

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

February 2017



Refurbishments and New Resources @ Bankton

We are delighted to inform all parents of a wide ranging refurbishment programme taking place in school. New flooring has already been fitted in our main corridor and in the Nursery to ensure health and safety and all six classrooms in the upper area will be painted this weekend. A trim trail will be installed shortly on the grass area of our playground as part of our outdoor investment programme and the School Community Improvement Group have bought a range of new equipment to develop all areas of our playground.

Two of our classrooms will benefit from new Promethean Panels (improved interactive Smartboards) and we have invested in 50 new netbooks to embed digital technology and enhance learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL staff for their patience, co-operation and help during the re-furbishment programme. I would also like to once again highlight Alex Walker, our FMA who works tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the school building.

YOU SAID

WE DID

Many thanks to all parents and carers who took time to complete and return our two surveys recently. We value your views and opinions and will use these to make further improvements to all aspects of school life. The prize draw, for two separate £20 Asda vouchers will be drawn at assembly on Friday, 17th February so you still have time to return yours!

We noted from the survey that some parents were still unaware that the newsletter was uploaded each month to the school BLOG, in an effort to keep printing costs down. This is an important way to communicate with parents so we will now revert to paper copies unless you inform us you are happy to receive it as an email. Our Communication Strategy is attached to this newsletter to further explain how we use Groupcall as a REMINDER service.

UNICEF DAY FOR CHANGE



Many thanks to Miss Rodford and the RRS Champions for leading the school community in our fundraising event for UNICEF. Together we raised £250 to help children facing challenges and hardship around the world. All classes had a focus on Global Citizenship for the day with P.4/5 experiencing how hard it was to carry water for a long distance! See our BLOG for more details.

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS @ BANKTON

White Rhino Club

Congratulations to the P.5 White Rhino Club who successfully achieved their target (and more!) to raise money to adopt a Javan Rhino for the school through their Loom Band and Bake sale. They raised £103.88 and will be proud to send part of that to the World Wildlife Fund.

<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!

As part of the Scottish Government's commitment to raising standards in all schools they have produced a document called the National Improvement Framework. This is an important document which outlines their plans and key drivers for education. A Parents' Guide to the National Improvement Framework (including a link to attainment information) has been uploaded to the school BLOG.

The government has also allocated substantial Pupil Equity Funding targeted at closing the poverty related attainment gap directly to all schools. The amount of funding each school receives is related to the number of children who have registered for free school meals. There is information about eligibility for FREE MEALS on the West Lothian website at :

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/apply> . The school will benefit greatly from your application so please check your eligibility.

Dates for Term 3



10.2. – 14.2.17	HOLIDAY
15.2.17	Health Week Begins – children to wear clothes for sport
17.2.17	Jonathan Meres, Author Visit
22.2.17	M&M Productions performance of PINNOCHIO
24.2.17	Family Learning Festival 1.30pm at Crofthead Centre. FREE RAFFLE
27.2.17	P.5/6 Trip to Hopetoun House
28.2.17	P.6 trip to Hopetoun House
1.3.17	HMle Associate Assessor Training Day
6.3.17	Tobacco Ed, P.6
8.3.17	WL Burns Final, 6pm , St. Kentigern's
10.3.17	WLC Euroquiz Heat
13.3.17	JYHS P.7 Science Fair
15.3.17	Tempest Nursery, P.1 & P.7 group Photos Parents evening 1
16.3.17	Parents' evening 2
23.3.17	P.7 Cracking the Easter Code
28.3.17	School Show 6.30pm
29.3.17	School Show 6.30pm
31.3.17	After Show Party

HMle Training Day – 1st March

We are delighted to have been selected to host an HMle training day for Associate Assessors in Bankton Primary on the 1st March. This is a great honour for the school and we look forward to showcasing all of the great work of our staff and children in learning, teaching and assessment. Please help us feel even prouder of your school on that day by sending your child in smart uniform.

CHANGE OF DATE

Please note the change of date for parents' evenings to accommodate the HMle training day

WELL DONE!



Well done to all parents and carers who have worked hard to give our children the best chance to 'be all they can be' by arriving at school ON TIME. We have been monitoring this closely with WLC and are pleased to report that we have cut the number of children arriving late by 59%. Please keep up the good work. We hope to have ALL children arriving on time by the end of February.



Bankton NUMERACY Family Learning Festival

Crofthead Community Centre 1.30pm Friday 24th February

FREE

RAFFLE