

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

December 2015



Help Us Support West Lothian Foodbank This Christmas!



At Bankton Primary School we would like every child and every family in West Lothian to have a happy Christmas. Therefore we are launching a special appeal throughout December to collect as many food items as possible to support the wonderful work of the West Lothian Foodbank. Children, staff and parents can contribute non-perishable food items like packets and tins throughout December and these will be collected by the foodbank for use in time for Christmas. We are aiming to collect 500 items during December. Please send items with your child or bring something to donate at the Carol Service. Caring for others @ Bankton

Bankton Wins Another Stellar Award

Bankton were very proud to be well represented at this year's Stellar Awards in Howden Park Centre. We were awarded 'Team of the Year' in the ECO category for a skills based project called 'In the Soup @ Bankton'. This project involved last year's P.7 pupils in growing vegetables in the Market Garden, developing cooking skills to make soup, budgeting to cost and sell the soup and using literacy and IT skills to put together a Souper Soups recipe Book. Many thanks go to Mrs Reilly our Pupil Support Worker who works with P.7 on food technology and helps them develop valuable life skills. Katie Tripney, Carrie Hunter, Chloe Anderson, Leon Anderson and Haydn Whittaker were a credit to their school at the ceremony.



Christmas Fair

A huge 'Thank You' to all of Santa's Little Elves (a.k.a .the Parent Council) who worked so hard to make the Christmas fair such a successful community event. Thanks also to Mary Connell, our school cook, who led the kitchen team in preparing the refreshments. The highlight of the day for the children was a visit to the magical Santa's Grotto – beautifully decorated by the Elves.

Teamwork @ Bankton

GIRFEC 'Big Messages'

At Bankton we are totally committed to 'Getting it Right for Every Child'. To show this commitment we have designed 'big messages' for each of the wellbeing indicators. These have now been installed on the wall outside the Great Hall and were much admired by parents and families at the Christmas Fair.

GIRFEC @ Bankton

<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! Follow us on TWITTER@BanktonPS. This way you will receive notifications each time there is a new post.



Thank you to all parents and carers who have worked hard to improve our punctuality targets. I am pleased to report that most of our children are now arriving on time for school and are ready for learning. Attendance at Breakfast Club has improved still further, making sure our children have a healthy start to each day.

With the approach of much colder weather we are now turning attention to appropriate dress for winter weather conditions. We plan to use our outdoor space all year round therefore children have to be dressed appropriately for all weather conditions – nice warm jacket, wellies, etc. to beat the cold.

Thank you for supporting health and wellbeing @ Bankton.

Dates for Christmas Events



- 30.11.15 – St. Andrew's Night Ceilidh 6.30pm
- 2.12.15 – School Christmas Dinner
- 8.12.15 – P.1/P.2 Nativity 1.30pm
- 9.12.15 – Mop up Flu Immunisation at Livingston
Stadium from 3.00pm till 7.00pm
- 10.12.15 – P.1 / P.2 Nativity 1.30pm
- 10.12.15 – Bingo Evening 6.30pm – 8.00pm
- 11.12.15 – P.1 Party 9.30pm
- 14.12.15 – Nursery Nativity 10.am / 2 pm
- 15.12.15 – Party for P.2, P.2/3 and P.3 1.30pm
- 16.12.15 – Afternoon Party for P.4, and P.4 pupils from
P.4/5
Evening Party for P.6 from P.5/6, P.6, P.7 pupils
- 17.12.15 – Nursery party – normal session
Whole school Carol Service – 9.30am
Afternoon Party for P.5 and P.5 pupils from P.5/6

Class Dojo



Thank you for feeding back so positively about Class Dojo. Can I remind all parents that the parent link will give you a chance to discuss the earning and losing of Dojo points with your child.

This will then give you both a chance to discuss positive next steps.

Thank you for continuing to support our use of Class Dojo as a positive behaviour strategy.



Staffing Change – Admin Office

We are looking forward to Lisa Baxter joining our fabulous Admin team. Mrs. Baxter will join Mrs. Kerr soon after Christmas. Thank you for your support for Mrs. Kerr at this time. She has provided a very warm welcome to all visitors since October. Thank you Linda!

Growth Mindsets

All pupils are being encouraged to 'Aim High' and to learn from their mistakes. This is called developing a 'Growth Mindset' – Parent Leaflet on Growth Mindset on the BLOG soon.

Sir Ken Robinson said: "If you can light the spark of curiosity in a child they will learn without further assistance. Children are natural Learners"