



# Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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Please talk to us about any issues or make an appointment.

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## FAREWELL TO THE YEAR 6S

Today, we have said a very fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children. We wish them the very best as they travel off to new adventures. We have all admired how strong and resilient they have been in the past few weeks. Their sunny personalities and creative, colourful characters have helped them, and today they came together for one last time to enjoy their end of term celebrations. We hope they will keep in touch and send us stories of life in their new schools. A huge thank you to Mrs Buckle, Karen and Becky who have worked with the Year 6s this year and organised a fantastic send-off.

## GOODBYE TO ANDREA

Andrea Ellis will be saying goodbye to Blackawton next Thursday. Andrea started by working 1-1 with a child in school and then in the reception class. This year Andrea has supported the learning in Class 2, and is now off on her own teaching adventure. Andrea will be returning to university to train to be a teacher and with the aim of taking on her own class. We wish Andrea all the best in the future.

## THANK YOU

We have been very to be receiving deliveries of wood for the Forest School fires – thank you to the Dalgleish family, Boxall family, Tucker family, Pleasance family and to the Davenports.

We have been so lucky to have Mr Sullivan teaching in Class 1, alongside Mrs Burris and Iris, for the past half term. I think Team Nurture are probably the fittest and most agile class that we have ever had!! Mr Sullivan has showed us how PE can enhance all areas of our learning, our favourite being, using marker cone and skipping ropes to create a story map!

Mr Sullivan will return to his role of teaching PE across the ESW schools in September, we still have him for one more whole week 'til the end of term.

## Reminder about arrangements for transition week

	Drop off	Pick up
Nursery	9.15am Top Playground	2.45pm Top Playground
Class 1	9.00am Top Playground	9.00am Top Playground
Class 2	8.50am Top Playground	3.10pm Top Playground
Class 3	8.40am Top Playground	3.20pm Top Playground
Class 4	8.50am Bottom Playground	3.10pm Bottom Playground
Class 5	8.40am Bottom Playground	3.20pm Bottom Playground

## RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER

Thank you for the support that you have shown to the school over the last few months and for the very many positive messages we have received. We have had a great response to the two surveys that we have sent out. It is not too late to give us your feedback. All of the information is helpful and will go towards making our learning plans for September.

As you will appreciate, we are currently working on plans and risk assessments for the full re-opening of the school for September. Our priorities remain to **maximise the effectiveness of teaching and care for our children, whilst safeguarding the health and well-being of everyone on site.**

We will aim to write to you with detailed information before we return in September with start and finish times and drop-off and collection points. Please look out for an email towards the end of July.

## Nursery Graduation!



**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.



## Class 1 Sports Afternoon



## Forest School Fun



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/>

## The Signpost

### Cygnnet – Parent autism awareness programme invite

(Summer 2020)



Barnardos have responded to the CV19 situation, and continue to offer their Cygnnet programme online through licensed trainers.

The programme is for parents/carers of children with aged between 7 and 18.

We are excited to announce that we have negotiated and agreed access for families of CYP who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received and autism diagnosis.

So here at Babcock LDP as licensed trainers we will be offering access to this programme during this summer holiday period, as hosting our usual parent autism awareness programme is not physically possible at this time due to CV19 restrictions.

#### **Is this course for me?**

During and 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 the Cygnnet programme 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 20 <sup>th</sup> July
2	Autism overview	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> July
3	Sensory	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
4	Communication	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> August
5	Understanding behaviour	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> August
6	Supporting behaviour	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> August

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

You will need an email address and the internet to access this programme.

The programme is purely in an online format (not a webinar or live presentation).

We will invite and respond to questions related to training topics/themes following each week's 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](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com) to indicate you would like to accept the programme access offer (**using the same email you wish weekly web link sending to**)

*(Access invites have also been made to parents/carers on our existing waiting list for parent autism awareness programmes.)*

On Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July you will receive the 1<sup>st</sup> weeks web link from us

Feel free to share this email with other families you know who would also welcome access.

They will then also receive full access to the programme through 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](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com)

Additional Communication & Interaction weekly themed supporting resources are available for viewing at: <https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-support-for-schools-parents-and-pupils/links-for-home-schooling-resources-and-activities/communication-and-interaction>

*Sarah Simnett*



## Community Spirit Award

### Gold Award

#### Alex and Marcel Meszaros

The boys have been immensely helpful and supportive throughout lockdown and beyond, with garden duties and forest school clean up. Before the return to school started, Marcel and Alex helped a lot cutting the grass around forest school and clearing out the entrances to and out the area.

Whenever they go to the garden their first call is to fill up the tadpoles' pond so they have enough water. They help weed the plant beds and the polytunnel and water areas where there isn't irrigation. Recently they planted more cucumbers in the polytunnel and carrot seeds in the outside plant beds.

Alex and Marcel have always been a great help at home but now Mum is working in Forest School they have been making their breakfast and setting the table for everybody. They come in early to help set up, carrying sacks of wood, caldrons and teaching material into the forest school shelter. They set up the area around the outdoor classroom for when the children arrive and help pack away after the session.

Recently when their mum fell ill, Alex and Marcel supported in many ways, allowing Fleur to rest on the sofa. Both boys independently tackled their home learning.

A couple of weeks ago they baked and delivered cakes to a family who has to shield for many months.

Thank you Marcel and Alex, you have been amazing, supportive and empathetic and we proudly give you the Gold Community Spirit Award.



### Silver Award

#### Amelia Wallace

Amelia has undertaken a fabulous project and has gained the Silver Community Spirit Award.

Amelia started by building a bug house for her garden with lots of left over wood. She designed the house and built most of it with a little help. Once she had showed this to Mel, she had the idea to make another improved version and give it to Mel and Forest School. She drew a plan of her original house and then started thinking about ideas to improve it. She came up with the idea of being able to open the front so you can change the materials inside... an improvement on the one she made at home. Amelia then built the house with a little help and gave it to Forest school.

Amelia's interest in the natural environment has grown over lockdown. She found a glow worm in her garden and completed research on it. Amelia plans to help lead an activity at forest school in September, creating the perfect habitat to encourage glow worms to thrive in the fields.

Amelia has shown great community spirit and taking the time and thought to complete a project that will benefit the natural environment for a long time to come!



The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

**SILLY SQUAD**  
Summer Reading Challenge 2020

[sillysquad.org.uk](http://sillysquad.org.uk)

## Devon Libraries' July Events

Looking for some silly stuff to keep you entertained this summer then look no further. Devon Libraries is hosting a whole load of nonsense just for you guys!

### LAUNCH EVENT: Rob Pudner

Saturday 4th July 10am

Entertaining's Different's Rob Pudner <http://entertainingyiffarent.com/> launches the Summer Reading Challenge 2020: The Silly Squad. Join Rob for some silly fun and an introduction to the Silly Squad characters.



### Sarah McIntyre: Drawing Challenge

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 11am

We are delighted that illustrator and author Sarah McIntyre is helping us with the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge this year with this fun video. Sarah will show us how her and fellow author Philip Reeve write The Legend of Kevin and how to draw some fun illustrations at home. For more fun from Sarah you can visit her website at: <https://www.jalberworks.co.uk/>



### Peak Hill Lamas

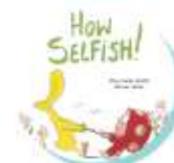
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 11am

I don't know what this is but it sounds awesome!

### Clare Helen Welsh : How Selfish Reading

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Reading 11am, Crafts 2pm

With kind permission from The Quarto Group, local author Clare Helen Welsh is reading her book How Selfish! And is showing us how to get creative with a stick, just like the one Dot and Duck were playing with. The book is written by Clare and illustrated by Oliver Tallec. Do post photos below of your own stick pictures.



### Crafts and Bounce and Rhyme

We've pooled the expertise of our teams from Devon and Torbay Libraries to bring you a varied programme of craft workshops and bounce and rhyme sessions from across the county. Join us staging and making at: <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/areas/children-art>

All these events are online and will be available on our facebook

pages: @Devon.Libraries @Dartmouthlibrary



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## Choose and Collect Dartmouth Library



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Our staff will select some books for you.

Our library team will give you a collection slot.

Contact [dartmouth.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:dartmouth.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk) or phone 01803 832502 Mon/Weds 9-1pm Tues/Thurs/Fri 9-4pm

No Saturday Service at Present

### Library Collection Point/Returns at Library Backdoor (Foss Siip)



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