

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

April 2017



VALIDATED SELF-EVALUATION

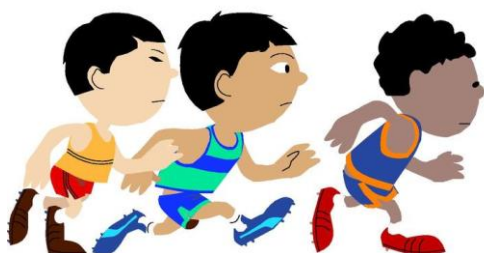
In common with schools across Scotland, staff in Bankton evaluate all aspects of school life against quality indicators to consider the following questions:

How Good is Our School? How do we know? What do we need to do to improve?

Our own self evaluation will be validated this term by a team made up of Headteachers and an Education Officer from West Lothian Council as part of a Validated Self-Evaluation process or VSE. The VSE team will be in school on Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th May when they will visit classes to observe learning and talk to staff and pupils. The results of the VSE will be shared with all parents in this year's Standards and Quality report in August.

PLEASE HELP US TO SHOWCASE OUR SCHOOL BY SENDING PUPILS IN SMART UNIFORM ON THESE DAYS.

Bankton Marathon



Inspired by the example of thousands of runners in the London Marathon last weekend, we will relaunch our Daily Mile through the Bankton Marathon. Each class will decide on their own start date and estimate their finish date, completing a mile each day. There will be a celebration at Assembly for the first class over the 'Finish Line'. This additional exercise will help to energise all of our 'Bankton Brains', helping our children to perform better in the classroom. Please encourage them by showing an interest in their progress.



Following a visit from the Community Police regarding incidents involving dogs in the local community we must inform all parents that in line with West Lothian Council Guidelines no dogs are allowed in a school playground. Any parent with a dog in the playground will be asked by staff to wait outside the gate. Your children's safety is our No.1 Priority at all times.

Polling Days

Following the recent announcement of a General Election Bankton Primary School will now host two Polling Days this term.

Polling Day 1 will be on an In-Service Day, Thursday, 4th May when both school and Nursery will be closed for Staff Development.

Polling Day 2 will take place on Thursday, 8th June when school will be closed to pupils but Nursery will be open as usual.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/BanktonPrimarySchoolBlog/>

Have you visited our BLOG recently? Check out our latest posts complete with photographs of our exciting learning. Each week a BLOG Champion Class will be awarded a certificate at Assembly. Please comment on our posts!

Staffing



P.6 are pleased to welcome Mrs Herman back from Maternity Leave this term and are working hard to help her settle back in to school life in Bankton.

Mrs. Murdoch will leave us to start her maternity leave on 5th May. We wish her well during her final weeks before the delivery and look forward to sharing some baby news with you in due course. Ms Campbell will cover Mrs. Murdoch's class commitment in P.6/7, job-sharing with Mrs. Hocknull until June. An Acting Principal teacher will be appointed to take up post in August.

We are pleased to announce that Bankton will have an extra class next year to take account of new housing in our catchment area. We are currently working with WLC to recruit a new teacher and will announce staffing for next year as soon as possible.



1.5.17	May Day Holiday
4.5.17	In-Service training for staff / Local Election day
8.5.17	VSE Week
17.5.17	Nursery Transition begins
24.5.17	P.4 and P.4/5 trip to Forth Bridges
25.5.17	P.7 Track and Field event (selected team)
5.6.17	HEALTH WEEK 2
6.6.17	Provisional Sports Day
7.6.17	Moving On Day – New Classes
15.6.17	P.1 and P.1/2 to The Very Hungry Caterpillar
22.6.17	Fun Day / Leavers' Party
27.6.17	Citizenship 7.00pm
28.6.17	Nursery Trip to East Links
29.6.17	P.7 to Risk Factory 9.00 – 12.30pm
30.6.17	HOLIDAY

Transition

Transition is well underway already this term for Nursery into P.1 and P.7 into S1. Mrs. Ferguson and the Nursery team will work closely with P.1 staff over 8 weeks to give our Nursery children a positive transition experience.

P.7 Staff have met with key staff from JYHS and exchanged pupil information to ensure a smooth transition to secondary school. Several events, organised this term will increase pupil confidence about this 'big change' in their lives:

The Health Conference takes place on: 25.5.17

JYHS transition days are: 13/14.6.17

If you require any further information regarding transition please do not hesitate to ask.

PATPAL

Our final PATPAL of the year will take place on Tuesday, 30th May from 9.30am – 10.30am and will celebrate all of our work in Maths this year.

P.7 Parents are invited to the JYHS for their PATPAL event alongside pupils from all of our Cluster Primary Schools. All parents attending will receive a free raffle ticket for a variety of prizes. This will be an excellent way to establish parent-school relationships at your child's new secondary school.

Your Parent Council Needs You!

The parent council is a valued part of school life in Bankton, planning and organising events for pupils and raising funds for valuable equipment. They meet with the Headteacher, Depute Headteacher and other staff members once a term in the staffroom. They are the representative voice of all of our Bankton parents so Come along and help make a difference in your school. Meeting dates on the BLOG