

Ms Crossan's Newsletter – Winter 2025

Here is our latest newsletter with lots of information on upcoming events over the next few weeks.

The Parent Annual Calendar which was given out at the Meet the Teacher event in August is included too.

This Thursday, we are having our Winter Wonderland from 4-7pm. We hope you can join us. Get your tickets at the school office each day from 9am. Looking forward to seeing all of our families enjoying a special evening with lots of activities, food, raffles, and games for all the family!



Blackfriars
Primary School



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Focus		HWS Week 1	TERM 1				Maths Week Scotland	TERM 1			TERM 2				Book Week Scotland	TERM 2	Christmas concerts		HWS Week 2		
Term 1 + 2	11 th Aug	18 th Aug	25 th Aug	1 st Sep	8 th Sep	15 th Sep	22 nd Sep	29 th Sep	6 th Oct	13 th Oct	20 th Oct	27 th Oct	3 rd Nov	10 th Nov	17 th Nov	24 th Nov	1 st Dec	8 th Dec	15 th Dec	22 nd Dec 4 th Jan	
M			Class News out			Motivational Monday 1	Motivational Monday 2	Holiday	Motivational Monday 3	Holiday	Motivational Monday 4	Motivational Monday 5 Curr News 2 out	P7 Swimming starts		Flu immunisations						
T	Inset Day 1									Holiday								P6 & P6/5 Party (PM)	P5 & P4/3 party (PM)	Holiday	
W	Inset Day 2		Meet the Teacher 3.15- 4.15pm				Careers Day (P4-7) School Photos			Holiday					Parents' Evening 5- 7:30pm	Parents' Evening 3- 6pm		P5 Party (PM)	P1 Nativity to parents (AM) P2 & P3/2 party (PM)	Holiday	
Th	Pupils Return				Parent Council AGM 2pm		House Colours Day (free) Macmillan Cancer Cake Sale		Dress Down Day £1 donation	Holiday	Donation Afternoon Parent Council 7pm online			Creativity/ Art Exhibition "Literacy Alive"			Christmas Fayre 4- 7pm	P4 & P5/4 party (PM)	P1M & P1G Party (AM) P7L & P7T Party (PM)	Holiday	
F							Holiday		Inset Day 1	Holiday		P2 Assembly	Class photos	P3 Assembly		Non-uniform Day (Rainbow donations)	Christmas concerts P1-3 (AM & PM)	Christmas concerts P4-7 (AM & PM)	Carols around the Christmas Tree 2.30pm Finish	Holiday	

Focus	TERM 3		Scots' Language Week	TERM 3		HWS Week 3	TERM 3						
Term 3	5 th Jan	12 th Jan	19 th Jan	26 th Jan	2 nd Feb	9 th Feb	16 th Feb	23 rd Feb	2 nd Mar	9 th Mar	16 th Mar	23 rd Mar	30 th Mar
M	School returns	Class News 3 Out	Last P7 Swimming		Motivational Monday 1	Motivational Monday 2	Holiday	Motivational Monday 3	Motivational Monday 4	Motivational Monday 5			P7 Residential
T				P6 Swimming starts			Holiday						P7 Residential
W			Scottish Celebrations				Inset Day 4						P7 Residential
Th		Parent Council 2pm			Chinese New Year Celebrations			Parent Council 7pm online	World Book Day			Eid-Al-Fitr Celebration afternoon	Dress Down Day £1 donation 2.30pm Finish
F			P4/3 Assembly	Cosy Day £1 Donation		P5/4 Assembly			P6/5 Assembly	Reports out	Red Nose Day - to be confirmed	P4 Assembly	Holiday Good Friday - 19 th April 2025

Focus	TERM 4	STEM week	TERM 4				HWS Week 4	TERM 4		
Term 4	29 th Apr	27 th Apr	4 th May	11 th May	18 th May	25 th May	1 st June	8 th June	15 th June	22 nd June
M	School returns	Class News 4 Out	Holiday	Motivational Monday 1	Motivational Monday 2	Holiday	Motivational Monday 3	Motivational Monday 4	Motivational Monday 5 Reserve Sports' Day	P7 Leavers Assembly
T										
W		Parents' night 5-7:30pm	Parents' night 5-6pm					Sports' Day (weather permitting)	Pupils meet new teacher 1.15pm	
Th			Inset Day 5 (subject to change)			Parent Council 2pm	Eid Al Adha celebration afternoon			2pm Finish
F		P5/2 Assembly		P6 Assembly	Holiday		P5 Assembly		House Colours Day (free)	Summer Holidays



Parent
Annual
Calendar
2025-26



Winter Wonderland Plans

Our doors will open at 4pm on Thursday once our school has been magically transformed!

Entry is £2 and there are still tickets left for our Blackfriars families. Contact the school office. Our choir will greet you from 4-4.30pm. Please use the main gate when coming along to the school.



Christmas Parties



When it's your child's party, they can come to school that day dressed in non-uniform, ready for their party.

We know that some children prefer to wear their school uniform instead of party clothes. This is fine to do so.

A snack will be provided for all children during their party.

Party Dates...

- 9th Dec – P6 and P6/5 (afternoon)
- 10th Dec – P5 (afternoon)
- 11th Dec - P4 and P5/4 (afternoon)
- 16th Dec – P3 and P4/3 (afternoon)
- 17th Dec – P2 and P3/2 (afternoon)
- 18th Dec – P1M and P1G (morning)
- 18th Dec – P7T and P7L (afternoon)

Christmas Concerts

P1-P4/3 Concert

This will take place on 5th December.

P4-P7 Concert

This will take place on 12th December.

There are two showings of each concert. If you don't already have your tickets, please contact the school office.

The Rainbow raffle will be drawn at the concerts. 🌈 Rainbow Hamper raffle tickets are on sale at the school office each day this week from 9-9.15am. They are £1.00 a strip for a chance to win one of the gorgeous rainbow hampers.



Panto Plans

On Wednesday 10th December, all P3-P7 pupils will attend the Citizens' Theatre performance of Beauty and the Beast.

Pupils will have lunch a little later than usual, when they return from the trip. They will be provided with snacks at the theatre to keep them going though!



SAFE PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Parents/carers are reminded to park in a parking space, NOT ON THE STREET, when dropping off and collecting children.

Unsafe parking increases the risk for children.
Please help keep them safe.

These are our parking signs to remind all drivers of the rules in place around our school grounds. This means that cars SHOULD NOT BE MOVING in this street during these times. These rules are to keep our children safe.

We ask that all drivers respect this during these times. Thank you.





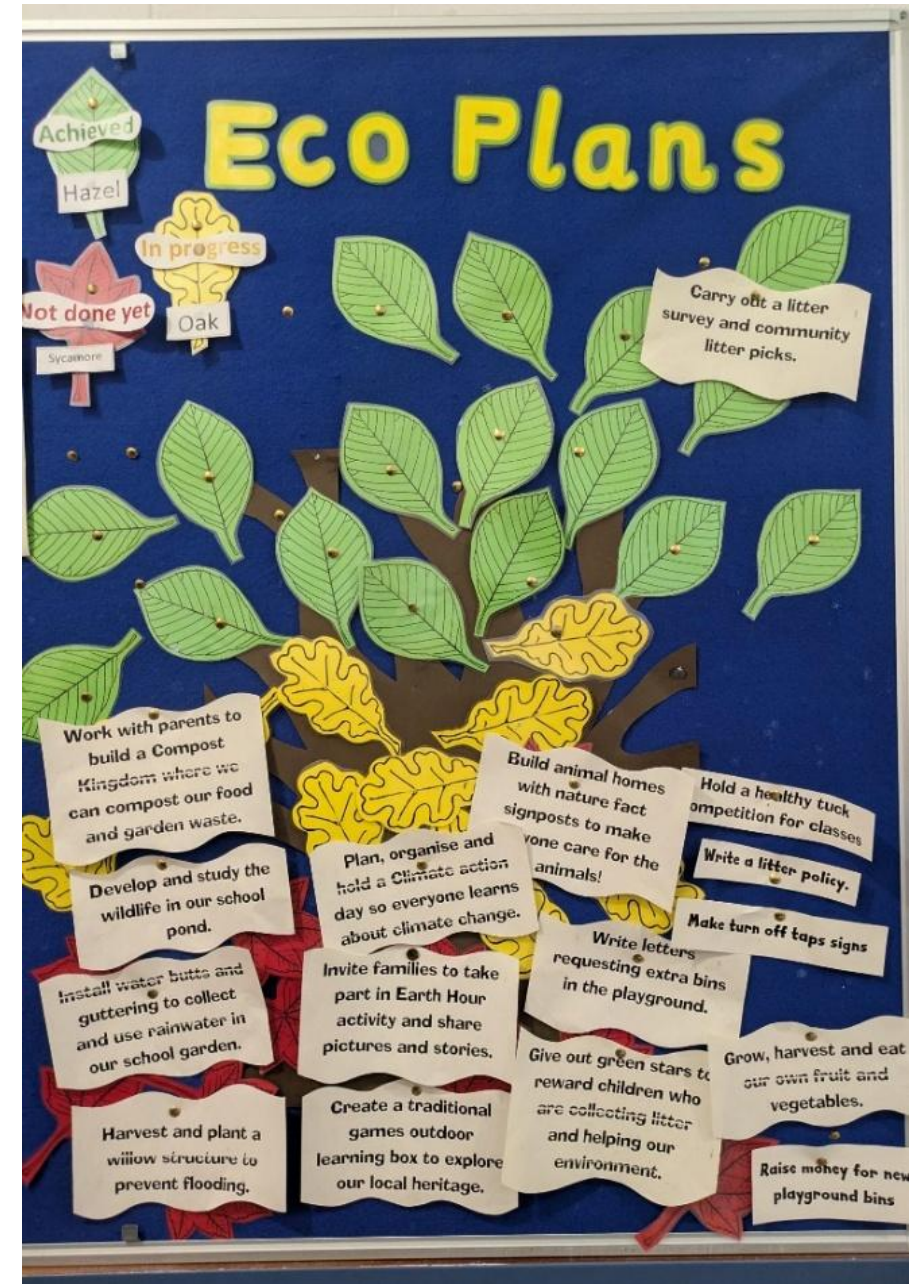
School Streets



**Be respectful to residents around our School Street.
Please don't park over driveways
#GCCRoadSafety #SchoolStreets**

Eco Committee

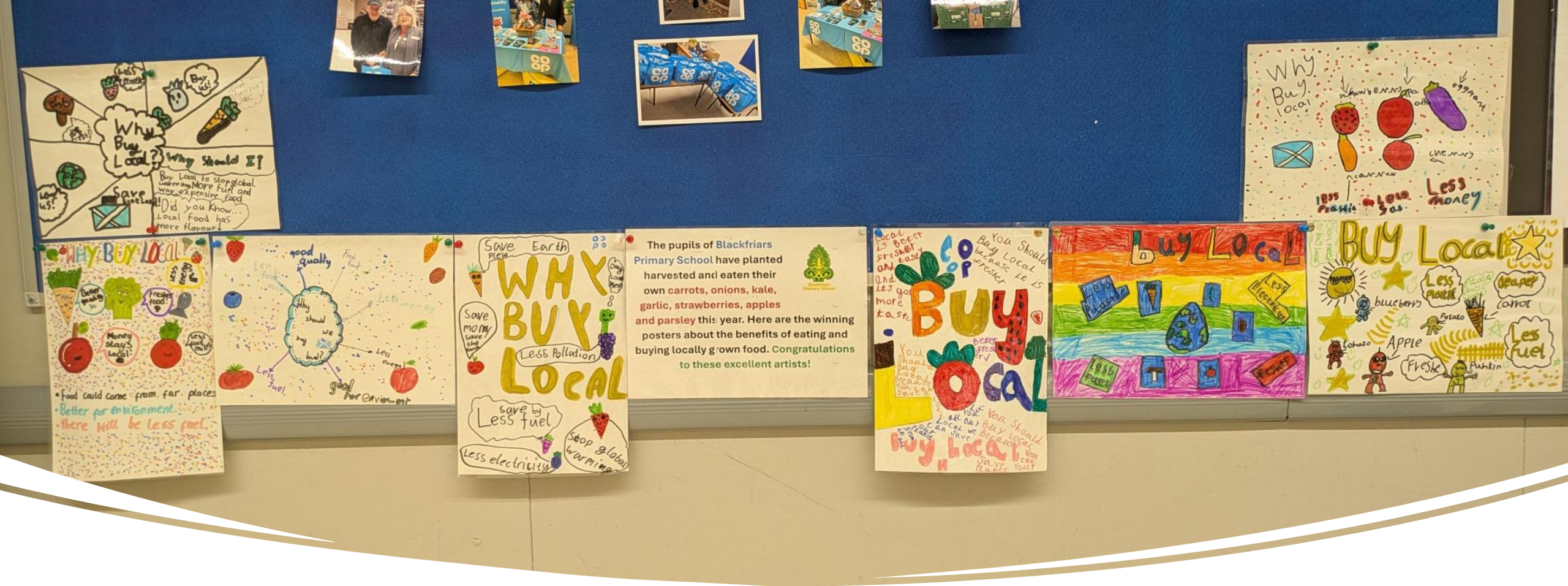
Our Eco Committee have been busy doing an Eco Review of our school. They have identified all the things we have to work on and came up with ideas for our new action plan, which is displayed in our hall for everyone to see.



Family Gardening

- Our Family Gardening Gang have been busy planting garlic, onions and daffodil bulbs. They have been collecting vegetable and flower seeds so that we can plant them again next year. They recently did a Family Litter Pick around the Gorbals, so a big thank you to them for helping to keep our community clean. All Parents and Carers are very welcome to come along to our Friday Family Gardening Club. Check SeeSaw for details.





• **Sustainability**

- Congratulations to the winners of the P5/4 and P4 *Eat Local* poster competition. After harvesting, preparing and eating carrots and apples from our school gardens, they made posters to explain the benefits of eating local produce. The winning posters are now displayed in the Crown Street Co-op.

Parents as Partners News

A huge “thanks” goes to our Parents as Partners volunteers who have been busy preparing the donations for our Winter Wonderland.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to become more involved in school, and be part of our group so that each class is represented. Contact the Head Teacher if you're interested.

The purpose of the group is to keep an open line of communication between home and school and involve our parents and carers in the decisions made in school. There's tea and biscuits, and it's also a great way of getting to know other parents in our school community!



Request for Home Office Letters

When requesting a letter to prove address or attendance at school, please be aware that there is a 2-week notice period for this.

The office cannot do this at short notice so please put all requests in, in plenty of time so that there are no delays in the application process.

Thank you.

