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Blackridge Primary School Newsletter

January/February 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our January newsletter. As always we strive to share with you news, information and events so please take time to read all of the information included. You can keep up to date with activities on our Blackridge Primary School Blog which we will endeavour to populate with information on the school and class based learning over the coming months. The Nursery Blog has proved to be very successful in helping the Nursery share learning and achievement with parents and carers and we are hoping with a little time and practice that the school blog can do the same!

PRIMARY: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/blackridgeps/>

NURSERY: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/blackridgenurseryclass/>

Mrs J Ross (Head Teacher)

Winter Ready

If the school has to close unexpectedly due to bad weather we have packs of activities for your child. The Winter Ready packs can now be found on the School Blog. If you require a paper copy for your child please contact the school office.

**Rights Respecting Schools**

Our Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group Committee has been working very hard last term and has achieved the Rights Respecting Schools programme ‘Recognition of Commitment’ Award. This means that not only can we use this symbol on all of our school letterheads but more importantly means that we are one step closer to becoming a Rights Respecting School.





After Schools Club

This session Miss Reid will be running a board games club for P2-P4 and Miss McGarva will be running a Netball Club for P5-P7. These clubs begin Thursday 29th January and the last session will be Thursday 19th March. Both clubs will run a waiting list so feel free to contact the school if your child would like a place.

[](http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=sports+clip+art&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CAcQjRw&url=http://www.clipartpanda.com/categories/sports-borders&ei=tXh8VP6GJsLSaNSBgoAD&psig=AFQjCNEfQFtifV6YFJpoblOaDsS7tF_Stg&ust=1417529828478767)

EE2 Forms

Before we can take pupils out on a school trip we MUST follow the West Lothian Council School Excursion Policy. This policy states that all pupils must have returned an EE2 medical consent form. If this form is not returned, or returned incomplete then the pupil will NOT be able to attend. Please be aware that section D regarding Emergency Medical Treatment requires you to delete as appropriate, date and sign.



Eco School

Blackridge Primary School will be setting up an Eco School Committee over the next two months to begin the process of auditing our school and writing action plans to begin the process of becoming a recognised Eco School. We will in time be looking for parents/carers to join our committee. The Eco School class reps once elected will be sending out a newsletter asking for help in the near future.

The Big Breakfast

All pupils will be taking part in the National Breakfast Week event beginning Sunday 25th January. During the morning of Thursday 29th January all pupils will be given the opportunity to taste a variety of different breakfast foods including continental meats, cheese, croissants and porridge.

They will also be learning about the importance of eating a healthy breakfast:



UNICEF Rights of the Child:

Article 24

Children have the right to good quality health care, to drink safe water, eat nutritious food and information to help them stay healthy.

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

World Book day events:

P1-P5: Scottish Storyteller Colin Williamson

P6 and P7: Author Gordon Bell

All classes will also be taking part in competitions and class based activities.

Rag Bag



Our next rag bag recycling scheme collection will be Thursday 29th January. They accept all good quality clean and dry clothing, paired shoes handbags, wallets, ties etc.

Many thanks for your help.

Fairtrade

As part of our Rights Respecting and Eco School agenda we are striving to become a Fairtrade School.

Fairtrade Fortnight begins Monday 23rd February. The pupils will be learning about what Fairtrade means and why it is important, Fairtrade products and will have an assembly from a company promoting Fairtrade in its organisation amongst many other activities.

A Fairtrade tuck shop will be running during these two weeks selling a variety of Fairtrade products.





Uniform

In order to promote a sense of school community and belonging we would encourage all parents/carers to ensure that all of our pupils wear school uniform. This consists of the school royal blue jumper, white polo shirt and black/dark trousers or skirt. We do have a school tie for those wishing to wear it.

Please note football strips and tops are not permitted for PE.

Access to fresh drinking water

We encourage all pupils to have access to fresh drinking water throughout the day and pupils are permitted to bring in a water bottle which can be refilled throughout the day. Our school water fountains have been adapted so pupils can no longer drink directly from the fountains but will have ease of use for refilling.

We are currently sourcing a school water bottle which will be able to be purchased at cost price shortly.



Dates for your Diary

January 2015

Thursday 22nd January: All pupils will take part in an in school Burns Celebration Assembly

Friday 23rd January: Jammin Fitness Assembly on Scotland with motivational and active workshops for pupils to follow

Thursday 29th January: Board Games and Netball Afterschool Clubs begin

Friday 30th January: 9.15am: P4 Assembly - Parents/Carers welcome

Friday 30th January: Second payment due for P6/5 Lendrick Muir Camp

February 2015

Monday 2nd February: P5 swimming Assessments

Tuesday 10th February: Anti Sectarianism Quiz and Eastertoun Primary School - Pupils to be decided

Thursday 12th February: P6/P7 Football Festival – pupils to be decided

Friday 13th February and Monday 16 February: Holiday

All resume Tuesday 17th February

Monday 23rd February: Fairtrade Fortnight begins

Friday 27th February: P6 Assembly – Parents/Carers welcome

March 2015

Monday 2nd March: P7 to Risk Factory, Edinburgh

Wednesday 4th March: Whole School Smart Start

AM Nursery P1-P7 8.50-9.15am, PM Nursery 12.20-12.40pm

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day: Scottish Story Teller Colin Williamson P1-P5, Author Gordon Bell to talk to P6 and P7

Friday 6th March: Third payment due for P6/5 Lendrick Muir Camp

Friday 13th March: P3 Assembly – Parents/Carers welcome

Monday 16th March: Pupil profiles to go home

Friday 20th March: Final Payment for P7 Kingswood Camp

Thursday 26th March: Parents/Carers Consultations