**HOLIDAY**

We hope that all children and families stay safe and enjoy the October Break. Children return on **Tuesday 29th October** to a performance of Beauty and the Beast.

**Nursery Coffee Evening**

Mrs. Ferguson and the Nursery team will be happy to welcome Nursery parents to a coffee evening on **Wednesday 6th November from 6pm – 7pm.** At the meeting you will receive a pack containing the new Nursery handbook and materials to help develop literacy and numeracy. A crèche will be provided for young children.

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**P.6 / P.6/7 Financial Education Visit**

P.6 and P.6/7 pupils have been developing their skills for life during Maths lessons. They are becoming so skilled they may be budgeting for Mrs. Stewart soon!

To consolidate their learning they visited the Money Museum on the Mound in Edinburgh and saw for themselves what a MILLION pounds looks like! Fun learning for everyone!

**Hallowe’en Disco**

Thank you once again to the parents of the Parent Council and the PSA for organising two Hallowe’en Discos for children at all stages of the school.

**Reminder: October 31st**

P.1 – P.3: 6.30 – 7.30pm

P.4 – P.7: 7.45 – 8.45pm

**Only P.7 pupils with permission from parents will be allowed to walk home on their own.**

**Author Visit**

**All classes from P.1 – P.7 enjoyed a highly entertaining visit from Stuart Reid, a Scottish Author who has written a series of books about ‘Gorgeous George’. He told pupils about the process of writing a book in a fun and amusing way.**

**Caitlin Donaldson in P.6/7 said:**

**“Stuart Reid would definitely encourage me to read for pleasure!”**

**Healthy Packed Lunches**

In line with National and West Lothian Council Guidelines we would ask you to support us in promoting your child’s good health through healthy packed lunches.

We are already delighted to see so many of our P.1 children making healthy choices in the lunch hall by drinking water, milk or fruit juice. They are also eating fruit and vegetables regularly starting good eating habits for the future.

We would ask you please to continue to support good health in our children by making sure that lunches and drinks are low in sugar. No fizzy drinks will be permitted in school. Thank you for your support.

**Staffing**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Maternaghan, on behalf of the Bankton Learning Community for her years of service to the school. Mrs. Maternaghan has been successful in applying for a job nearer home and she goes with our heartfelt good wishes for her future happiness. Mrs. Herman, who has already met P.3 will take up post after the October holiday.

We would also like to welcome Mrs. Ferguson, Depute Headteacher to the staff team at Bankton. She is already working hard to get to know staff and pupils particularly in Nursery, P.1 and P.2.

Mrs. McPhaill will also join us after October to fill a post created within a West Lothian Council initiative in Nurture. Mrs. McPhaill will work with pupils across the school on a Monday to Friday Morning.



