

FAMILY LEARNING



Free Craft Pack!

GREENSTART AT HOME

Free family learning course using nature and the environment as inspiration for a range of fun activities to learn some new skills!

GreenStart at home is a 6 week family learning course for families with young children (early years - KS2). Now available to do at home with resources delivered to your door including activities, games, videos and a craft pack with everything you need to complete the course.

- ✓ Identify garden birds
- ✓ Spot wildlife
- ✓ Grow your own food
- ✓ Natural arts and crafts
- ✓ Reduce, reuse and recycle
- ✓ Climate change and more

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Groundwork are offering a free environmental family learning course via distance learning, where parents can do the course at home with Groundworks support. A learning pack is posted out to anyone who signs up to the course. This is a great way to benefit from some extra dedicated learning outside of the school day. Groundwork have qualified tutors who can support and motivate parents to spend more time outdoors together as a family with a learning focus. Families can learn how to identify garden birds and trees, to recycle correctly, to waste less food and also take part in simple environmental crafts and games; all in the safety of their own home, garden and local green space. This course is suitable for families with children from Year 1 through to Year 6.

Greenstart at Home is funded by Sunderland City Council Family and Community Adult Learning. Further information is available from Rebecca Wilson Tel 07909231906 or email Rebecca.wilson@groundwork.org.uk

Blackfell Primary School Newsletter



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Headteacher's Update

It is difficult to believe that we break up on Thursday for the May half term holiday. We have had a super half term and our highlight must be the fantastic outdoor learning work we had across school. We will be building on this work with our 'Be fit, Be Safe, Be Healthy' fortnight from Monday 14th June - Friday 25th June 2021. Further details are in this newsletter.

When children return to school on Monday 7th June, we will be encouraging children to walk, cycle or scooter to school to keep fit. Bicycles and scooters can be kept in school during the school day in our designated areas. Please ensure children wear a helmet for their own safety.

As the weather is rather unpredictable at the moment, please ensure that sun cream is applied prior to the school day. In addition, please send your child with a hat/cap and a named water bottle to keep them hydrated. We want to keep everyone safe in the sun.

As a school, we regularly update our risk assessments following government guidance. At this moment in time, guidance remains unchanged and we are unable to invite parent/carers onto the school site for our usual summer events. Children will participate in many events such as sports afternoons, after school clubs and events maintaining constant bubble groups. We understand that this is very disappointing for everyone but photographs are regularly updated on the school website, under 'class pages' for you to see what has been happening across school.

We looking forward to welcoming new children and their families for September in our forthcoming induction meetings, guidance permitting. We do still have places for September in Nursery and Reception class for three and four-year-old children to join us. Our Nursery now offers 30-hour provision. Please contact the school office for details. We do also have some places in other years groups. We welcome visits from any potential new families and encourage them to contact school for further information.

Transition arrangements for all children to meet their new teachers and teaching assistants across school will be w/c 28th June. I will be letting you know staffing arrangements for September 2021 once finalised later next month. End of Year Reports will be sent to parent/carers at the end of the summer term.

All dates for the rest of this term are available to view on our school website.

I hope that the sun will shine for the rest of the school year!

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

Safeguarding

This week we have reinforced work on safety in the local community with a particular focus on stranger danger. We are aware that some neighbouring schools sent a letter last week to parent/carers. As a school, we follow advice from Together for Children Sunderland Safeguarding Team. We continually reinforce safeguarding in all areas through our curriculum work including PHSE and RSHE. A letter was emailed to parent/carers last week advising what is covered in this area. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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Birthday shout outs for May

Nursery - Oliver
 Reception - Natalia
 Year 1 - Larnie
 Year 2 - Sebastian, Max, Jenna
 Year 3 - Halle, Oskar, Ava, Isabella
 Year 5 - Emily, Sofia, Dominic
 Year 6 - Aimee-Leigh, Lucie



School Sport

We continue to use our government sports funding to help engage all pupils in regular physical activity - the Chief Medical Officer guidelines recommend that all children and young people aged 5 to 18 engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day. We have recently purchased new equipment to help with the delivery of our physical exercise and sport. Alongside outdoor play equipment, both children and staff are enjoying trying out a broader experience of a range of sports and activities such as table tennis, archery and golf. This equipment has recently been purchased and we look forward to developing our skills in these sports.

From Monday 14th to Friday 25th June, children will be participating in our annual Be Fit, Be Safe, Be Healthy work. This year, we will be linking this to the upcoming Euro football tournament which will be played at the same time. Children will compete within house teams and will be linked up with a European football team. Activities will include a football speed shoot with individual certificates and trophies, inflatable darts, archery, golf, cheerleading, dance and a football tournament. Year 6 will also be sampling surfing with Tynemouth Surf School. Part of our curriculum will also be tailored to staying safe and healthy. Change4 life will be working with all classes in school delivering sessions on a healthy lifestyle.

Change 4 Life

School will be taking part in a Roots and Shoots gardening project. Change 4 Life will visit school running a six week project promoting healthy eating after half term. Children will get the opportunity to plant and grow seeds and vegetables.



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Canoes Mountains and Caves



Children from Nursery through to Year 6 enjoyed outdoor learning this month. The children tried abseiling, den building, lighting a fire pit, walking a tight rope and archery. Please take a look on class pages on the website for more pictures.

