

# Bankton Primary School Newsletter

November 2015



## Class Dojo



All classes in the school now use Class Dojo as a reward system. Each child in the class chooses their own Avatar. Pupils and teachers then agree the focus for Dojo points and these are awarded throughout the day. Parents are able to access Class Dojo and see if their child has won or lost any Dojo points, but more importantly what the points are being awarded for. The feedback from parents has been very positive. P.7 parents have reported that this is a great discussion starter – they can talk to their child about their positive behaviour and also tackle things which are less positive. If, as a parent, you can't already access this, please ask your child's teacher on Parents' Evening. Ian Hyland, P.3 is his class' leader this week and thinks that Class Dojo is a great way to earn rewards. Well done Ian – keep up the good work!

## Get Ready – the Christmas Fair is coming!

**SAVE THE DATE – 28<sup>TH</sup> NOV!**

*A reminder that the Christmas Fayre will be held on 28th Nov from 10am – 1.00pm*

*Any donations for the Raffle/Tombola and Chocolate Tombola can be handed into the office at any time. We are still looking for volunteers to help out, so if you can spare any time please contact Leigh Sherwood at [leighsherwood1978@gmail.com](mailto:leighsherwood1978@gmail.com). We will also be holding a home baking stall so if the Great British Bake Off has inspired you, home baking can be handed into the school on Friday 27th Nov.*

*Thank you for all your support and look forward to seeing you all on the day.*

## Parent Council Thank You

Many thanks to our hardworking Parent Council (and associated helpers) who gave up their time last week to give every child in Bankton a free Hallowe'en Party. Both parties were very successful and the standard of costumes and face painting was amazing! Thank you also to Mrs. Binnie our own resident D.J. with some supper cool dance moves. Your time was appreciated.

## New Office Staff

Visitors to our school and parents contacting us by telephone have been introduced to Mrs. Linda Kerr, our new part-time Admin Assistant. Mrs. Sharon Rae will join the team as our full time Admin Assistant on Mon, 30<sup>th</sup> October.

To help us to contact you more efficiently, please remember to **update your mobile phone number** and email as soon as these change.

<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



In an effort to ensure that all of our children are healthy and thriving each newsletter will now have a Health and Wellbeing section for parents to make you aware of current issues affecting our children's wellbeing. Some of our Health and Wellbeing monitors have reported that children are stopping at the Spar shop before school to buy unhealthy energy drinks and snacks. These have a negative impact on concentration levels and make learning difficult. Please encourage your child to come to Breakfast Club where they will have a healthy breakfast giving them a positive start to the day. Please also encourage them to bring healthy snacks for break time and water to drink in class – all of these things will help to improve their readiness to learn. Getting to school on time is essential for your child's wellbeing – children are very upset if they arrive late to class and miss out on vital instructions. Lateness is monitored by West Lothian Council so please help us to achieve our targets! Thank you for your support in all aspects of health.

### Up and Coming Events – Term 2



5.11.15 – Individual and family Photos

10.11.15 - SSPCA Workshops for all classes

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**Parents' Evening – 4.00pm – 7.30pm**

12.11.15 – Jen Crook, Antarctic Explorer to visit

P.5/6 Class Assembly 2.30pm

13.11.15 – Children in Need fundraising day

**Parents' Afternoon – 1.00 – 4.00pm**

Stellar Awards (Bankton Nominated) 2.00

30.11.15 – St. Andrew's Night Ceilidh 6.30pm

2.12.15 – School Christmas Dinner

8.12.15 – P.1/P.2 Nativity 1.30pm

10.12.15 – P.1 / P.2 Nativity 1.30pm

11.12.15 – P.1 Party 1.30pm

14.12.15 – Nursery Nativity 9.30 am / 1 pm

15.12.15 – Party for P.2, P.2/3 and P.3

16.12.15 – Afternoon Party for P.4, P.4/5 and P.5

Evening Party for P.6, P.7 pupils

17.12.15 – Nursery party – normal session

Whole school Carol Service – 9.30am

### Ongoing School Improvements

As part of our ongoing programme of school improvements the following projects have been scheduled between now and March:

Continued exterior painting – back of the school

Interior Painting – P. 2 – P.4/5 Corridor

Music Room / Lunch Hall

New carpets in 3 classrooms

New storage furniture for resource area

New resources for Nursery outdoor area

New ipads for pupil use in Nursery and Primary

### Flu Vaccinations



Please note that if your child missed the Flu Immunisation Clinic held in the lantern in September there is a further opportunity on:

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at Livingston Football Club between 3pm and 7pm.**

# Remember FIREWORK SAFETY!!!

