

Blackwood Primary and Early Learning & Childcare

Termly Update - June 2025

Head Teacher : Ms C McMillan



End of Term Count Down!	
Friday 13 th	- P4-7 Pizza Party! - ELC Graduation @ 2:00pm
Saturday 14 th	GALA DAY
Tuesday 17 th	School Service - Kirkmuirhill Parish Church @ 1:15pm
Wednesday 18 th	- Music Festival Primary 5 and individuals @ 9:30am - Winning House Treat (pm) - ELC Leavers party @ 3:30pm
Thursday 19 th	Step up afternoon Primary 1-6 ... meet the new teacher!
Friday 20 th	Primary 7 Leavers Assembly @ 1:00pm
Monday 23 rd	Primary 7 Leavers trip to Hollywood Bowl, Coatbridge
Tuesday 24 th	Supported Classes Leavers' party
Wednesday 25 th	- Dress Down Day - Please collect any medication from the school office - Please use the absence line to notify school of any absences as normal - ELC CLOSSES - pick up from noon - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1PM
August	
Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13 th	INSET days – school is open for staff
Thursday 14 th	- Pupils return at 9:00am - Primary 1 – staggered from 9:30am to 10:00am

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a lovely summer. We have 20 families leaving our establishment in Primary 7 so a special "shout out" to you for all your support over the 7 years+ we wish our young people well! As this school year ends, I'm sure you will join me in thanking all our staff - T.E.A.M. (Together, Everyone, Achieves, More) Blackwood have had another busy year and look forward to next session when we will continue celebrating 150 years!

Best Wishes and Stay Safe

Christine McMillan

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Health and Safety Audit

Following a H&S Audit the planter in the back playground has been removed. We have been in this school for 13 years and we now have signs of wear and tear. The lovely tree in the planter has been replanted down near the wildlife garden – fingers crossed it survives the move!



150th Celebrations

Sports

The Legacy Sports Day took place on Tuesday 27th May. We had a mixture of fun and competitive activities. There was great support from our families who stayed for a picnic lunch.



The day was officially opened by Rory in P7 who is our oldest pupil and Evie in P1 who is our youngest pupil.

Many thanks to all the staff and helpers on the day.

Our 150th celebrations will continue throughout this year.



Tea Towel

The 150th Tea towel has arrived and looks amazing - although pre-ordered we have some for sale if you have missed this opportunity!



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Mosaics

This week the pupils have met and worked with artist Katy Galbraith to produce mosaics for our 150th celebration of Blackwood Primary School. The Second Chance and the Parent Council have donated money to help cover the cost of this activity. The launch will take place later this year (September - November)

Primary 4

Primary 4 have taken part in Forest School this term on a Tuesday morning. Forest School is a unique way of building independence and self-esteem. It helps our learners develop a meaningful connection to their natural environment. We are very lucky to have 6 staff members trained as Forest School Leaders.



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Class Assemblies

Primary 4 – The Terrible Tudors!



Primary 4 have been learning all about the Tudors this term and showcased their learning in a fabulous and hilarious assembly on Friday 16th May to their family and friends.



Learning about this period of history has been engaging for Primary 4... highlight no doubt is the fact that Henry VIII had 6 wives and that came across through humour, song and dance!

Well Done Primary 4 you were fab!

Primary 3 – Music Matters!

Primary 3 performed Music Matters for their friends and families. Through this topic they learned about music in different ways including researching composers using technology, learning about how sound is made in science, as well as confidently speaking, singing and of course performing on their own musical instruments! They worked hard and had lots of fun both on and off stage.

Awesome performance and a great end to our school assembly programme!



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Football and Netball



Throughout the year Primaries 7 and 6 take part in a termly festival for football and netball. These are hosted at Blackwood Primary. The summer cup is a competition, and this year St Johns Primary won the netball and Milton Primary won the football.

Great news for the football team when they won the *Dr Gardiner Cup*. This tournament has been hosted by Douglas Primary School since 1972. This is a great achievement for the team – well done everyone!

Along with Bent Primary School, we took part in the SLC Football for Girls festival, and our team had a fantastic day!

A HUGE thank you to all our volunteers who support the young people and encourage participation so we can take part in these events.

Adobe Express – Pizza Party today!!

April-May

Adobe Express

I liked creating the school transition document.

Korbijn

I liked doing the lessons with a partner.

Kayson

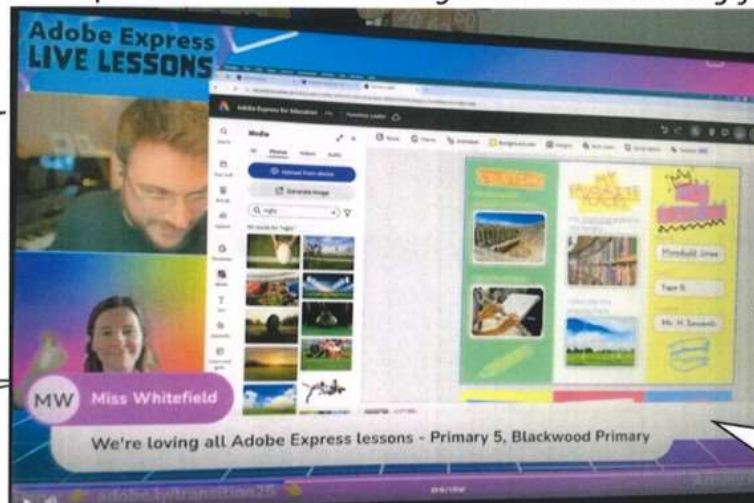
My favourite was the avatar creation.

Ollie

The space information poster was the best.

Lauryn

Primary 5 have been learning how to use Adobe Express as part of their ICT lessons. They have participated in live lessons, guided lessons and explored the app with partners. They have also submitted evidence to the leader in the hope that we earn some goodies and money for a Pizza Party.



I liked doing the Titanic number challenge.

Finlay

I liked the booklet where we got to say what we liked doing at school.

Calla

I liked creating the bag for cookies and designed it.

Bonnie

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Earth Day

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P6 pupils Oakley, Skye and Eva attended the third annual Conference of Schools to learn more about sustainability, looking after our local community and the environmental problems facing the wider world. They attended excellent EARTH workshops led by pupils from secondary schools all across South Lanarkshire.



United Nations Charter for Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Since the UNCRC became law recently in Scotland we have been looking at the work we do with fresh eyes.

The current UNCRC logo was introduced by Kayla Mathieson way back in 2013. This term we asked our learners to design a new logo and Tommy Stewart in Primary 7 won this competition.



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Parent Council

The Parent Council have had another amazing year supporting school improvement and ensuring participation for all. They have supported the purchase of Sumdog and ClickView for every pupil in the school. They have supported the purchase of the Leavers' Hoodies for Primary 7 and an end of term gift.



They have worked tirelessly to host a Car Boot Sale which despite the weather was a huge success – Thank–you!

Retiring members include, Gail Hutchison, Donna Neeson, Julie Smith, Tori Summerville, Laura Watt, and Susan Wayt. Lots of familiar faces who will be missed - your continued contributions over the many years has been appreciated!

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>

**You are invited to our first meeting of the new term on
Wednesday 3rd September at 7:00pm
in Blackwood Primary School.**

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Primary 7 - Day Out!



Primary 7 had a trip to Hamilton Palace Grounds where the Army and Rangers Soccer set up various STEM challenges to help build their skills on teamwork, problem solving, resilience and determination. We were lucky to have lovely weather and they all had fun participating in new challenges!



EDUCATION SERVICES

Interim Executive Director: Anne Donaldson
Blackwood Primary School – Head Teacher: Ms Christine McMillan