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Blackridge Primary School Newsletter

February/March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our February/March 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 and Nursery Blog which we will endeavour to populate with information on the school and class based learning over the coming months.

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

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

Staffing Update: Mrs Wynne will not be returning to work before her maternity leave begins in March. We wish her well and look forward to hearing baby news sometime near Easter! Mrs Gallagher will be in P4 with Mrs Traynor who teaches in P4 on a Tuesday. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Gallagher or myself.

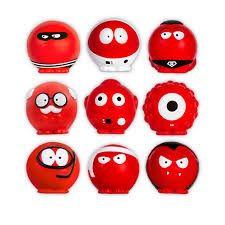
Mrs J Ross (Head Teacher)

Red Nose Day

All pupils are invited to take part in Red Nose Day which is on Friday 13th March. We will be selling red noses, having a staff coffee morning organised by the Rainbow Room pupils and pupils can ‘make their face funny for money’ on Friday the 13th of March for a £1 donation.

**Rights Respecting Schools**

Our Rights Respecting School Steering Group Committee are currently working on a Playground Charter which is to be agreed, signed by every member of the school and displayed in the playground. Keep an eye out for it appearing in the playground soon.





After Schools Club

Just a reminder that the last after school club session for this term is Thursday 19th March. Thank you to Miss McGarva, Miss Reid and all of the pupils who took part.

Eco School Committee

Pupils have completed application forms and voted for the following Eco Reps:

Representative Depute

P1 Isla Viktoria

P2

P3

P4 Keira Josh

P5 Jamie Abbi

P6 Mackenzie Emma D

P7

Staff: Mrs Ross and Mrs Gardner

We will be organising our first meeting and audit soon!



Smart Start Nursery, P1-P7

All Parents/Carers are invited to join their child/children for our second smart start session of this academic year on Wednesday 4th March 8.50am-9.20am and 12.20-12.45pm for the afternoon Nursery.

The focus of their learning will be literacy to coincide with Work Book Day on Thursday 5th March.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Letters will be coming home shortly regarding Parents/Carers appointments which are to be held in the afternoon and evening of Thursday 26th March. If you have any worries or concerns please make an appointment to speak to your class teacher prior to this as we can only offer 10 minute appointment slots and we have to ensure that we meet allocated appointments times on the night as best we can.





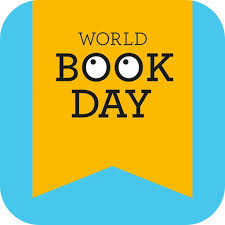
World Book Day Thursday 5th March

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.





Pupil Profiles

Pupil Profiles will be sent home on Monday 16th March. Please read these with your child discussing the targets they have set and how well they think they have done in achieving these targets. We welcome your feedback so please write a comment in the Parent/Carer box and return these profiles back to school by Wednesday 18 March.



Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be with us from Wednesday 18th March and will be available for you to buy/order a book at Parents/Carers consultations. Each child will be receiving a £1 World Book Day Token which can be redeemed at the School Book Fair.

[](http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=fair+trade&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CAcQjRw&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.fairtrade.net%2F&ei=uIXsVKyyOYXuUuCuhNAH&psig=AFQjCNH76bP9MbE9guEJqAB0IkoCokDmPg&ust=1424873269864606)

Fairtrade

We are now working towards becoming a Fairtrade School. The first step is becoming ‘Fair Aware’ which we have almost achieved. The next two weeks is Fairtrade Fortnight and each class will be learning more about Fairtrade. We will be holding a coffee afternoon for all parents/carers, run by Asda Armadale in the Rainbow Room, for a small donation, on Tuesday 2nd March at 2pm. Please come along and find out more about Fairtrade.

Dates for your Diary

February 2015

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

March 2015

Monday 2nd March: P7 to Risk Factory, Edinburgh

Tuesday 3rd March: Fairtrade Coffee Morning 2pm – all welcome

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

P7’s Thinking for Learning Day, Armadale Academy

LUSH Assembly

Wednesday 11th March: Tempest photography individual and family

3.15pm: Lendrick Muir Camp meeting for parents/carers

Thursday 12th March: SPCA workshops for P1-P7

Friday 13th March: P3 Assembly – Parents/Carers welcome and Red Nose Day

Monday 16th March: Pupil profiles to go home

Tuesday 17 March: P6 to Stirling Castle and Wallace Monument

Wednesday 18th March: P3 to Dynamic Earth and book fair arrives

Friday 20th March: Final Payment for P7 Kingswood Camp

Thursday 26th March: Parents/Carers Consultations

Saturday 28th March: Saturday Science Club open morning 10.30am-midday – all welcome at the Craig Inn

Monday 30th March: P5/P6 to Lendrick Muir

April 2015

Wednesday 1st April: P5/P6 return from Lendrick Muir

Thursday 11th April: 11.00am: Easter Service in Church