

**Bankton Primary School Newsletter**

**May 2018**

**FAMILY LEARNING @ BANKTON**

Thank you to all parents who have attended or contributed to our Family Learning Sessions this year. We value you as partners in your child’s learning and are happy to provide family learning which meets your needs. Over this session we have held Meet the Teacher, PATPAL events, one-to-one tutorials, workshops for vocabulary development and numeracy, Science Extravaganza, Bedtime Maths and Supper and Story Sessions. Details of our final Family learning event below:

Wizard of Oz Family Theatre Show and Emotion Works Event

This event is our final family learning event of the year and will be linked to our work on Emotion Works. It takes place on Friday 1st June from 12.30 – 3pm. The afternoon will include a theatre production from M&M followed by some amazing family craft activities. There is no charge for this family learning event so please return your request for tickets to Mrs. Sinclair, our Family Learning Co-ordinator as soon as possible

**Fun Day Sponsored Event**



All children will have received sponsor forms for our sponsored event due to take place next week. The funds from this are used to finance our Fun Day in June, a highlight of the year for children. Please help us to provide a memorable day for your child. Thank you for your generosity.

**PUPIL SAFETY @ Bankton**



Pupil Safety is a major priority not only in Bankton Primary but also across West Lothian Council. Pupils are not allowed to use the School Car Park unless they are accompanied by an adult. This is the rule for all schools to ensure pupils are not put in danger.

Many children travel to school by car and are dropped off either in Mowbray Rise or Nigel Rise. There has been a rise in ‘near misses’ in these areas with cars travelling beyond the acceptable 20mph speed limit in a housing estate. Please help us to keep all of our children safe when you are dropping off your children.

**P.7 Party Theme is:**

**BEACH PARTY**

**Thank you to the Parent Council for organising this free of charge**

[https://**blogs**.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/**Bankton**PrimarySchool**Blog**/](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!

**P.7 Leavers’ Arrangements**

**Citizenship**

**We continue this great tradition in Bankton as a tribute to our amazing P.7 pupils. Each pupil will be awarded a scroll in recognition of their personal contribution to school life. We look forward to welcoming parents, grandparents and extended family members to this great occasion on Tuesday, 26th June at 7.00pm**

**Leavers’ Hoodies**

**Following last night’s Parent Council meeting I am pleased to inform you that we have agreement from them to make a significant contribution to the cost of the P.7 Leavers’ Hoodies again this year. Therefore the cost to parents will be kept to the minimum cost of £5, the Parent Council will pay £5 and the school will pay the balance cost of £5 per child. The hoodies will be presented to all pupils at the Leavers’ Party on 28th June and these can be worn by P.7 on the final day of term.**

**Buddy Farewell Ceremony**

**This has become a very special part of our leavers’ arrangements. P.7 will gather in the Upper Playground with their P.1 Buddies at 12.00 on Friday, 29th June to say goodbye to their P.1 buddies. Parents are cordially invited to attend this ceremony.**

**Transition**

**Nursery P.1 P.7 S.1**

This term, we have a number of P.7 transition events. Our enhanced transition programme for a small group of pupils has already started. This group have been commended by high school staff for their good manners and participation in group activities. The health conference at JYHS took place this week and the two days of transition activities take place on June 12th and 13th. We have already met High School Staff to pass on all relevant information to help them get to know your child.

Nursery into P.1 transition is well underway and the nursery children are benefitting from an exciting programme of activities based on a Space Topic . Well done to Mrs Lloyd and Mrs. Thompson for building confidence in our new children.Our school ‘Moving On’ day is Wednesday, 6th June. On this day, all pupils will have the opportunity to ‘move’ to their new classroom and meet their teacher for the new session.

**Parent Council – Working in Partnership for all Learners**

The Parent Council have contributed to school life in a wide variety of ways this year: supplying water bottles for P.1, a free Hallowe’en party for all children and supporting the P.7 Leavers by providing a free party (with DJ and Photo Booth) and contributing towards the cost of leavers’ hoodies. All of these contributions are made possible by parents who have helped to raise funds through our Community Christmas Fair. If you are interested in joining our Parent Council or simply coming along to meetings, please contact Elaine Smith or Jen Hyland.

**Business Partners**

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**Do you have (or work for) a business which could work with the school to enhance learning?**

**If so please contact Mrs Stewart or Mrs Ferguson**

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**21.5.18 Victoria Day Holiday**

**24.5.18 – Track and Field Event – P.7**

**30.5.18 - P.6 Cross Country at JYHS**

**31.5.18 – Badger and Buddies Event**

**1.6.18 – Wizard of Oz family Learning Event**

**5.6.18 – Provisional Sports day**

 **(weather permitting – Groupcall will be sent)**

**6.6. 18 – Moving on Day**

**13.6.18 – Nursery / P.1 Assembly & Lunch**

**18.6.18 – Health Week**

**21.6.18 – Fun day**

**26.6.18 - Citizenship**

**28.6.18 – P.7 Leavers Party 7.00 – 9.00pm**

**29.6.18 – Buddy ceremony 12.00 / LAST DAY**