



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News Update



Contact us: parent@blackawtonprimary.org.uk

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Dear Parents

All the teachers and staff have written a letter for their classes this week with some ideas for the holiday. We also want you to know that behind the scenes we have been very busy this week, making plans, supporting the childcare and working with our shared services.

As yet, none of us know when we will be in a position to return to school. For the next two weeks, we will be supporting the childcare but the staff are also going to have a break with their own families.

If you have a question, please still contact us via parent@blackawtonprimary.org.uk and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Home Learning for after the break will be ready for Tuesday 14th April and will come out to you via the parent mail or Tapestry. All of the questions via parent mail come through Helen, so if you don't receive an immediate reply, please be patient with us.

We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community and have had many offers of help. The Blackawton Primary School remains **closed** to all families. As restrictions are slowly lifted and we may be able to go back into school, we will let you know if you are able to come in.

Take care everyone, look after your families. Make the most of the time that you have. If you're working in one of the key roles working in or supporting the NHS, Children's Services, Food Industry and many more, that allow our essential services to keep working, we all thank you very much for looking after us.

As a school we have been supported by Education South West Leadership and Shared Services, as well as the other schools in our Multi-Academy Trust, and we are very grateful to them too.

With very best wishes
Rachel and all of the staff at Blackawton Primary.

Hello Class 1 and Nursery Children,

We hope you have had a busy week and that you and your families are all well. We have enjoyed seeing what you have been doing via Tapestry. We have missed you! We hope that you are able to go out each day for a walk or a bike ride in this glorious sunshine.

We have given you lots of ideas to keep you busy over the holidays, don't forget to share with us what you have been up to. We will share with you what we have been doing too. Mrs Scott and Mrs Burris will have to wait until the summer to go out together on their paddle boards but we and Iris, Fleur, Helen, Pam, Jo, Gina, Jude and Teagan can all show you our other activities in the next few weeks.

Remember, you can still collect evidence for your community spirit award and show us all the fabulous things you are doing to help. We will keep a list and give you your badges when we come back to school.

Keep busy, have fun, be good for your mum and dad. We can't wait to hear what you've all been up to!

Mrs Burris & Mrs Scott

Hello Class 2,

I hope you are all happy and healthy. We are all well in the Llewellyn household, and enjoying being together. We moved house 2 weeks ago today, so we have been busy making our new house into a home. I am finding lots of jobs to keep Mr Llewellyn busy and out of trouble! Jessica is in secondary school so she has had lots of learning to do on the computer but we have still managed to get out in our new garden a lot. We have been teaching each other about our hobbies. Jessica and Sophie have been trying to teach me dance routines and gymnastics. Do you remember how tricky the Alice in Wonderland dance was for me? It has certainly been a challenge learning how to dance in time without Ms N to keep me on track! I have been teaching the girls how to cook, we have had some delicious meals and cakes! They are learning much quicker than I am!

I am missing you all so much already. Please send me some pictures of you having fun. I would love to read any stories or diaries you are writing, or see any maths you have managed to do. My poor green pen thinks I don't need him anymore, there's nothing to mark!

Take care my lovelies, keep safe and keep well. Remember you have brilliant high five behaviour, so make sure you listen to your Mum and Dad, and be kind to your families.

Mrs Llewellyn

My activity is a scavenger hunt

Indoor Scavenger Hunt

Collect all of the following items in a bag or basket.
Tick off the items as you find them.

- A TOY WITH WHEELS
- A BOOK WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME IN THE TITLE
- A PAIR OF MATCHING SOCKS
- 4 THINGS THAT ARE GREEN
- SOMETHING VERY SOFT
- A TOY SMALLER THAN YOUR HAND
- SOMETHING ROUND
- A BOOK WITH NUMBERS IN IT
- 6 LEGO PIECES THAT ARE ALL DIFFERENT
- A PHOTO OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE
- AN ITEM THAT MAKES YOU FEEL COZY
- A TOY THAT HAS 3 DIFFERENT COLOURS
- YOUR MOST FAVOURITE STUFFED ANIMAL

Ready for your reward?
Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!



Class 3

Hello you 'orrible lot',

I hope you're all doing well and you've not sent your parents mad just yet! I'm sorry I wasn't able to be there the last week before school closed. I hope you've been able to get outside when and where it's been safe to do so and made the most of your one piece of exercise per day! I've been trying my hardest to keep myself entertained by doing lots of reading, stretching, sudoku, Netflix and I even completed the Cars puzzle that we had in school before Christmas, although it was missing one piece! Which I remember was sat on my desk in school. Whoops! Keep going at it and enjoy the activities we have set for over what would have been the Easter holidays! Keep safe, make the most of each day, don't wind your parents up too much and be kind to your siblings. I look forward to the first day back in Class 3, which hopefully won't be too long now!

From Mr Lemmings

Activity ideas:

I thought I would set some exercise challenges!

I'm going to challenge you to see how many repetitions you can make in a minute per exercise!

Can you beat Mr. Lemmings? See if you can improve your scores over the two weeks!

Sit ups: I got 36

Press ups: I got to 20 before my arms stopped working

Squats: I got to 42

Burpees: I got to 26

Star jumps: I got to 51

Hello lovely Class 4,

I have missed you! I hope you and your families are well. As learning never stops, I thought I'd use the extended time at home to practice some (much needed) baking skills; I wonder what new things you're learning or practicing?

Remember the bread experiment we designed in our penultimate week? This picture is similar and shows the importance of washing your hands.



Remember, you can still collect evidence for your community spirit award: have you offered to help your parents yet or looked after your siblings? I can't wait to hear what you've all been up to!

Ms N

Activity Ideas

- Map making – make a map of your bedroom, house or garden (if you're lucky enough to have one) You could try to do this to scale by measuring and scaling down. 2D/3D.
- Field sketch – from your window or garden.
- Field work – 1 metre squared part of your garden – count how many different living things or types of plants etc can you count.
- Create an ecosystem/shelter/habitat etc
- Moon watch – drawing the moon every night for a month and watching the changes.
- Family tree? Photos/stories

Howdy Class 5,

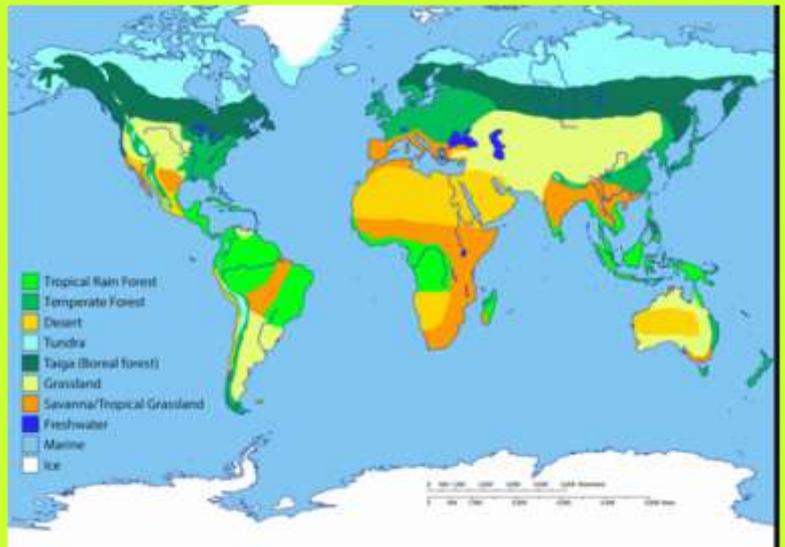
It is so, sooooo peaceful without you all – I miss you all so much, although I do have Phoebe and Theo (and Mr Buckle) here to keep me busy and on my toes! I've been so bored without you all that I really do not know what to do with myself. Today, I was knee deep in pond gunge helping to save some poorly fish and trying to teach my own kids STEM. They just told me it smelt horrid and ran away. I would love to have updates via email about what you are up to. Any photos or updates on our community spirit award would be highly valued. This is the time to help your parents and siblings out, as it is an odd time for everyone. Try to complete your reading journals, do some daily SPARX and complete your SPAG activities. I've set you a little holiday task to complete, and further learning ideas will come out after Easter. These are strange times, but try to enjoy your time at home, cooking or learning new games with the family. I look forward to hearing about all of it.

Take care and stay safe. Be kind and thoughtful, and I hope to see you all again very soon.

Mrs Buckle

Try one or two of the following:

- Can you find population information for any of the different areas? Compare them. Why are some areas higher or lower in population? What factors will influence where people choose to live?
- Display some artwork in your window, to cheer up any passers by
- Track your family tree back, or a family tree of those you live with. How much have your family moved around, or not moved around? What jobs kept them still or caused them to move?
- Take pictures of Spring – from your window or in your garden or where you take your daily exercise



Hi everyone,

I hope you are making the most of your time away from school and finding new ways to learn and be active. I've been up early and going for a run in the sunshine, which is something that has been missing from our PE lessons since September! I hope you have managed to get outside for your daily exercise, whether in the garden or in a safe place for you and other people. I'm getting on and doing lots of school jobs and doing the Joe Wicks 5-minute sessions in between. I hope the exercises from Joe Wicks and the cards are helping you stay active and healthy. Remember to do your PEWEB bit on how you feel before PE and after PE. This is important because it will hopefully show you how exercise helps you improve your mood!

I will send through some more fun exercises soon.

Anyway, for now keep active, stay healthy and try and enjoy your time!

Take care,
Mr Sullivan

Sophie Carr is doing a family fitness session on Monday mornings at 9.30am. She would love to have other Blackawton school families join her and the girls.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/family-fitness-session/921710014951682/?ti=icl>

If you think that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact Devon County Council either by phone on 0345 155 1019 or by visiting their website portal at:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE

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What have you been up to this week?



The Parsons - We have been trying to bird watch but only crows seem interested in our bird table and they all fly so fast it has been tricky counting them but I think our biggest score has been 8! The kids have also been writing letters to the elderly people, on their own and isolated, who are staying in their grandparents' apartment building (over 70s) to cheer them up and practice their writing skills. Grandpa found 2 lovely ladies (1 used to be a teacher). Very exciting going to the post box and awaiting a reply!

The Parsons also recommend:

Free access to Twinkl for Teachers and Parents

To set this up, please visit www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and login using your email address and password. You can also create a new account and enter the code CVDTWINKLHELPS

Here are Taylor's seeds after just less than a week. He's been watering them daily! The sunflowers are going to need their own pots shortly!



We have been enjoying the sunshine this week so we have made Owain his very own mud kitchen. He's very happy with it and wanted to show all his friends.

Arthur & George enjoyed listening to the Owl Babies story so much that they wanted it again straight after.

They then found a picture of an owl online with Dad who printed them off one each and then they each cut out the shape, Arthur's scissor control was pretty good. Arthur drew around the shape as a template onto some plywood and Dad assisted Arthur cut out the shape with a jigsaw.

The boys then painted and glued a beak and eyes on. They love their owl puppets, they're proud of them.



Information that may help you and your family whilst you are isolating at home

Online safety from the website thinkuknow

This page has been created to support parents during COVID-19 and the closure of schools. Each fortnight, we will be releasing new home activity packs with simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety at a time when they will be spending more time online at home.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03cb8440df-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_24_03_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03cb8440df-64729385

CHILDCARE

If you need alternative childcare then please go to Pinpoint <https://www.pinpointdevon.co.uk/parents-and-families/>

BBC Newsround

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