

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

2015



Staff and Pupils Walked their Wigs Off for Jak's Den

On Friday, 18th September, all staff and pupils in Bankton Primary School and Nursery Class took to the streets of Dedridge to complete the West Lothian Council Walking Challenge 2015. This year the challenge was to 'walk your wig off' and Bankton Staff and Pupils did not disappoint! From the youngest to the oldest children (and staff!) – all dressed down and wore multi-coloured wigs or crazy hairstyles, paying a donation to charity for the privilege. P.1 children were especially delighted to share their walk with their buddies, looking for signs of Autumn along the way. West Lothian Council adopted Jak's Den as the charity which would receive all of the proceeds from this year's walking challenge. The Bankton learning Community are proud to have collected the amazing sum of £400 to contribute to the cause.

Ms Barr was absolutely delighted with Bankton's fundraising efforts for Jak's Den and would like to thank all pupils, parents and staff for their contributions .

House Captain Elections



Following some very convincing speeches, the following P.7 pupils have been elected as this year's house and vice captains:

Almond : Fraser Muir and Emma Marshall

Camelot : Ben Mason and Stephanie Binnie

Lanthorn : Katie Bowman and Ellis Sherwood

Leving : Ryan Mahood and Eilidh Gray

They have already been busy assisting Mrs. Ferguson with Friday Assemblies, helping as office managers at lunch time and meeting and greeting parents at Meet the Teacher. Well done and thank you for all your help!

European Languages Day



Children at all stages will put their language skills into practice during our European Languages Assembly on Friday to celebrate European Languages day. All instructions will be in French and our EAL children will greet everyone in their own language.. Bonne chance a tous!

A New Bankton Baby is Safely Delivered!



Reuben Jak Horne was safely delivered on 19th September – a sister for Phoebe. We send Mr. and Mrs. Horne our very best wishes and hope to see the baby in school very soon.

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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!

Up and Coming Retirements



Two much loved 'faces of Bankton' are smiling more than usual at the moment as they see a world of rest and relaxation over the horizon. Mrs. Oliver, Pupil Support Worker and Medical Room Supervisor is preparing to spend more time with her daughters as she retires on Friday, 25th September. Meanwhile, Mrs. Learmonth, the school's Admin Assistant is also looking forward to spending quality time with her two sons when she retires on 16th October.. We wish both of these ladies a happy and healthy retirement and thank them both sincerely for all of their hard work during their time in Bankton. May they find true contentment with their families and loved ones.

Vertical Learning Groups @ Bankton



All children across the school now have an opportunity to contribute to the wider life of the school through vertical learning groups. These groups contain children from a variety of different classes who work with a staff member to develop skills in a range of different ways.

These groups meet once a fortnight on a Thursday afternoon and include:

The Think Tank – who help the Headteacher run the school

The Bucket Fillers, who learn about friendship

The Awesome Engineers who are developing problem solving and thinking skills in den building

Bankton Newsround – The Current Affairs Group

The Circuit Challengers – Setting goals for personal fitness

Magnificent Musicians – Developing percussion skills

The Crazy Caricature Creators – Developing drawing skills

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR VERTICAL GROUP INFO

Lunch Time Clubs @ Bankton

Three members of staff have willingly given up their own lunchtime to run clubs for our children.



Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Balfour have started a 'Friends Around the World' Club for pupils enrolled in school who have very little English. Through fun activities their confidence in speaking and understanding English will grow. The children are already trying out new vocabulary as they ice biscuits and enjoy simple craft activities together.

Mr. Herman is also putting P.6 and P.7 pupils through their paces during lunchtime basketball trials and hopes to form a basketball squad from the most committed players.

Many thanks for your time! It is much appreciated.

Open Morning

Let us amaze and entertain you with our exciting learning on Open Day. Each teacher will decide on their own learning focus area this year – so be prepared to enjoy French, Science, Health and Wellbeing and even Outdoor Learning -

Friday, 9th October at 9.30am

Goblet of Good Manners Award

Competition is fierce in Bankton for the weekly awarding of the Goblet of Good manners to the class who have been given the largest number of 'Praise Post-Its' for displaying good manners in the corridors, dinner hall, playground, Breakfast Club in fact – EVERYWHERE in our school.

The real winner each week is Bankton – as our children develop an understanding that

MANNERS MATTER!