**November 2013 Newsletter**

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**Your School Football Team Needs YOU!**

**The school football team have made a great start to the new season winning their last game 10-2. Many thanks to Mr. Walker, the school janitor who coaches the team. The team are now in need of new strips, so if you have connections with any local businesses which would be prepared to sponsor our school team and contribute to the cost of the strips please contact me at the school.**

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**Parent Showcases**

P.2 and P.2/3 held a very successful learning event for parents based on their Farming topic. Farm models made as part of points homework were displayed for parents to see. Thank you for your support.

P.5 pupils enjoyed sharing their learning from the Term 1Space topic. Parents were shown videos of Newsflashes from space, mobiles, acrostic poems, diagrams and designs for space suits. Pupils enjoyed being able to choose from a menu of possible homework options and were proud to showcase their learning in this way.

**Attendance Awards**

In an effort to improve our attendance figures in line with West Lothian Council targets, we are introducing 4 new awards which can be achieved by ALL pupils in school.

From the 11th Nov – 20th Dec all pupils with perfect attendance will be awarded a Bronze Certificate.

From 11th Nov – 4th April all pupils with perfect attendance will receive a Silver certificate.

From 11th Nov– 27th June pupils with perfect attendance will receive a Gold certificate.

Pupils who have perfect attendance for the whole year will be awarded a special perfect attendance medal at our Good All Rounders award ceremony.

Please support our efforts to improve attendance!

**P.7 Transition Events**

The James Young P.7 Transition Programme began last week with a very successful P.7 information and Open Evening held in the school.

P.7 pupils had an opportunity to visit each department with their parents and try out experiments, use science equipment and a variety of computer programmes on offer. They returned to Bankton next day full of enthusiasm for their new high school.

Other events planned include:

P.7 Numeracy Evening – 28th Nov

Commonwealth Evening – 27th Feb

P.7 Health Conference – 22nd May

P.7 Induction Days – 10th / 11th June

Our P.7 pupils will also have many opportunities to work with P.7s from Dedridge, Williamston and Bellsquarry through the Commonwealth Games Transition Topic. This will give them a chance to form friendships before going to High School.

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**Hallowe’en Discos – A great success**

Many thanks to all parents who helped to make the Hallowe’en Discos such a memorable night for our children.

The costumes were amazing, the face painting was terrifying but everyone particularly enjoyed ‘The Zombie Conga’!

Many thanks to Mr. Gardiner, the resident DJ who kept everyone entertained with spooky games and dances.