

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

May 2017



A Gold Star VSE for Bankton



I am delighted to inform you that the VSE team of Headteachers, accompanied by an Education Officer from West Lothian Council have praised our school for our excellent teamwork and sense of community. They were particularly impressed by the high level of engagement, participation and motivation of ALL learners and noted that Staff know their children very well. During their week in the school they visited all classes to observe learning, spoke to staff, pupils and parents and spent time with the Senior Leadership Team discussing attainment. They commended us for the positive ethos and culture of respect in the school.


Needless to say we were extremely proud of our whole staff team and our pupils who were amazing Bankton Ambassadors!

Health Week



In keeping with our healthy living focus this term the Health and Wellbeing School Community Improvement Team have organised a focused health week during week Beg 5th June. Health Week also includes our provisional dates for Sports Day (weather permitting). This week's activities will involve not only physical wellbeing through motivating sports but will also look at sleep habits, good diet, drinking water and positive attitudes to managing our emotions. A separate letter from the Health Team will accompany this newsletter, detailing all of the activities. Children should come dressed for sports all week. We look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible to our Wake and Shake activities in the playground just before school.

PATPAL – I LOVE MATHS

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Maths

Our final PATPAL of the year takes place next Tuesday from 9.30am – 10.30am. This will give the children and staff an opportunity to showcase all of the work covered this year in maths, but in particular, how we have improved the confidence of our children in Mental Agility. Their positive actions during Maths lessons over the year has improved their attitude to Maths and made them realise that everyone CAN BE a Maths person!

This is a PATPAL with a difference for P.7 as they will join our other Cluster Schools in The James Young High school to showcase their Maths for High School Staff and Parents. We look forward to seeing as many parents (and grandparents) as possible at JYHS between 9.30 and 10.30am.

P.7 Leavers' Party Theme 2017 is

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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!

Transition

Nursery → P.1

P.7 → S.1

This term, we have a number of P.7 transition events. Our enhanced transition programme for a small group of pupils has already started. This group have been commended by high school staff for their good manners and participation in group activities. The health conference at JYHS takes place today and the two days of transition activities take place on June 13th and 14th. We have already met High School Staff to pass on all relevant information to help them get to know your child.

Nursery into P.1 transition is well underway and the nursery children are benefitting from an exciting programme of activities based on 'Ten Little Pirates'. Well done to Mrs Lloyd and Mrs. Thompson for building confidence in our new children. Our school 'Moving On' day is Wednesday, 7th June. On this day, all pupils will have the opportunity to 'move' to their new classroom and meet their teacher for the new session.

Diary dates for Term 4

25.5.17	P.1 – P.6 Sponsored Fun Run – Pyjamas / Onesies
	P.7 track and field Event
26.5.17	P.7 Sponsored Fun Run - Pyjamas / Onesies
30.5.17	PATPAL – I love Maths
5.5.17	Health Week
6.5.17	Provisional Sports day
7.5.17	Moving on day 2.15pm
8.5.17	Election day – School closure / Nursery open
13 / 15.6	P.7 transition Days to JYHS
15.6.17	P.1 and P.1/2 to the Hungry Caterpillar pm
21.6.17	Nursery → P.1 Assembly for parents & lunch
22.6.17	Fun day
	JYHS prizegiving
27.6.17	Citizenship 7pm
28.6.17	Nursery trip to East Links
29.6.17	P.7 to Risk Factory
	P.7 Leavers' Party 7.00 – 9.00pm
30.6.17	HOLIDAYS BEGIN

Excursions



It is a legal requirement that any child leaving school to attend an event or go on an outing **MUST HAVE SIGNED PERMISSION** from a parent or guardian. If an EE2 form is not returned to school by the morning of the outing, the child will remain in school and may be sent to another class. Please make every effort to ensure that these forms are signed and handed back in plenty of time to allow your child to go on a trip.

Sponsored Fun Run

Staff and pupils are all looking forward to our sponsored Fun Run which takes place this week to raise funds for our fun day in June. The fun run for P.1 – P.6 will be Today (Thursday, 25th) and for P.7 on Friday, 26th May. Pupils can 'dress down' on this day and wear pyjamas and onesies to school. Alternatively they can come dressed in sports clothes.

General Election

A reminder to all parents and carers that Bankton Primary School will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday, 8th of June. School will be closed to pupils but the Nursery will remain open on that day.