

# Bankton Primary School Newsletter

March 2016



## Edith's Wartime Scrapbook – A Spectacular Musical Extravaganza!

A huge thank you to Primary 5,6, and 7 staff and pupils for producing and directing a very successful musical show based on the Home Front during World War 2. All special guests, including staff from the James Young High School and parents who attended the show on the opening night declared it to be 'the best yet'. Every single pupil involved achieved their personal best and the dancing, singing and comic timing were impeccable. Although P.7 took the starring roles, they were assisted in the singing by a fabulous chorus of P.5 and P.6 pupils, who performed each song with great enthusiasm.

A special thank you to Mrs. Reilly, our pupil support worker, who made the costumes, bringing the period to life and to Eddie Anderson of West Lothian Council who agreed to film the show for us.

A final round of applause goes to Josh Blair and Glenn Love, our technical team who added professionalism to the show with theatre lighting and sound. Your expertise was appreciated by all of the 'stars' in the spotlight. Well done to all! Check West Lothian You Tube for a mini-clip video of the show!

## Sporting Achievements and Fitness Update



Pupils from across the school took part in the West Lothian Dance Festival held recently at Deans Community High School. They followed this up by showcasing their amazing talents at assembly. P.5 pupils represented Bankton with skill at the basketball festival, held in Craigswood Sports Centre.

Fencing after-school club has been very popular with P.5 on a Tuesday afternoon and this week they were able to demonstrate their new skills for parents.

Watch out for the Cross-Country Playground challenge – starting after the Easter Holidays.

## No dogs allowed



In line with West Lothian Guidelines (and because we have children with severe allergies) we would ask you, please to refrain from bringing dogs into the school playground.

## REMINDER



Easter Holiday:

25<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April

<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!

## Keeping ourselves Healthy



We continue to encourage the children to be more responsible for their health. Part of our Health and Wellbeing programme teaches children to maintain good hygiene practice in order to prevent the spreading of germs. These include blowing noses, covering our mouths when coughing and washing hands regularly. We would welcome your continued support to encourage your child to follow this healthy routine. We would be very grateful if you would continue to check your child's hair regularly, to avoid an outbreak of head lice as part of maintaining your child's good health. More information relating to children's health can be accessed through this link – <http://kidshealth.org/>

### Family Learning and Family Engagement Events



Many thanks to all of the parents who have attended a wide range of family learning opportunities this term. These have included:

- \*The JYHS Cluster Learning Festival
- \*Bite-size workshops
- \* Parent Tutorials with Mrs Sinclair
- \*P.7 Science Festival
- \* P.6 Titanic Points Homework Sharing
- \*P.4 and P.4/5 Castles Showcase
- \* P.1. P.2 and P.2/3 Mums and Grans Assembly

We thank you for all of your support in helping your child to reach their potential. Working in partnership we can achieve great things. Remember – Every Day is a Learning Day – even during the holidays. Enjoy your family learning time.



Staff and children from P.1 to P.7 are currently involved in working in vertical groups to improve their understanding of rights and responsibilities. Each group is working on a different article within UNICEF's Rights of the child. Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Stewart are fully involved with these groups even creating a 'mini-earthquake' zone in the Great Hall to film drama work relating to UNICEF's policy of building back better. Miss Rodford has also been leading awareness raising of UNICEF – check out which article relates to each display next time you are in school. Respect for all @ Bankton!

### On-Line Payment System

Admin Staff in the JYHS Cluster are currently being trained in dealing with on-line payments for lunches, school trips, uniforms, residential and milk. Parents will receive a letter with one weeks' notice of the system going live. Parents will also be able to continue paying in cash if preferred.



# Happy Easter

To all our families

