



BANTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you had a good break. Thank you very much for your feedback regarding the format of homework. I am currently compiling results and looking at how best we can meet the preferences of the majority of parents but still offer pupils some variety and choice. Thank you also for your views about increasing the daily activity levels of pupils with a daily mile.

If you would like to discuss any items in this newsletter please do not hesitate to contact me on 01236856491 by phone or email at ht@banton.n-lanark.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

Siobhan McLeod(HT)
& Banton Team

Happy Birthday Banton!



Pupils and staff had a lovely day at school on Tuesday, 25th October as this marked the school being opened for 50 years. In preparation, pupils had designed their own bunting for display, birthday cards, and other items. The school was looking beautiful along with the decorations outdoors. Thank you to staff for your hard work.

Teachers taught pupils how to play traditional playground games, such as Hopscotch, Peevers, Marbles, etc and they had great fun!

The ladies in the kitchen chose a party-themed menu with pizza and burgers followed by ice-cream. The tables were decorated and they had good fun with the balloons. Thank you very much for making our lunch-time very special Mrs Smith and Mrs Kerr.

We had two special visitors in the afternoon. Mr Gracie, a pupil of the original Banton PS came to share his school-day experiences with the children. Mrs Smith, who was a teacher in the original and new Banton

PS also shared her memories of the schools and children were really interested and ask a number of good questions. We finished off the school day by singing happy birthday and blowing out the candles on our special Banton Birthday Cake. We chose the oldest pupil, Alexander and the youngest, Charlie to blow out the candles, along with our two special visitors and, Mrs Abercrombie and Mrs Cheape.

Staff and members of the community have been searching for the Time Capsule that was buried on the 23rd September 1996. We had hoped to discover this and share the contents with everyone and then bury our own time capsule with our 50th Birthday thoughts. We didn't manage to find it and Mr and Mrs McLeod from the Village gave a lot of their time, but with no success. Well, a salad fork was unveiled. 😊 We are going to get some further information (hopefully) from the Chronicle to see if that will assist us. Thanks to everyone for their efforts. It has been much appreciated.

We also had a school competition to design half of our community flowerbed plot. Islay Henderson was our winner and her design inspired what has been created. Congratulations Islay. Fergie had tried to use the school colours so this also helped. Thank you. 😊

Thank you very much to all staff for their time and effort in making this day special for our pupils.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - REMINDER

These will be taken on Thursday 27.10.16. Class photos and pupil committee photos will be taken also, so lovely smart uniforms please!

BADMINTON

Thank you very much to Mr Lawrie who is giving our P4-7 pupils the opportunity to attend a lunch-time club on Thursdays. Pupils will be asked to contribute 50p each week towards the cost of the hire for the Banton Community Hall. As this is beginning on Thursday 27th October, you will receive a text message to reply to, confirming that you give your child consent. If any medical information or emergency contact details have changed since the beginning of term, please contact the school. Thank you.



HALLOWEEN PARTY REMINDER



This takes place on Friday 28.10.16 starting at 1.15pm. Parents/Carers are welcome to stay for the Dressing-Up Parade. Thank you for your contribution of £1.00 towards some party food and prizes.



PRIMARY 7

P7 will be going to Kilsyth Academy on Tuesday 1.11.16 for a practical Science event. They will be accompanied by Mr Johnston.

There is also a Parent Information Evening at Kilsyth Academy on Monday 7.11.16 for parents of Primary 7 pupils. This will be followed with a tour of the school and an opportunity to see some of the activities your child will experience at High School. You will receive a letter from the High School with more information.

STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS FOR 0-5 YEARS

We are delighted to facilitate Stay and Play Sessions for the youngest members of our community and their friends and families. Adults are welcome to bring their child/ren along to the school on a Monday 7 November 2.00pm-3.00pm for the first session. There is no cost for these sessions and we are hoping our pupils would like to lead some activities as well as senior pupils from Kilsyth Academy. Spread the word and let's get Banton Primary School publicised through this. 😊



GOLDEN TIME

Pupils from Primaries 3 & 4 carried out a whole school survey on Golden Time. This focused on the choice of activities offered, the length of Golden Time and how it was earned. They presented the results at Assembly along with a powerpoint presentation and their own graph work. Well done to Primaries 3 & 4. The main outcomes were that Golden Time should be longer, children should sign up for it, and it should be earned.

ST ANDREW'S DAY VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE IN AID OF THE CHARITY, SPINA BIFIDA HYDROCEPHALUS SCOTLAND

We are delighted to support Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland (SBHS) in raising money. The Balloon Race is an online event and when you purchase a balloon you can choose the shape, colour and pattern as well as how much helium to use and the thickness of the balloon. A balloon costs £3.00 however you can get a bargain by purchasing 4 for £10.00. That is 4 different balloons to design and enter into the race. The balloons travel for a week and the one which travels the furthest will receive £1000! The school will also benefit because for every balloon sold, we will get £1.00 back. Your child will bring home a leaflet with the instructions and more information.



WATER - Reminder



We promote and encourage pupils to drink water as it helps to improve focus in learning as well as many other benefits. Parents/Carers may wish to provide an alternative to water for their child to drink. Alternatives to water can only be consumed during breaks and lunch-time.

BANTON PRIMARY SCHOOL GLOW BLOG

Please check out our Glow Blog regularly and comment on pupil's work and school events as this is a form of communication that needs more attention. Google "Banton Primary Glow Blog". You can leave a comment but to do so you must include your email address. Your email address will not be viewed by the public. Thanks.

CHANGE OF PARENT COUNCIL DATE

Our next Parent Council is on the same evening as the Primary 7 Parent Information Evening in Kilsyth Academy. I have therefore changed the date to Monday, 14th November at 7.00pm.

REMINDER

Friday 4th November 2016
9.15am



**The pupils and staff
of Banton Primary School
would like to invite you to join them
for a walk down memory lane
and a special Harvest Assembly,
followed by refreshments.**

