

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

January 2017



A New Year Begins!

A very Happy New Year to all of our parents, carers and families from all staff in Bankton!

We hope that 2017 is a year of exciting opportunities for all of you. Children across the school have settled happily back into school routines and are all looking forward to earning their first reward towards Fun Day at the end of January. Teachers are rewarding extra House Points for lines in the morning, transitions through the school and lining up for lunch to reinforce positive habits and good manners. During the coming months, Bankton Primary School will be part of the West Lothian Council V.S.E. Programme (V.S.E. means Validated Self Evaluation) During the school VSE process, a team of Headteachers, led by an Education Officer, come in to school to observe learning, talk to pupils, staff, parents and partners. This will help to validate standards in our school and set next steps for continuous improvement. All parents will be informed of the dates for VSE as soon as we have these.

To assist us in gathering parents' views we will be sending out surveys over the next 3 weeks. Every child returning a survey will receive a free raffle ticket for a prize draw – Prize each week will be an ASDA voucher – so please return your surveys!

P.7 Residential Experience week



P.7 Staff and Pupils are already preparing for this year's Residential Experience due to take place from 20th February. This year's trip is set in Dalguise in Perthshire on a fantastic forested site overlooking the River Tay. Typical activities include: Capture the Flag, High Ropes Course, Abseiling, Jacob's Ladder and Archery.

A parents' meeting has been arranged on Tuesday, 7th February at 6pm. At this meeting we will show a video clip giving a virtual tour of Dalguise and issue a clothing list and medical forms. EE1 forms giving parental permission must also be completed at this time. We look forward to welcoming P.7s and their parents to the meeting.

White Rhino Club

The P.5 and P.5/6 'White Rhino Club', led by Isobel Hague are working hard to prepare a Loom Band and Bake Sale on Friday, 3rd Feb. They hope to raise enough money to adopt a white rhino and will donate any additional money to the World Wildlife Fund. Please support their efforts.

Scots Language Month in Bankton



January is Scots Language Month in Bankton so please take this opportunity to talk about our braw Scots words and phrases like 'dreich' and 'drookit', 'wabbit' and 'sair'. This is also a great time to read 'Oor Wullie' and 'The Broons' for other examples.

<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 Roundup



As you know, health and wellbeing is an important priority for all in Bankton. The winter presents its own challenges, so below are a number of points to consider to keep your child safe and healthy over the winter.

Safe arrival at school: Please note that, in line with WLC Policy, no child should be walking through the school Car Park. Access for pupils should be through the Mowbray Rise gate, The Zig Zag Path or after appointments only through the school gate. The Car Park gate will now be locked.

Coughs, colds and winter germs : Please encourage your child to protect themselves from germs by frequent hand washing, covering their mouth when coughing and using tissues. Let's Beat those Bugs!



DATES FOR TERM 3

16.1.17	Student teacher to P.7
18.1.17	Performance of Macbeth for P.5 – P.7
30.1.17	Student teacher to P.4/5
31.1.17	PATPAL Morning – 'I Count' 9.30 -10.30am
3.2.17	White Rhino Club Loom Band and Bake Sale
6.2.17	UNICEF day for CHANGE
10.2.17	SPRING BREAK until 14.2.17
24.2.17	JYHS Family Learning Festival in Crofthead Community Centre 1.30pm
27.2.17	P.5/6 Trip to Hopetoun House
22.2.17	P.6 Trip to Hopetoun House
1.3.17	Parents' Evening
2.3.17	Parents' Evening
9.3.17	World Book Day

UNICEF Day for Change



Miss Rodford and the RRS Champions are working hard to prepare for this important global event.

Activities will be discussed with pupils at Assembly nearer the time, but we would like your support with our 'dress down' to change the world appeal.

Pupils should wear BLUE for UNICEF and will be photographed for the West Lothian News Facebook Page at Assembly. Please send a suggested donation of £1 for this amazing children's charity.

M&M Productions Present

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On Wed. 22nd Feb a 9.30am

Admission Free for all pupils

SAVE THE DATE



NUMERACY LEARNING FESTIVAL
FRIDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1.30PM – 3.00PM
CROFthead COMMUNITY CENTRE

