

# Bankton Primary School Newsletter

November 2017



## Bankton Primary School Are Proud to Welcome our Reading Patrons



As part of our whole school approach to developing a reading culture and fostering a love of books we are delighted to be working with two Reading Patrons throughout the year. McNicoll and Jackson are the authors of a series of books about Badger, the Mystical Mutt, a dog who enjoys magic tricks, but frequently gets them wrong. Laura Jackson visited the school recently with Badger for a launch event and special assembly where she read from one of the Badger books. This reading was recorded by BBC Radio for a programme on Boxing Day. Watch out in future newsletters for more Badger news.

## Keeping Children Safe Online



As winter approaches and children are inside for longer periods of time, we would like to once again alert parents to the need to be vigilant when children are using social media and the internet. No one would ever leave their front door open and invite strangers into your child's bedroom. Yet this is the reality if you allow your child to use Social Media with no supervision. Please also ensure that privacy settings and parental controls are in place on devices. Visit these sites below for more information or check out our Online Safety Document on the BLOG.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>  
[www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/21259413](http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/21259413)

[www.childnet.com/parents-and-.../keeping-young-children-safe-online](http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-.../keeping-young-children-safe-online)

## Singing @ SKY



A group of singing troubadours have been invited by SKY to help launch their Staff Christmas Incentive Scheme this year. They will be singing 10 very catchy Christmas songs, accompanied by Mrs Drummond, Ms Dyit and Mrs Stewart.

They will also be carol singing at Morrison's on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am – please come along and support us with this.

## Reminder – Christmas Dinner

Mrs Connell, and her team of kitchen 'elves' are very busy preparing for our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. If your child is not having a Christmas dinner please send a packed lunch as there will be no packed lunches available on the day. Cost of Christmas lunch is £1.97.

<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!

## Home – School Partnership



As you already know, we reviewed our homework policy in school this year and have been implementing the new arrangements now for two terms. We will survey parents after the Christmas holidays for your views before finalising the future policy arrangements. We would ask you to continue to support your child's learning in the meantime by encouraging your child to READ - support our work with the First Minister's Reading Challenge by reading every day.

P.7 will always have separate arrangements, particularly in term 4 as we prepare them for the High School. Thank you for your support with this.

### Christmas Diary Dates



30.11.17	P.6 St. Andrew's Night Ceilidh 6.30pm
1.12.17	Read, Write, Count Gifting Event – P.1-3 9.00am Singers to SKY 10.30am
2.12.17	Christmas Fayre – 11.00am - 2.00pm
6.12.17	Christmas Dinner
11.12.17	P.2 and P.2/3 party 1.30pm
12.12.17	Nativity 1.30pm
13.12.17	P.3 and P.3/4 party 1.30pm P.6 and P.7 party 6.30 - 8.30pm Carol Singing at Morrisons 11.00am
14.12.17	Nativity 1.30pm
18.12.17	P.1 party 10.30am / P.5 party 1.30pm
21.12.17	Carol Service 9.30am
22.12.17	Term Ends 12.30pm

PLEASE NOTE PUPILS RETURN ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

### A Round of Applause



Sincere thanks to our amazing Parent Council for organising our successful Hallowe'en Parties. These helpers are also working hard to organise our next event. A reminder that our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 11am – 2pm.

This is a fantastic event for the whole community – we hope to see you all there.

### Happy St. Andrew's Day

from All @ Bankton

We are looking forward to welcoming P.6 Parents and Families to our family Ceilidh tonight at 6.30pm



## Bankton Christmas Fayre

### Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

### 11.00am - 2.00pm

