**February 2014 Newsletter**



**Safety First in the Playground**

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We would like to remind all of our parents and families that no dogs are allowed in the school playground. This is in line with West Lothian Council Policy to ensure the safety of all of our children. There have been several incidents recently where P.1 and P.2 children have been frightened by dogs in the playground, so please be sensitive to their needs!

**Thanks to the Parent Council**

Mr. Walker and the School Football team would like to thank the parent Council for funding their much needed new football strips. The kits have been ordered and will be unveiled with a team photo on the BLOG as soon as they arrive!

**Fairtrade Fortnight**

This year’s Fairtrade Fortnight will take place between 24th February and 9th March. Children should wear something yellow to school on Friday, 28th Feb. to mark the start of Fairtrade Fortnight. The Team will celebrate and highlight this event with an assembly

Ms Barr and the Fairtrade team have organised a Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Friday 7th March, 9.30 -10.30am – all parents welcome!There will be a variety of Fairtrade products on sale at the coffee morning ranging from sweets and cakes to friendship bracelets.



Staff in Bankton are working hard to provide a range of opportunities for pupils this term.

Miss Henderson: Badminton

Miss Kennedy / Mrs. Sutherland: Baking

Mrs. Cook / Mrs. Porteous: Art and Craft

Please remember that all pupils attending After School Clubs must be collected by an adult

**Diary Dates this term**

* 5.3.14 – World Maths Day
* 5.3.14 – P.3 and P.3/4 visit from Firefly Theatre Company
* 12.3.14 – Burns Competition in St. Kentigern’s Academy 6pm – bus leaving from Bankton
* 19&20.3.14 – Parents’ Evenings
* 24.3.14 –P.7 Residential
* 28.3.14 – Celebration assemblies

**Health and Wellbeing**

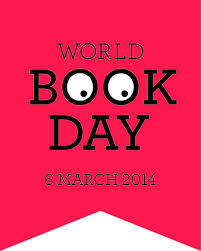
As part of our school Health and Wellbeing Programme, P.5 and P.7 are having sports taster sessions in golf and cricket.

P.7 are also involved in a pilot programme with Sleep Scotland to encourage better sleep routines



P.6 will be included in the Champions in School Initiative this term, where a famous athlete will work with pupils on goal setting. All of these initiatives help to reinforce the important health messages for all pupils

**World Book Day**

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**Reminder**

World Book Day is on Thursday, 6th March and children at all stages will have exciting Literacy activities that day. All pupils are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book.