Ruby Jessica and Freya

Connie was successful, and sang at the Lanarkshire competition on Tuesday 25th March in Larkhall where she finished in 3rd place.

Congratulations also to Maya (P7) who won the writing competition for Lanarkshire.

Thanks to all who supported our young people in this competition.

Cross Country

After a term of training, 4 teams were entered in the Clydesdale Cross Country event at Lanark Country Park on Wednesday 19th March. Huge shout out to the Primary 7 boys' team of Rory, Kyle, Finlay and Ollie who won 1st Prize. Furthermore Calla (P5) finished 4th individually.

This meant that Calla, Rory, Kyle and Ollie were selected to represent Clydesdale at the South Lanarkshire event on Wednesday 26th March.

Well done everyone for displaying our school values of courage and determination as close the cross-country season for another year!



SLC Dance Festival – Tuesday 25th March

Over 50 children from Primary 4-7 have taken part in the lunch time dance club run by Mrs Small this term. This was celebrated at SLC Dance Festival in Lanark Memorial Hall on Tuesday 25th March when 2 groups took to the stage to perform their dance routines.

Always a fun event - many thanks to all the families who supported their child to attend it was appreciated.

Primary 7 & Primary 7/6 Class Assembly

Bearing Up the Musical

*All bear wants is a quiet calm cave to stop the fizzy bubbles form popping!
 Bear embarks on a journey of self-discovery and is surprised when he
 meets other bears who have their own challenges and insecurities.
 However, in his trusty rucksack he has just the thing*

This was the context for a fabulous performance from all the young people in Mrs Kellie's and Mrs Small's class. Words don't really do the performance from our young people justice ... you are best to ask them or any of the audience!

Simple ... A job well done!

Choir



The school choir have performed at many events this term – The Burns Competition, The Guild, The Darby and Jone Club. Thanks to Miss Stewart and all the families who have supported the young people to attend and perform for our community.

150th Celebrations

As part of the 150th celebration all pupils in the school and ELC have produced a tea towel to mark the occasion .. this will go on sale next term.

Congratulations to Antonio who won the school competition to design a 150th Logo.

In advance we are hoping to organise a theme school sports day on Tuesday 27th May when all families will be invited to attend .. more info to follow but put the date in the diary come rain or shine!



Parent Council 2025

The Parent Council work tirelessly to support all the young people in this school and ELC. Recent activities that your child has benefitted from are-

- *Sumdog subscription*
- *ClickView subscription (inc Disney +)*
- *Christmas treats*
- *Subsidised Primary 7 Leavers Hoodies*

What can you do to help?

- Attend the meetings - only 5 per year
- Support the events and help fundraise

From the comfort of your own home ...

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



As 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

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7th May at 7:00pm in person



EDUCATION SERVICES

Interim Executive Director: Anne Donaldson

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