



Christmas Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers.

The autumn term is always the longest and possibly the busiest and we certainly have been busy at Bank View! On September 18th we opened our new provision at Speke to 60 year 7 children from across the city. They have all settled incredibly well into their new environment and forged strong, positive relationships with the staff team.

One of the highlights of term was our school panto Pinocchio, the performance was watched by all the pupils across all our sites, and we had an evening performance for parents. The play showcased the talents of our students from primary to post 16 and was made extra special this year by the amazing puppetry.

The school council, which now involves 70 of our students, met with each other, Ms McLoughlin and Mr Burns to discuss their priorities for the year. We are now a Rights Respecting School and we are taking part in Liverpool's bid to become an Unicef Child Friendly City.

Thank you for continued support. We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 8th January. Juliette



Thank you to all students, their families and staff that came to the Christmas Bingo! The evening was a great success with lovely refreshments and fantastic prizes. Please keep your comments coming in through the form posted on seesaw, as we will use this information to make such events even better. There will be plenty more family events in the new year, so please get a seesaw account set up if you haven't already.

Christmas Market

Thank you for everyone attending the Christmas Markets on Monday afternoon. Base 3 raised £118 and 6th form raised £206.62 profit, after they calculated expenditure costs. Well done to all!

Students really enjoyed the event and raised a whopping £324.62 in total for their enterprise activity.

OPAL UPDATE



Last term we introduced lots of large loose parts play. It has been fantastic seeing some of the builds that the children have created. The children continue to wow us with their ability to dynamically risk assess, and on occasions, they have proved us wrong - showing how they have carefully thought through, tested and adapted their play to keep themselves and others safe. We are extremely proud of them.

Learning to play in the rain?

Much like in the summer when we had to adjust to manage the extreme heat, with the Autumn/

Spring term we have had to adjust to the wetter weather. There are

so many benefits to playing in the

rain:

- \cdot To enhance physical skills
- · To promote a healthy lifestyle
- · To investigate scientific concepts
- · To provide a sensory experience

- · To increase independence
- · To enhance creativity

Please be assured that although we play in all weather, the safety of our children is always our priority. As a school, we ensure that all children who are outside are wearing coats, wellies and waterproofs when needed.

Donations

- · Materials for den building
- · Utensils- for the mud kitchen
- · Loose parts for building and natural for example woodchip.
- · Cable wheels
- · If anyone works on building sites, large barrels for tunnels.

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· Small world figures



Antibullying Performance

Yearr 5,6 and 7 pupils watched a drama performance by Altru Drama. The play explores why people bully, the impact of bullying and the different forms it can take. The play also explores the difference between bullying and banter - as described on the Anti-Bullying Alliance website.



Sleeping Beauty

Once upon a time in a Panto land far, far away, a beautiful princess is cursed by the evil Carbosse to perish on her 21st birthday by pricking her finger on a spinning wheel. Thanks to The Fairy, Sleeping Beauty falls into a deep sleep that can only be broken by her one true love. Will the handsome prince come to her rescue, fight the dragon, destroy Carabosse, and save the day? As part of our Christmas reward trip, primary, base, year 7 and 8 went to see Sleeping Beauty in the M&S arena.



Chester Zoo

The primary department had a fantastic trip to Chester Zoo, organised by Miss Bailey. We spent the day observing and learning about animals in the zoo, with so many species threatened with extinction, it's vital now more than ever that children get to experience seeing the animals.



Reading Ambassadors

Reading ambassadors have been chosen from each year group to help support peers with reading. They will meet regularly with the reading intervention team, and they will aim to promote reading with their peers. These pupils will have a lead role in planning and delivering the school's reading activities.



Scholastic Book Fair

Reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing. We had our pop - up book fair last week. All pupils chose a book from their Wishlist which will be gifted to them at Christmas from the school.



Jamie Broad Poet Visit

Jamie Broad came to our school and did a KS3 assembly and workshops with Year 9s. We looked at rhythm and rhyme and came up with our own raps.



Student Council

This term we had our first Student Council meeting of the year. Pupils from all three Bank View sites were in attendance and we discussed a range of topics including our new Rights Respecting School accreditation, our work with the Parent Partnership and how our student council can help our wider school community. All the pupils that attended represented their classes brilliantly and we hope that over the course of the year they can make real change for our pupils. Pupils have set up a student help desk where every Monday pupils can go and discuss anything they want to about school, pupils will also be taking charge on school tours showing visitors around and

informing them of all the wonderful things we achieve here at Bank View.



Rights Respecting School

Award





This half term our school was awarded Unicef Rights Respecting School: Bronze accreditation.

The Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond. We are really passionate about making sure our pupils know their rights and are fully committed to our pupils' rights being at the heart of our school ethos.

Over the course of the next year we will be working towards our Silver accreditation.

We took part in schools parliament week in November. MP Ian Byrne will be coming into our next meeting in January to talk about the importance of parliament and how important a school council is.

Year 7 Kingsley & Co Visit

Year 7s went to the bookstore.

Here they met the author Ali

Harwood and completed a workshop

with him. Then they went to the

dragon cave escape room to solve some puzzles. Finally, they got to choose TWO books to keep and completed a quiz with hot chocolate and biscuits. It was a lovely day out!





<u>Leading Parent</u> Partnership Award

Bank View School is currently working with the Award Place for the 'Leading Parent Partnership Award'. This award supports schools to work in partnership with all parents and carers. Increasing parental participation in school life leads to improved pupil progress, punctuality, attendance and behaviour. The framework encourages parents to be involved in their children's learning leading to improved outcomes in all aspects of school life. Please keep an eye out for future events and the

option to feedback throughout the year.

Food Tech

Christmas season has arrived in Food Tech. The Pupils have been busy making Chocolate Logs & Mince pies. We are trying some exciting new Christmas recipes this year too...



Humanities

Year 7 have been learning about map skills, they got the chance to use what they have learnt to go on a treasure hunt around school. Year 8 have loved learning about life in Tudor Britain and have come to the conclusion their school day is not as bad as they thought compared to a pupils' school day during Tudor Times. Pupils in year 9 humanities have been learning about 'The Earth Beneath Our Feet' and investigating how the land moves.

Humanities options group have been learning about the impact of earthquakes and how we can reduce the damage they have on cities. Here are two of our pupils trying to make earthquake proof buildings out of spaghetti and marshmallows.



Military school enrichment group have been working hard to develop their teamwork skills. They have done so well they were treated to a day out bowling in Cheshire Oaks.



Computing

Our year 7 pupils have settled in well and they have spent this half term learning about the stages of computational thinking. They have enjoyed working through a variety of tasks focusing on each of the different stages. We completed the term by creating algorithms that a robot could follow to make a cup of tea. We learnt about the importance of giving precise

instructions. If you're a parent or carer of one of our year 7 pupils, why not be the robot and see if they can program you to make the perfect cup of tea. But remember, computers can't think for themselves so you will need to follow their instructions exactly as they're given.



<u>Music</u>

The music department has had a busy term!

The Christmas music show went down a storm and included debuts by Leanne, Codie, Demi, Niamh and Ehab who overcame their nerves to get on the stage and do their 'thang'. Well done all! We were also lucky this year to work with theatre practitioner Austin Hewitt-Mitchell who helped us create a beautiful version of Pinocchio, which was performed on the 13th & 14th December. The show included shadow puppetry and wooden puppet characters alongside the usual live music, moody lighting and sounds. Praise and thanks go to Kieran for his dedication to learning the main

part, Eva who was first off script and Josh for stepping in for Zach (alongside learning his own part) who couldn't join us this time but will be back in summer. Get well Zach!

It was a theatre spectacular in our very own hall. The performers worked hard and came together as a proper company to deliver a stunning show.



Sensory Circuit

Sensory circuit is continuing to grow and thieve, our children are developing a better understanding and becoming more independent every week. We are fortunate to have pupils from upper school to help children with their sensory circuit. Having peer mentors has helped to build relationships and support one another with their sensory journey.





Football

Tuesday 12th December was a very exciting day for students taking part in a Football fixture vs Clare Mount.

Bank View students sported a new kit and showed great teamwork in a very competitive football match.

Students' behaviour on and off the field was exceptional, commented on by staff from Clare Mount.

We look forward to our next fixture.



For our end of year reward, we took students from all years to Jeffery Humble Football Pitches. They really enjoyed it ③



World Views News

A term full of festivals means we have celebrated Diwali and Hanukkah here at Bank View. We hope our students celebrating Diwali enjoyed their treats. Our students have also been preparing for Christmas. Year 7 students have made Nativity snow shakers, which retell the Christmas story.

If your child has come home wearing this pin badge, congratulations! It means your child has been selected as a World Views ambassador. This badge is an acknowledge of their exemplary attitude to learning in World Views!

My I take this opportunity to wish all of you a calm, happy and peaceful Christmas, and New Year



Maths

This term our students have strived in Mathematics. Our KS4 have successfully sat their entry level qualifications. We have Complete Maths Tutor set up for our pupils to extend their learning at home and our pupils have had many opportunities to develop in STEAM subject with great experiences with Merseyside Police, the Fire Service and guest speakers.



<u>Spanish</u>

Our great start to the year in our Spanish lessons has continued this half term, everyone is working hard, and we are having lots of fun as we extend our range of vocabulary.

Year 7 have been learning numbers and how to say how old they are. We have used a range of activities to support our learning.





Year 8 are learning how to describe their hometown and say what's in it.





Year 9 have been learning about daily routine and time. As part of their assessment, they designed a comic strip to describe their own routine. There were some fabulous examples, too many to show them all.



The options group have been talking about hobbies and learning how to express justified opinions. They are all working really hard towards their award.



Base 1 and 1a have been learning how to say who is in their family and naming colours. We are doing lots of speaking activities and singing lots of songs. We are also having fun playing card games in pairs.





Primary have been learning how to say when their birthdays are. We have played board games to help us remember our vocabulary and sung lots of songs.



Citizenship

Y7, have been learning all about charity and what it means to give back. We have raised money for the poppy appeal and also asked pupils and staff to donate food for our food parcels. They have

all successfully earned their participation award. Well done Y7



Y8 learned about the value of giving back as we celebrated children in need.



Our form had great fun with the fire engines.



Croxteth

Santa and his special Elf helper have been to visit the Croxteth pupils. They thoroughly enjoyed their story time with Santa before being presented with a special gift and treat breakfast for being on the 'nice list'.



Primary 1

The pupils in Primary One have really enjoyed our topic 'ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM, we're going to the moon. We have been learning about the planets in our solar system and made our own models of them for a solar system diorama and enjoyed a visit to the planetarium.



We have been enjoying lots of role play in the space station in class as well as other space themed activities including bucket therapy.



Primary 2

Primary 2 have been working hard and having fun this half term! We began by looking at Autumn Colours and animals that hibernate, followed by a sackful of Christmas fun! We met the giant Santa who lived in Blacklers Department Store, have found out about some of the properties of snow and have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts as well as making Pierniczki (Polish gingerbread cookies). Everyone in Primary 2 wishes you a Happy Christmas!



Primary 3

This half term, Primary 3 have continued to explore Stone Age life. They took part in a workshop delivered by Lunt Meadows Nature Reserve, where they tasted nettle bread, created cave art and carved tools out of soap. Pupils have written fantastic Stone Age Kenning Poems and have designed and made a pouch based on Stone Age designs.







Primary 4

Primary 4 have had a jam-packed term full of trips and learning. We continued to learn about space. We designed and created our very own alien puppets by sewing fabric together and adding facial features. In PSHE, we have been looking at safe and respectful relationships and we've learnt how to detect when a relationship is not safe and loving. This involved us to engage in lots of role-play and it turns out, we are quite the budding actors! In science, we have been conducting our own research into planets and the phases of the moon.

We have loved this topic and cannot wait for our next one!





Primary 5

This half term we have had so much fun finishing off our 'Out of this World' topic. In English the children have written some amazing explanation texts all about a Mars rover. In DT, the children made their very own alien puppets, the children worked hard practicing their sewing skills. We also had an exciting trip to the Planetarium to learn all about the space race in a Capcom GO workshop. The children also loved their trip to Chester Zoo looking at all the different animals. Make sure to check out Seesaw to see our amazing work this half term. We can't wait to learn all about the United States in the Spring term for our new topic 'Route 66'.



7B

7B have settled well into year 7 and have became more confident, happier and independent as the weeks progress.

This December, they have enjoyed making their own Christmas decorations to decorate their form room. We have made Christmas chains, baubles, salt dough decorations, drawings for our display boards and even a Grinch wall of fame! They had a fantastic time decorating their own Christmas tree and helped the school in celebrating Christmas jumper day. They have been on their best behaviour as their classroom elves. Eric and Ernie. have been looking after them since the 1st of December! For more Elf-tastic antics, check out 7B's Seesaw page.

<u>Base 1</u>

English

We have enjoyed exploring more poetry from around the world this half term. We looked at Kennings poems and we had to guess the animal and we also looked at Viator poems and we wrote our own one as a class all about our School.



Science

We have loved exploring electricity and using the circuit equipment in science. We enjoyed making complex circuits with bulbs, buzzers and switches and we had lot of fun testing different materials to see if they are conductors or insulators.



LFC Festival

We have been loving taking part in some sports sessions with the LFC foundation on a Friday and we were invited to the LFC festival event on the Wirral. We had a fantastic trip out to The Hive and we took part in hockey, football, dodgeball and kinball. It was so much fun!



Life Skills

Our topic this half term is 'helping people in our community'. We have

chosen to make gifts and cards for people in local hospitals and care homes. We have made get well soon cards for people who are poorly in hospital and Christmas bookmarks for people who live in care homes. We have also made Christmas cards for people who help us in our local area, such as nurse and firefighters.

Special Announcements

A very special well done to George who took part in our school music performance playing the guitar.
George has been practising at home and in school and he was fantastic. We are all very proud!

Also, another very special well done to Jacob who took part in a Christmas run. He was amazing and raised a lot of money for charity. We are very proud of Jacob and we loved seeing his medal. What a fantastic achievement!



Base 1A

Base 1a have worked hard on their Life Skills this half term and enjoyed weekly trips to the Asda Café to order a drink. We have loved visiting each week and building upon our confidence to order independently.



At the end of November, we all wrote and posted our letters to Father Christmas, we are still waiting patiently for his reply, fingers crossed they get to us before Christmas!



We have come to the end of our topic on Africa. The students have had a great time exploring the Transatlantic Slave Trade, African Masks in Art, African Praise Poems, rural and urban areas of Africa, and visits to the museum to explore primary sources and artefacts.



Well done on a fantastic Autumn term Base 1a! Enjoy your winter break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Base 3

Base 3 attended the Liverpool Foundation Festival where they took part in a variety of sports including football, hockey and kin ball. The pupils all had a great time and look forward to going again!



Base 3 have enjoyed participating in a 6-week block of functional fitness sessions with the LFC Foundation. They played a variety of inclusive games and ended the sessions with a full day at the LFC Foundation Festival. It was a fantastic day! For Citizenship, Base 3 have been working on their team-building skills. They planned, prepared, and ran a Christmas Market alongside our Sixth Form students. It was an extremely

successful afternoon and the class raised £118 to go towards school funding. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the raffle! Have a wonderful rest over the Christmas period.





6R

6R have been hard at work in the allotments this half term preparing wreaths which will be displayed at the Christmas markets. They have used items from the allotment to help make the wreaths and have done an amazing job! Well done 6R!



6th form base have been hard at work this half term using items from the allotments which were

then displayed in the Christmas markets. Well done 65!

<u>KS5</u>

ASDAN- Employability
Students are continuing to work
towards achieving their
Employability qualification at E2L1. As part of their participation
in an enterprise activity unit, sixth
form students worked with the
Base 4 class to run their own
Christmas markets for the whole
school. The event was a huge
success. Thanks once again to
everybody who supported us.

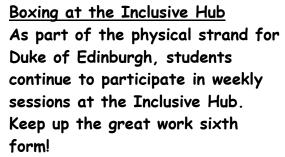




Personal and Social Development (PSD), UK Military School

In PSD lessons this half term with staff from the UK Military School, students have been focusing on wellbeing and how to lead a healthy lifestyle. Topics covered included diet, physical fitness, personal hygiene and relationships. As part of developing their personal and social development skills, students are also visiting Cheshire Oaks to experience new surroundings in the area, communicating with retail assistants and exploring career opportunities.





<u>Internal and external work</u> placements

Sixth form students are continuing to successfully participate in weekend employment, internal work experience placements in various departments around school, as well as in external organisations. Well done sixth form ©

Student Achievements

Sixth form students also continue to achieve outside of the learning environment and congratulations go to Chloe for her success in the Morris dancing championship and Emily for her success in her swimming gala. Well done to you both!

<u>Speke</u>

Pupils and staff have finished their first full term at Bank View Speke site. Lots off exciting things have happened this term which we finished off with our Christmas activities.

We have had lots of visitors to our new school including the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor visited to see the school in action and to meet all the pupils and staff. Pupils have a lovely time chatting to her about her role and about her gold chain.





Careers week was a huge success in Speke with pupils visiting Liverpool John Lennon Airport, Hilton Hotel, Model railway supplier and the local Church. Pupils asked lots of questions and gained valuable knowledge about many different industries.



Our pupils have been working hard on the topic of Forces and Matter this term. We have done some experiments at our new school and have had lots of fun figuring out speed, gravity, separating methods and even using the Moly mod kits. Well done to all the pupils for working so hard this term.



Maths have been enjoying 'Mathopoly' game during their weekly numeracy lesson. We have been looking at the skills covered this HT on addition and subtraction.

At the Speke site in Worldviews we have been learning about the Hindu Festival of light, Diwali. The pupils have enjoyed creating their own Diya lamps from clay and making Rangoli patterns from sand.





This term in citizenship we have been continuing to look at how we can be a good citizen, this has included organising a cake and coffee morning for parents where all the donations went to Macmillian Cancer and sending Christmas cards to a local care home for elderly residents. In PSHE, we have been looking all at careers and aspirations. We have been looking at different skills and qualities needed for each career and began to think about our own goals and what we need to do to get there.

7SC have really enjoyed writing their own play 'Scouser lost in the North Pole' and showing their family and friends during our Bank View Speke performance.



Can all parents/carers please ensure they have seesaw app downloaded. This allows you to see all the pupils work and achievements in class. It also allows us to send any letters and reminders home. You can download the seesaw app from the app store - if you need a new invitation sent to your email please contact

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schoolmoney

SchoolMoney is now live

You don't need to sign up to this system as it is done automatically through the school and as long as you have provided us with up to date contact details we will send you a password within a few days of getting everything set up. This password will give you access to your SchoolMoney account where you can pay for any items we have requested from you.

Once up and running you will then be able to book in your child's school meals for the week and pay online. Any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Uniform

A polite reminder please that all students need to wear the correct uniform for school.

Students who arrive in school without the correct uniform on will be provided with uniform or parents/carers will be asked to bring it to school.

If you have issues with your child wearing any of the school's uniform please contact your child's form teacher.

The school uniform with the school badge is available to buy at We now have a new uniform supplier please see details below.

<u>Lisa's Schoolwear</u> 72 Priory Road, Anfield, Liverpool, L4 2RZ

275 East Prescot Road, Knotty Ash, Liverpool, L14 2DB



the cost of a school meal has increased to £2.20 per day.

Bank View Website

Don't forget to check our website for photographs of what's been happening (under latest



news), policies and curriculum information.

We will be using the events calendar as well as parent's app to let you know what is happening in school. Please let us know if there is anything else you feel would be useful to include on the website.

Medical Appointments

Any child attending a medical appointment, please bring in your medical card/letter so we can authorise your absence. Without proof, your absence will be marked unauthorised. Please ensure your child comes into school before or after their appointment.

Medical Absences

The school will not authorise any absences unless they received the following:

- 1. A copy of a prescription.
- 2. A Compliment slip from a chemist of any medication that has been bought over the counter for the pupil.

Or

2. Show the school any medication given to the pupil by their doctor.

Pupil Absence

All parents/carers must contact the school office in the morning if your child will be off ill. Without a telephone call your child will be marked unauthorised. Escorts are NOT responsible for passing on messages that your child is ill.

Pupil Name: **Pupil Information** We would like to remind all New Home No: parents of the importance of providing the school with any change of address or New Mobile No: phone numbers, please let the school office know immediately. New Address: There have been a few incidents when it has not been possible to contact a parent when their child has been unwell, due to us not Postcode..... having up to date phone numbers. Email address: Please fill in the information if there are any changes and send into school as soon as possible. Email or send info via the parent app. Important Dates 2023/2024 Autumn Term 2023 Friday 1st September to Friday 27th October Friday 1st September & Monday 4th September Inset Days All Students to return Tuesday 5th September normal time. Half Term Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November Monday 6th November - Friday 22nd December 2023 Friday 22nd December Inset Day Christmas break - Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January to Thursday 28th March Half Term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March 2024 Easter - Friday 29th March (Bank Holiday) to Friday 12th April Summer Term 2024 Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024 Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday) Half Term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May Monday 3rd June - Monday 22nd July 2024 Monday 22nd July Inset Day

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BANK VIEW SCHOOL CALENDER 2023-2024

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School Closed/Holidays

In-Set Day no school for students

• 1 Inset Day to be confirmed.