

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

October 2016



Everyone Is Reading in Bankton!

Having launched our First Minister's Reading Challenge two weeks ago at assembly we are very excited by our progress. All children from P.4 – P.7 have a personal reading passport and all children from P.1 – P.3 have their home reading challenge sheets. We have exciting plans to show that everyone in Bankton is a reader – with Mr. Walker, school janitor and Mrs. Connell, school cook lined up to read to P.1, Grannie Reading in P.1 and P.2, Buddy reading at Breakfast Club and Den Reading to be a feature of Fridays. Please visit our Reading Challenge Wall in the Small Hall to guess which adults are hiding behind their favourite book.



Holiday Fitness Programme



Kim O'Connor, Active Schools Co-ordinator has sent details of all of the fitness activities available locally during the holidays. There are separate programmes being run through West Lothian Leisure and The Lanthorn. Leaflets are available for both of these programmes through school and details of the full programme can be downloaded @ www.westlothianleisure.com

Activities ranges from gymnastics to golf, basketball, badminton and footie tots. Enjoy!

PATPAL Morning

Many thanks from all of us to all parents and family members who attended our recent PATPAL morning on Developing Money Sense. The children greatly appreciated your attendance at this highly successful event and enjoyed their special role as 'Expert teachers'. Look out for next term's PATPAL on Problem Solving strategies in November.

Hallowe'en Party Time



THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER

P1 – P.4 – 6.30pm -7.30pm

P.5 – P.7 -7.45pm – 8.45pm

ADMISSION FREE

<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!

THERE'S NO PRESENT LIKE TIME!



The Scottish Book Trust is trying to encourage parents to read more often to their children.

Why? – Because brilliant things happen when families read together. Technology can NEVER replace the human bonds created by shared reading.

Did you know - Research shows that a child who reads for fun will do better at school even with subjects like Maths. Not only that, but you will also benefit from an incredibly bonding experience – forming precious family memories, long after the book has been put down.

Ten minutes every day spent on shared reading = Health and Wellbeing for you+your child

Ten minutes every day spent on shared reading = Progress at school

PLEASE BANK THIS PRECIOUS TIME

More information @ www.scottishbktrust.com

A BIG THANK YOU

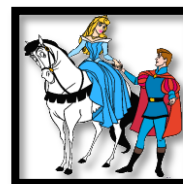


A big 'Thank You' to all of our talented Pupil Support Workers for the many skills they use every day to meet the needs of our children and keep our school looking bright and cheerful.

Special thanks to Mrs. Reilly for our wider achievement display in the small hall to recognise our children with sporting and community talents out with school. If your child has achieved in sport or in the community please allow them to bring in medals, trophies and certificates. Thank you also to Mrs Smail for her attention to detail in our new staff display. This provides a warm welcome for all visitors to the school.

Sincere thanks go to Mrs Little our school librarian, Ms Campbell, Ms Dyet, Mrs. Mansour and Mrs McKenzie who welcome our children to breakfast club and lunch, keep them safe in the playground and support them with classwork. Your smiles and patience Ladies, are appreciated by all of us. THANK YOU!

PANTOMIME



M&M Productions will perform Sleeping Beauty in school on 25th October at 9.15am. Staff will follow this up with a Traditional Tales Art Masterclass on Wednesday 26th October.

School Improvement Teams

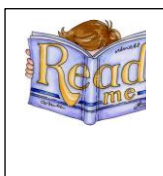
This year we have 3 School Improvement Teams involving Teachers, Pupils and Parents. These will look at :

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

NUMERACY

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

If you can help, please let us know.



CALLING ALL P.1 GRANNIES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH GRANNIE READING IN P.1?

LETTER TO FOLLOW FROM P.1 TEACHERS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS