**September 2013 Newsletter**



**DHT Appointment Finalised**

*I am delighted to inform all parents and families that Yvonne Ferguson, from Broxburn Primary School has been appointed as Depute Headteacher of Bankton Primary School. This appointment followed a successful recruitment process involving myself, Councillors from West Lothian Council Education Committee and two parents from our Parent Council. Mrs. Ferguson has a wealth of experience across all stages of primary school and has most recently had responsibility for Nursery and Early Years. I am currently working with West Lothian Council to ensure an early start date after the October break. I also hope to welcome Mrs. Ferguson to some of this term’s events, so please look out for her on Open morning and Parents’ Evenings.*

**West Lothian Onesie Walk**

**I am happy to report that all pupils and staff took part in this West Lothian initiative on Friday, 20th September. The purpose of the walk is to encourage children and young people to get outdoors and enjoy their local area. P.7, who particularly enjoyed wearing their ‘onesies’ to school, led the route with their P.1 buddies and the whole school followed on.**

**We combined our walk with a charity fundraising opportunity and managed to raise £xxx for the Dedridge Environmental Ecological Project which carries out valuable work protecting wildlife in our local area. Many thanks for your support!**

**Open Morning**

**All staff and pupils will be delighted to welcome you to this term’s Open Morning on Friday, 27th Sept. P.7 guides will escort you round the school from 9.30am to 10.30am to see your child involved in active learning in their classroom. A variety of activities will be on offer to show the richness of learning in Bankton.**

**The Parent Council will provide Tea and Coffee in the school hall during morning break so please come and join us!**

**The theme of the morning is**

**“A Healthy Learning Community” and this will be illustrated through songs performed by each year group after the morning break in The Great Hall. I look forward to welcoming you on Friday!**

**Retirement of a much-loved dinner lady**

**Jeanette Scott, a much loved Dinner lady, who has served Bankton’s School Dinners for 13 years, retired on 19th September. Jeanette was presented with a gift from the school by the Captains and Vice Captains. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement!**