

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

January 2016



All Aboard for – THE JAMES YOUNG CLUSTER LEARNING FESTIVAL!



Calling all parents! We are very excited to announce a new Family Learning Event for ALL PARENTS AND FAMILIES in the James Young Cluster Schools. This Family Learning Festival will focus on how you can help your children with all aspects of literacy and will show you all of the supports in place across our Cluster to raise attainment in literacy. We would obviously like lots of support from BANKTON! There will be competitions and a prize draw. Everyone who attends will be given a raffle ticket and a number of prizes including book tokens, iTunes vouchers and books will be presented at the end of the afternoon. The Learning Festival will take place in **Crofthead Centre, Dedridge** on **Friday, 19th February** at **1.30pm**.

ALL WELCOME – SAVE THE DATE!

Attendance and Late coming

In line with West Lothian Council Guidelines it is our legal duty to account for the safety of all of our children each day, no later than 9.30am. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If Mrs. Baxter has not received a phone call with a clear reason for absence she will send a Group call text to parents. Failure to respond to Group call means that we have no clear reason for absence and a child is unaccounted for. West Lothian Guidelines state that the child needs to be referred to the Safe Arrivals Team who will then visit the home to make sure your child is safe. To avoid this happening please contact school with a clear reason for absence, by 9am if possible, or respond immediately to the Group call text by phoning the school.

Benmore Residential



P.7 pupils and staff are off on their travels to Benmore Centre for some challenging outdoor learning and team building activities. Thank you to all parents who attended the information evening in the Great Hall. A gentle reminder to all parents – please return medical information forms and medication by Friday 29th January.

Winter Access

A reminder to all, that in severe weather conditions janitors on duty will grit the Breakfast Club path from Mowbray Rise and the Zig zag Path at the rear of the school. If the playground is deemed to be dangerous, pupils will be supervised in the Great Hall. Please also use the disabled parking space at the front door if required.

<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!

Headteacher's Health and Wellbeing Watch



Happy New Year to all of our parents and families – New Year, new you! As part of our work on New Year Resolutions we are trying to help all of our children to reflect on all aspects of their health and wellbeing. Please support this work by reinforcing positive health messages – healthy snacks in the form of fruit or breadsticks and water rather than fizzy drinks. A can of Coca –cola contains 12 teaspoons of sugar and increases children's appetite encouraging them to crave more sugary foods. This can lead to childhood obesity and increased health risks. Water is the way forward for good health!

Young children require as much as 12 hrs quality sleep to make sure their brain is ready for learning. Tablets and electronic devices at bedtime fool the brain into thinking it's day time – making it much more difficult to sleep. For young children a bedtime story is much more effective! Please support us in our Health and Wellbeing campaign.

Dates for the Diary



- 1.2.16 - P.7 to Benmore all week
- 8.2.16 - UNICEF Day for Change
- 9.2.16 – Safer Internet Day / P.4 to Handball Festival
- 17.2.16 – Think Tank to visit Meldrum Primary School
- 18.2.16 – P.7 Benmore Assembly
- 24.2.16 – M&M Productions – Alice in Wonderland
- 25.2.16 – Curricular Evening for Parents
- 1.3.16 – Burns Festival – Local Heats
- 2.3.16 – Think Tank to visit Murrayfield Primary School
- 3.3.16 – World Book Day / P.4 Cluster Service in the Lanthorn
1.30pm / Mums and Grans Assembly P.1, P.2, P.2/3 - 2.15pm
- 9.3.16 – Parents' Evening
- 11.3.16 – Parents' Afternoon
- 14.3.16 – P.7 Science Fair in JYHS
- 15.3.16 – P.5 Basketball Festival in Craigswood Centre
- 22.3.16 /23.3.16 – School Show – Edith's Wartime Scrapbook
- 24.3.16 – After Show Party

Bite Size Workshop Evening



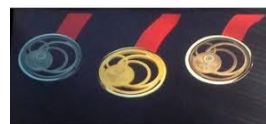
Do you want your child to achieve their full potential? Then why not come along to this year's curriculum evening on 25th February?

You can choose two 'bite size' workshops run by staff on a variety of topics to help your child make progress in their learning.

More information to follow next month including the range of topics on offer.

SAVE THE DATE!

Personal Achievement



This month we celebrate the tremendous swimming achievements of Emma Russell in P.4/5. Emma won 6 medals for her club Dedridge and District Dolphins – a club record! Well done Emma. A tremendous achievement! Please keep us updated with your child's achievements.

Scots Language Month

Grannies and Grandads where are you? We need you to help to keep our wonderful Scots Language alive by explaining the meaning of many of our wonderful Scots words to your grandchildren. Words like:

CRABBIT DREICH BLEITHER DINNAE

SAIR WULNAE CANNAE ABOOT SLAISTER

Time to take out 'The Broons' and 'Oor Wullie' for meaningful family learning!