



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



Contact us: parent@blackawtonprimary.org.uk
Please talk to us about any issues or make an appointment.

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Dear Parents

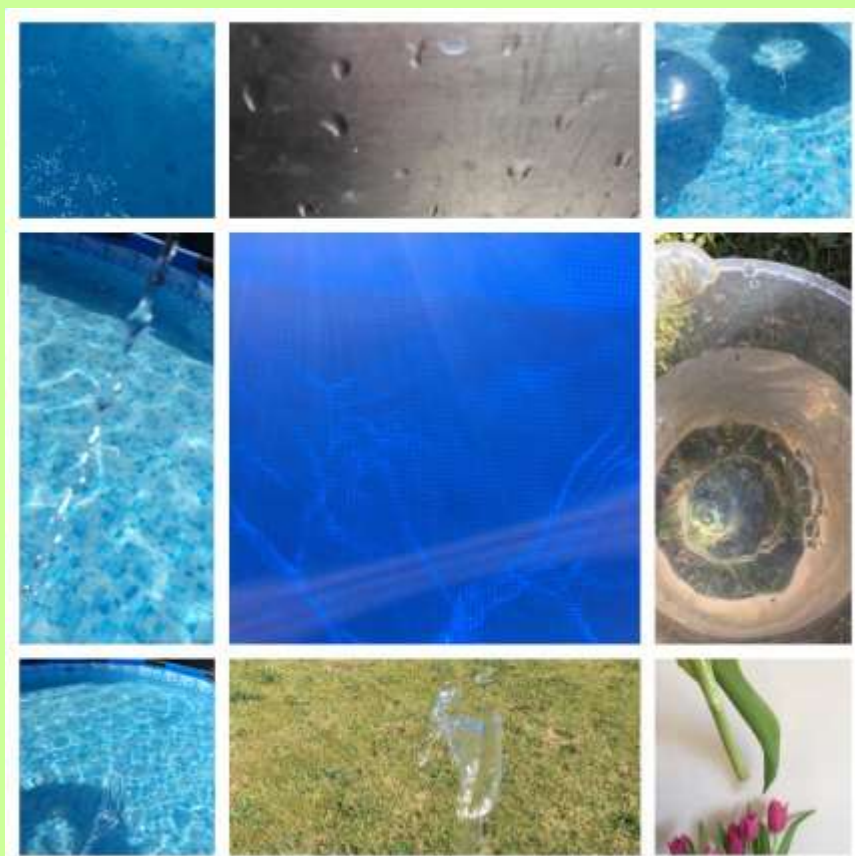
We feel very fortunate that we were able to open the school this week for some children in Nursery, as well as Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

We are continuing to support the home learning and this has been helped by staff who are working from home. We will be continuing to contact families to offer support with learning over the coming weeks. We are grateful for the feedback and if you have any questions then please email in via parent@blackawtonprimary.org.uk

However please be aware that all the staff that are based in school are teaching throughout the day and may not respond immediately to messages on Tapestry. However, we will endeavour to answer queries after 3.30pm. You may have also noticed that the staff are not infallible!! I was surprised too!!! So please bear with us and understand that if mistakes are made in pre-made worksheets or the teaching videos we are making are a bit blurry, we are learning alongside the children new ways of working.

As a school and within the trust we are investigating the use of Microsoft Teams as a teaching and learning platform; but the advice we have been given from a Trust within Devon that has taken 6 years to set up this system, is not to rush and ensure that training and structures in place before anything is launched.

Rachel Burris



Daisy's beautiful collection of water photos

Community Spirit Awards



Just to let you know that badges are in the post for all children who have already received an award. Please do let us know if your child has been missed off the list. We regularly trawl through the posts on Tapestry to check we haven't missed anyone but know that it can happen.

The Community Spirit Award is open to all children in the school through helping both at home and in their community. Activities big and small can be used towards the award - 3 for bronze, 6 for silver and 10 for gold.

Silver Award

Leo Waller - Congratulations Leo on receiving the Silver Community Spirit Award. You have been saving bees, helping your grand grandma and you even saved and looked after a baby magpie, well done.

Sam Parr Ferris - Congratulations Sam on receiving the Silver Community Spirit Award. You recently achieved your Personal Challenge Badge in Cubs, participated in sporting events that have helped raise funds for the Barnardo's Coronavirus Appeal, thought about other people in your family who have needed support at this tricky time, as well as helping at home and in the garden, thank you Sam.

Jack Parr Ferris - Congratulations Jack on receiving the Silver Community Spirit Award. You have been helping your grandparents in their fields, been helping at home and in the garden, also helped raise money through sporting events, and you have put together a hamper for your other grandparents. Thank you for being so thoughtful and thinking of other people at this tricky time.

Bronze Award

Lottie Seager - Thank you Lottie for showing great Community Spirit by helping look after your home and garden. You have also helped to cook some meals, look after the chickens and the cats and you are thinking about other people in your family by keeping them cheerful.

Archie Seager - Well done Archie for showing great Community Spirit. You have been helping your family by cleaning the house, changing the beds and cooking the tea. You have also helped grow some vegetables in the garden and looked after the chickens and the cats. Thank you for always being cheerful and thinking about other people.

Oscar Moffet - Well done Oscar for your great Community Spirit by helping to clean your village and community orchard. You have impressed the local parish council with your good deeds, and they are hoping you will support other ideas in the community, thank you.

Reminder that we are a Nut & Kiwi Free school as we have pupils with severe allergies to both.

Please be mindful of what food you send in to school in lunchboxes etc.



Nursery and Foundation Stage children have been doing activities based around the book 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' by Ronda & David Armitage.



Eric and Noah built lighthouses

Roots made a wonderful seagull

Thomas and Harriet tried Mr Grinling's lunch!



Remember that you can raise funds for the school by shopping through Easyfundraising and choosing Blackawton school as your charity.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/blackawtonschool/>

You can also raise funds through Amazon Smile- Search for 'Friends of Blackawton School'

The Signpost

Courses for Parents



Just to let you know that there are more than 100 online courses developed by [Learn Devon](#) and they are all FREE! The online courses cover three main subject areas – employability, wellbeing and digital skills.

[Learn Devon](#) provides adult and community learning courses on behalf of Devon County Council. The registered training provider has devised the new online learning courses to support people who may have been made redundant or are currently seeking work.

There are also online courses that have been designed for vulnerable people currently self-isolating, volunteers supporting Devon County Council during the pandemic, as well as local businesses.

- **Courses for Employability include** – Completing an application form; Job search; Maths for self-employed.
- **Courses for physical, mental and social wellbeing include** – Relaxation skills for carers; Home-schooling – help with reading, maths, arts and crafts activities and more; Yoga and mindfulness and overcoming anxiety; stress and anger management; Creative gardening for wellbeing; Creative writing; Art for wellbeing; Foreign languages and more.

Digital Skills courses include – Using social media for job searches; Accessing GP services online; Accessing Universal Credit;

- Researching your family history;
- Digital image editing;

Learn Devon also offers free GCSE preparation courses to help anyone wishing to join its GCSE maths or English courses, starting this September. Virtual open days and Questions and Answer sessions are being held for GCSE courses – look out for more information on the Learn Devon website and social media.

You can browse courses and enrol on the [Learn Devon website](#) or you can also enrol by calling 0345 155 1014.

If you would like more information then please let me know. As courses fill then we can add more day or evening sessions so please get in touch if there is something which is of interest to you.

Best wishes **Penny Westlake** (Area Co-ordinator West Devon)

Cygnet – Parent autism awareness programme invite

Barnardos have responded to the CV19 situation, and are offering their Cygnet programme online through licensed trainers. The programme is for parents/carers of children with autism aged between 7 and 18. So here at Babcock LDP as licensed trainers we will be offering access to this programme during this summer term, as hosting our usual parent autism awareness programme is not physically possible at this time.

Is this course for me?

After a diagnosis parents and carers can have a lot of questions about autism and may feel isolated in managing their child's needs. Children's needs also change over time, and information and advice received when a child is younger may need to be updated to be relevant for the child/young person today.

Attending Cygnet gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing social communication and behaviour difficulties. 6 weekly sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Release date
1	Introduction	Mon 1 st June
2	Autism overview	Mon 8 th June
3	Sensory	Mon 15 th June
4	Communication	Mon 22 nd June
5	Understanding behaviour	Mon 29 th June
6	Supporting behaviour	Mon 6 th July

We will send a web link to your email each week (Monday am) to access the relevant topic.

You will need an email address and the internet to access this programme. We will invite and respond to questions related to training topics/themes following each weeks topic, posting on our website responses to the most commonly asked questions and additionally signposting to our already established and developing resources and themes.

How do I accept and access the programme?

Simply email LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com to indicate you would like to accept the course access offer (**using the same email you wish weekly web link sending to**)
On Mon 1st June you will receive the 1st weeks web link from us.

Once engaged in the programme we will maintain contact on a weekly basis to invite any questions you may have related to programme topics, and signpost you to additional resources and themes to support your learning. This online access may be limited to the CV19 period only, so we would highly recommend access and completion if the programme is right for you.

The main benefit of online access is the ability to access on any day and time that fits with your own family life.

Apply direct by email to: LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com

Sarah Simnett



BSO Young Explorers: Sea, Voyages & Hope

New online 3 week series for children to enjoy and support learning
Starting Monday 8 June

We really hope you are all keeping well. We at Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra have been busy the last few months and are thrilled to be announcing '**BSO Young Explorers**', our new series of initiatives to inspire all ages with music.

What I would love to draw your attention to - which is designed to be able to support teachers managing different classes as well as families who are home-schooling - is some exciting content coming online on **Monday 8 June** as kids prepare to set sail on a musical voyage. A three-week series 'BSO Young Explorers: Sea, Voyages & Hope' workshops introduces children to making music as they learn to make their own works, take part in warm-up exercises, and rehearse two newly-commissioned nautical songs to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's pioneering voyage. This was our inspiration for the next set of KS2 Schools' Concerts which have unfortunately been put on hold for the moment. The project culminates in a group (virtual!) performance of the two songs at the end of the summer term where you can be in a produced video where everyone is singing together! The workshops are designed to support the Key Stage 2 curriculum, but can be enjoyed by all ages. Led by BSO Associate Musician Sam Mason and composer James Redwood the sessions will be available — and free for all — on our website: <https://bsolive.com/>. New sessions will be uploaded multiple times a week at **11am** Monday 8 June – Friday 26 June (<https://bsolive.com/press-releases/orchestra-launches-summer-activities-for-all-ages/>).

We are also thrilled to be releasing music education resource packs (also from Monday 8 June) which will help children aged 4-14 to deepen their love of music through a series of prepared activities designed to relieve the burden on teachers and parents during lockdown. Available to all, the activities include learning to make-your-own instrument, exploring pieces through videos performances and talks, curated playlists, and musical cross-curriculum exercises.

Please do share this information with all parents/guardians as well as use it as lesson plans in school. We would love to hear about you being involved in the project, so please do email me at schools@bsorchestra.co.uk or tag us in social media @BSOrchestra.

See you on Monday at 11am!