

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

March 2017

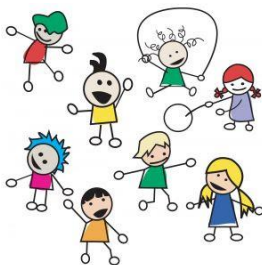


Celebrating Success Winners @ Bankton



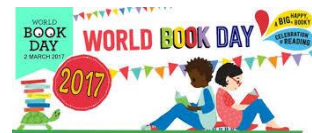
I am delighted to inform you that Bankton Primary School won the 'Smarter' Category at the West Lothian Council 2017 Celebrating Success Awards on Friday, 3rd March for our Parental Engagement and Family Learning Programme. This is the third time we have been recognised as a school for the strength of our Family Learning Programme. We were first recognised at the National Strategic Conference for Family Learning in Heriot Watt University in September and on Tuesday, 29th February I was asked to present information about our family learning for the West Lothian Education Executive in the Civic Centre. This award belongs to each and every one of you who have supported us through attendance at showcase events, 1-1 tutorials, PATPAL mornings, Bite-Size Sessions and Focus Groups. Well done everyone – we look forward to extending our family learning still further in the year to come!

Playground Development



On March 1st we were delighted to have our new Trim Trail installed as part of our extensive playground development this session. This will provide fun and challenge for pupils during break and lunchtimes and will be fully supervised by Pupil Support Workers. Resourcing our playground with new play equipment has greatly improved behaviour during break times and provided children with a better play experience. We are looking forward to further developments from the Playground School Community Improvement Team next term.

World Book Day



Pupils and Staff celebrated the 20th Anniversary of World Book Day in Style on Thursday, 2nd May. Thanks to all parents for your creative costume ideas – we particularly loved Isaac in P.2/3 as The BFG and Joseph in P.3 as Mr. Bump. We enjoyed lots of book related fun during the day including 'Drop everything and READ' Alarms, Buddy Reading, Book Swaps and Outdoor Reading. Please continue to encourage your child to read for the First Minister's Reading Challenge. We plan to organise some special outdoor reading events next term.

School Group Photographs

Advance notice that Tempest will be in school on Wednesday, 15th March to take class group photographs. Smart uniform please!

<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!

HMI Associate Assessor Training Day



Many thanks to all of our parents and families for supporting us in showcasing our school on our HMI Training Day by sending pupils in smart uniform. Our visitors came from all over the country and were very complimentary about our amazing Bankton pupils. They spoke positively about our staff, saying they were well planned, prepared and knew their children very well. They said our children were warm, friendly, polite and respectful, showing very good manners. We ended the day feeling very proud of our school. It truly is

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Diary Dates

8.3.17	West Lothian Final - Burns Federation Competition
13.3.17	JYHS Science Fair for P.7 - 6.30pm – 8.45pm
15.3.17	Tempest Photographer in School
28.3.17	School Show 6.30pm
29.3.17	School Show 6.30pm
30.3.17	After Show Party 6.30pm
31.3.17	Break for School Holidays
18.4.17	All Pupils and Staff Return

Staffing

Mrs Herman, class teacher, returns from maternity leave on 18th April to take up post in P.6. We would like to thank Mrs. Coetzee who has covered Mrs. Herman's maternity leave this session. She has worked very hard to build nurturing relationships with her pupils and we know she will be sadly missed by pupils, staff and parents. We wish her good luck as she takes up a new post as class teacher in Parkhead Primary in West Calder after Easter.

School Show



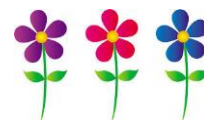
Rehearsals for the school show are well underway and pupils from P.5 – P.7 are looking forward to practising on the stage to bring their stage-craft to life over the next few weeks. The show is entitled:

'Ali-Baba and the Bongo Bandits'

It promises to be full of humour, energy and enthusiasm. Our two performances will be on 28th and 29th March at 6.30pm. Tickets on sale shortly.

As always, pupils who participate in the show on both nights will have an After Show Party on 30th March.

P.1,P.2,P.3 Mums & Grans Assembly



Friday 24th March 11.30am

Invitations to follow

Values Education

Thank you to all parents who helped us select our new school values by putting stickers on our values board earlier in the year. Pupils and staff were also involved in selecting our new values which are:

Respect, Kindness, Perseverance, Inclusion, Co-operation

Pupils across the school are working with Darren, our chaplaincy Co-ordinator to develop an understanding of these values. We hope they will become their values for life.