**October 2013 Newsletter**



**Stellar Award Winners**

Congratulations to Ms Barr and the School Choir who have won the West Lothian Stellar Award for Expressive Arts. This is a great honour, not only for the choir, but for the whole school community. Well done to all of you for your hard work and dedication!

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**School Action Plan Following Inspection Presented to West Lothian Council**

The school’s Action Plan which responds to the recommendations from the recent HMI inspection was presented to the Scrutiny Panel of West Lothian Council on the 8th October. It was highly commended by Councillors and Education Managers. Dominic McCreadie, Chair of the Bankton Parent Council represented the parent forum at this event.

**Money Week**

Pupils across the school have been developing their skills for life, work and learning during Money Week.

Staff successfully planned a range of exciting learning activities to help pupils make sense of financial education.

Pupils learned how to budget and make personal choices within their budget using Argos catalogues / Tuck Shop Lists. Fun learning with links to real life!

**Bibleworld**

P.5, P.6/7 and P.7 classes enjoyed an active learning session with Bibleworld, a mobile classroom which was situated within the Lanthorn Community Complex last week.Pupils were able to use a printing press, travel to other parts of the world using a simulator screen, make biblical symbols and carry out detective work by looking for clues.

Cassidy Dray, P.5 said:

“Bibleworld was a fun learning experience”

Jack Taylor, P.5 agreed:

“I loved it because of all the interesting facts we learned”

**West Lothian Foodbank**

As part of their Harvest Celebrations, P.5 attended a service in the Lanthorn with pupils from Dedridge and Williamston Primaries. They were overwhelmed by the wonderful response to their appeal for donations to the West Lothian Foodbank. This worthwhile charity helps families across West Lothian. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**Parent Helpers**

Many thanks to this term’s valued parent helpers, who have given their time to help in a range of ways for the good of the school:

Thanks to Leigh Shaw and Leigh Sherwood, who have worked tirelessly in the school garden.

To Jane Hornby, Parent Helper in P.2.

Thanks also to Lynne Mahood, Kirsty Mason, Gina Shanks, Julie Gilmour and Yvette Graham who organised refreshments for parents on Open Morning and to the ladies who gave up two evenings to help at the Book Fayre.Your help shows the strong parent partnership which is a key strength in our learning community.

Your time and commitment is much appreciated!

**D.E.E.P Thanks!**

The Dedridge Environmental Ecology Project were deeply grateful for the donation of £186 raised on our recent Onesie Walk.

Wilma Shearer, secretary of DEEP said:“We are very touched by the generosity of Bankton’s Children and Parents. The money will be used for further improvements in Dedridge and will help to feed the swans and ducks over the winter.”