



Broxburn Primary School

Our Vision 'Inspire, Achieve and Care'


Newsletter

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Open Door Policy

Parents/carers are welcome to visit the school at any time. Please arrange an appointment at the school office.

Please see below for the member of our Leadership team with responsibility for your child.

Mrs Delargy ELC – P1

Mr Page P2 – P4

Mr Anderson P5 – P7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Each year the school is allocated some funding to improve learning by reducing the gap linked to lower incomes. With this in mind please can I encourage any families who are entitled to Free School Meals due to their income, to apply for this entitlement.

Pupils with parents in receipt of any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support or Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Any Income Related element of Employment & Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with no working tax credit) and whose annual income is £16,105 or less
- Working Tax Credit & Child Tax Credit when annual income is £6,420 or less
- Universal Credit where monthly income is less than £610

Details on who can apply and how they can apply can be found at the following link:

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/3787/Free-School-Meals>

Thank you for your continued support of the school and have a great holiday weekend.

Mrs Davies

Photos

On 14th March the photographer will be here to take class photos and the special 'vista' photos of our ELC children, Primary 1 and Primary 7.



Learning Consultations (Parent Evening & Afternoon)

We will be having our Learning Consultations (parent evening & afternoon) Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March. Look out in the next few days for further information regarding the opening of the electronic booking system.

Book Fair

As part of our celebration of World Book Day the Book Fair will be with us from 6th - 8th March. Children will have an opportunity to visit with their class and the Book Fair will be open during our Learning Consultations.

School Uniform

We have lots of school uniform donated to the school through uncollected lost property or because children have grown. We would like to make this available to everyone and need volunteers to wash clothes and set out a stall once a month. This would enable families to help themselves, to any items they need. Please let the office know if you can help. Thank you for your support.

Staffing

At the end of the month Mrs McAffer will leave her Nursery Nurse post to take up a new role within Winchburgh Nursery,

At the end of March we will also be saying au revoir to Mr McIntyre who has successfully gained a new role working as the West Lothian Data Coach within our Regional Improvement Collaborative (Forth Valley & West Lothian). He will be working with staff and pupils on learning across West Lothian and other authorities. We wish him the best of luck with this exciting adventure.

Parent Council Update

The Parent Council Valentine Disco was a great success with lots of children coming along to dance the night away. Huge thanks to everyone who organised all of the disco and to those spent their Valentine evening with us in school. It is really appreciated.

Improvement Sub Group

Thanks to the group of parents who met with me to carry out a self evaluation about the role of parents/carers within the improvement processes of the school. The discussion and suggestions will help to further improve the ways in which you can all be part of how we continue to improve the school.

Parent Council Meetings

Thursday 14th March 2019 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 6th June 2019 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Childcare is now available during meetings and everyone is welcome

What We Are Learning in Broxburn Primary School?

Primary 1 have been learning addition in Maths when adding money up to 20, which helps when they are older. They have also been learning about adding numbers on a number line. They are also very busy learning about inventions such as the telephone made by Alexander Graham Bell, how electricity works, and how to open files on a laptop. They are also learning the basic life cycles of the Earth and facts about Scotland.

Primary 2 have been learning the basic features of castles. In Maths they have been adding numbers up to 100 and o'clock and half past in time. In Literacy they have been learning about verbs, proper nouns and writing stories. In art they are also drawing castles! In Health and Wellbeing they are learning about different types of medicines. They have also learned certain beats in music.

Primary 3 have been learning about the Vikings in their topic. They have been drawing the Viking dragon heads that appear on boats to make people scared. In maths they have been learning how to tell the time in digital and analogue and have been learning how to improvise in drama. They have also been learning the birthdays in French and times tables in Maths. P3 are also learning joined-up writing in handwriting.

Primary 4 have been learning Charlotte's Web in their topic while looking at different types of farms, animals and food. They are also busy looking at the healthy eating food triangle. Again P4 have been learning times tables and the forces of the Earth. Their reading buddies have also helped them improve reading skills. P4 have also been learning different measurement when looking at area. They have also been painting portraits of people and animals.

Primary 5 have been learning Oompa Loompa dances for their topic in PE. They went to the Strathbrock Centre to measure the stage for their show. P5 were also looking at a book Roald Dahl was writing but did not finish, due to the fact he died. In S.T.E.M they were looking at how to send an email. P5 have also been learning how to sew different objects. They are also working towards their show.

Primary 6 have been learning about WW2, healthy eating and ordering fractions in maths. They are also looking at how to write a newspaper in Literacy. They are also learning about the nets of different shapes and angles in Maths, they regularly practice their tables. In S.T.E.M they are focused on making a lander that supports the impact and can keep the marshmallows/aliens in. In Social Studies they are also looking at the fastest car which is Bloodhound SSC.

Primary 7 have been learning more about WW2, the Holocaust and about what concentration camps were like. In writing they have been writing persuasive letters, to people such as smokers. In Maths they looked at the nets of 3D shapes and also focused on negative numbers. In Reading Rotations, where they swap activities to improve literacy skills, some pupils have been creating quizzes about their reading book.

News Team

We hope you enjoyed reading about all of the learning which is happening in school. The learning report was written by our News Team. Being part of the News Team is one of the range of Young Leader roles available to our P7 Pupils. Many thanks to Matthew, Aaron, Arthur and Ben for this learning update. We hope to include this as a regular feature in future Newsletters.



Diary Dates

18th February	Holiday
19th February	In- service Day for staff
20th February	All children return to School and ELC.
25th-27th February	Primary 6 Camp at Lockerbie
5th-12th March	Book Fair
7th March	World Book Day
7th-8th March	Learning Consultations Thursday (5-8.30pm) Friday 12.30-2.30pm (Parent Evening & Afternoon)
8th March	P1b Assembly at 9.15am, all welcome. Please enter by Hall door
14th March	Class Photos (ELC, P1 & P7)
15th March	P2b Assembly at 9.15am, all welcome. Please enter by Hall door
22nd March	P2a Assembly at 9.15am, all welcome. Please enter by Hall door
28th March	Primary 5 - Charlie in the Whitehouse Show
5th April	Easter Church Service at 9.30am at Broxburn Parish Church.
5th April	Last Day of School.
23rd April	All children return to School and ELC.