

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

September 2016



Parental Engagement and Family Learning Programme

We are proud to inform you that Bankton Primary School were asked to showcase their family learning programme at a National Conference in Heriot Watt University on 14th September. This was an event run by Education Scotland and was attended by Head teachers, Education Officers and Heads of Education in a number of authorities. There was a lot of interest in our Learning Festival, Tutorials, Showcases and Family Learning Challenges and it was a valuable opportunity to share our programme with Education Scotland. Following our participation in this conference we were invited to attend the Parent Connect Zone at the Scottish Learning Festival in Glasgow to meet the Deputy First Minister, John Swinney. Elaine Smith, Mum of Ewan and Daniel and Yvette Graham, Mum of Mia, Amber and Lana enjoyed collaborating with other parents and sharing their views on family learning and parental engagement with John Swinney. Photographs from the event have been featured on the Education Scotland Website

Parent Events – Term 1

Thank you to all parents who attended our **Parents as Learning Partners** event on 15th September. Your feedback was very positive, showing that most parents are aware of our current improvement priorities and how they can help at home.

Our next event will be a **PATPAL morning** (Pupils as Teachers, Parents as Learners) on 4th October from 9.15 – 10.15am. The focus of this morning will be '**I spendI save**' giving examples of children learning about financial education and experience with money. You will receive a personal invitation from your child soon.

Our **Parent Consultation Sessions** will take place on:

Wednesday 12th October, 5pm – 8.00pm

Thursday 13th October, 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Appointment Letters out now

Recycled Uniform Shop

The Captains and Vice captains will run a coffee morning following the PATPAL event on 4th October from 10.15am – 11.30am. They will also be selling recycled uniform at this coffee morning. If you have any items of Bankton Uniform that no longer fit, please wash them and send with your child as soon as possible.

European Languages Day



<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!

The World's Largest Lesson



Everyone in Bankton is very excited about taking part in the World's Largest Lesson this week. Staff and children are learning about the 17 Global Goals we need to achieve by 2030 to have positive impact on Climate Change. Miss Rodford introduced the Global Goals at Assembly and persuaded everyone to become 'Bankton Superheroes' and take responsibility for saving our planet. Please talk to your child about the World's Largest Lesson.

Diary Dates



22.9.16	Small Talk French input for P.4 – P.7
26.9.16	European Languages Day
27.9.16	P.4 & P.4/5 begin Bronze Musicianship
28.9.16	Parents Appointment Slips due in
29.9.16	Sportshall Athletics for P.7
4.10.16	PATPAL Morning 9.15 – 10.15am Coffee Morning 10.15 – 11.30am Recycled Uniform Shop 10.15 – 11.30am
5.10.16	Nursery Parents' Evening 6pm
12/13.10	Parent Consultations

The First Minister's Reading Challenge



As a school, we have registered for the First Minister's Reading Challenge to raise attainment and give children a love of books.

All children from P.4 –P7 will be given a passport soon to record all of the books they have read. Please encourage your child to develop the reading habit!

Breakfast Club

Thank you to all parents who send their children to Breakfast Club. Please note that Mrs Connell provides the children with a variety of cereals, fruit yogurt and toast.

This is a free service so there is no need for children to bring their own breakfast with them.

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

Article 28:

You have the right to a good quality education.

You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

