

# Bankton Primary School Newsletter

2016



## School Community Improvement Teams



This year, more than ever, everyone is part of school improvement. We have set up three school community improvement teams to develop Health and Wellbeing, Numeracy and Playground development. Each team includes Teachers, Pupils, Pupil Support Workers and Parents who meet once every 6 weeks on a Friday morning to discuss their progress. Thank you to parents who have already volunteered. Lead teachers are: Mr Herman (Playground), Mrs Lloyd (Numeracy) and Mrs E. Sinclair & Mrs Hocknull (Health and Wellbeing). Please contact them if you are interested in helping.

## Spectacular Visit to Sky Academy

P.7 and P.6/7 classes have had a spectacular time developing skills for life, work and learning at the Sky Academy skills studio.

Both classes spent a morning with the staff team in the skills studio who trusted them to operate extremely expensive equipment to create news reports. P.7 took on the roles of presenters, technicians, cameramen to create news reports exactly as we see on television every day.



This visit has made P.7 aware of the skills they need to develop in the future and ambitious to set positive career goals. Aim for the stars P.7!

## THANK YOU



Thank you to our amazing Parent Council who worked so hard to give all of our children a free Halloween Party – They all had a FUN time!

## Rights Respecting Schools Level 2 Award

Miss Rodford is working very hard towards applying for Level 2 accreditation for Rights Respecting Schools. The children are learning about 'The Right of the Month' and will be learning about the Global Goals in vertical groups, starting on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November. Miss Rodford has appointed RRS Champions who will help her with a Parent Showcase on:

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 2.30pm – 3.10pm

ALL WELCOME!

<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 Children Safe Online



As winter approaches and children are inside for longer periods of time, we would like to once again to alert parents to the need to be vigilant when children are using social media. No one would ever leave their front door open and invite strangers into your child's bedroom. Yet this is the reality if you allow your child to use Social Media with no supervision. Visit these sites below for more information or check out our Online Safty Documenton he BLOG. This is currently

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

[www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/21259413](http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/21259413)

[www.childnet.com/parents-and.../keeping-young-children-safe-online](http://www.childnet.com/parents-and.../keeping-young-children-safe-online)

### Diary Dates for Term 2



16.11.16	P.6/7 visit to Sky Academy
17.11.16	Emotion Works Showcase 9.30am
	P.6 netball team to netball league
23.11.16	Nativity Tickets on sale
1.12.16	St. Andrew's Ceilidh – p.5/6, P.6, P.6/7
6.12.16	Nativity Performance 1.30pm
7.12.16	Nativity performance 1.30pm
8.12.16	Christmas dinner
	P.4, P.4/5 Enterprise Evening 5.30pm – 7.30pm
12.12.16	P.2, P.2/3, P.3 party 1.30pm
13.12.16	Nursery Nativity 10am / 1.30pm
14.12.16	P.4 and P.4s from p.4/5 – party 1.30pm
	P.6, P.6s from p.5/6 and P.6/7 party 6.30 – 8.00pm
15.12.16	P.5 and P.5s from P.4/5, P.5/6 party 1.30pm
19.12.16	P.1 Party 1.30pm
21.12.16	Whole school Carol Service

### Homework Routines

We are currently reviewing our homework policy and will survey parents after Christmas to determine your views.

We would ask you to continue to support your child's learning in the meantime by following the homework routine set by the class teacher. Please don't forget to encourage your child to READ - support our work with the First Minister's Reading Challenge by reading every day.



### Severe Weather Arrangements

Mr. Walker and the rest of the FMA team are delighted that we have escaped snow and ice so far. A quick reminder that in the event of snow or very icy conditions the janitors will clear the Breakfast Club path and the Zig Zag path before school. Please keep your children to these paths. In extreme conditions the children will be supervised by staff from 8.25am in the Great Hall

## RIGHT OF THE MONTH

**Article 24: You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment and information to help you stay well.**