

BANK VIEW SCHOOL



Autumn Term Newsletter

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Head Teachers Comments

Welcome to all our new parents and children across school, this half term has been a busy one and has seen the opening of our new provision at Speke. The building work that took place over the summer has given us a fantastic new learning environment for our students and we are very excited about phase 2 of the works which will provide us with our specialist rooms.

One of the highlights of the term has been the school being reaccredited with the Best Practice Teaching Assistant Award. The award acknowledged the hard work, dedication and skills of our amazing teaching assistants who support our students every day to achieve their potential. A huge thank you to them for all that they do.

We have hosted several parent events this half term with information being given on our curriculum, the 'Hearts' project and how parents can access support through external organisations such as Advanced Solutions. For us to achieve the best outcomes for our students it is essential we engage and work with parents. Please, if you have any suggestions in terms of what more we could offer to support our

students and their families then please email me.

Have a lovely half term break.

Juliette



What a lovely start we have had to our autumn term! Our students have settled back into Bank View life and we are fortunate enough to have many specialist organisations attend school each week and deliver some exciting opportunities to our students. We would particularly like to welcome Elly who specialises in fitness and yoga, Kerry who delivers judo and the Liverpool FC Foundation offering football sessions.

We have now introduced 'Wellbeing Wednesday' activities on this day will be focused on all aspects of happiness and health that will include mindfulness, hand/head message and mindfulness breathing.

On October 10th it was World Mental Health Day. We all explored and celebrated the importance of mental health during

form time across the school and made our very own awareness ribbons to display.



On Friday October 20th we hosted our first coffee morning of the new school year, for parents and carers. We had guests from ADDvanced Solutions on hand to listen and offer guidance when managing the neurodiverse needs of our young people.

Curriculum

Further to our parent curriculum meetings held this half term please find below more information on the curriculum, including how to navigate the website so you can see what your child is learning in school.

Our curriculum is designed and personalised to ensure pupils have the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life. The curriculum tab on the website can be used to find information about how we achieve this.

The tab is divided into key stages and then subjects. Each subject has produced a document showing

its Intent, Implementation and Impact.

Intent refers to what we want our pupils to learn. Implementation is the teaching activities we use to teach our curriculum. The impact is what our pupils have learnt from the curriculum.

Termly overviews have been sent out via Seesaw and are also available on the website (Key Information - Our Autumn curriculum 2023).

The parents evening is on November 16th from 3.30 - 6.30pm and subject reports will be produced for this. Appointments for parents of students who are at Speke will be from 4.15 - 6.30pm.

Parents Evening will be at the Fazakerley site for all pupils.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this half term was 89.3%. This is below our target figure of 97% - which is what we regard as 'good attendance'.

We will be having our attendance draw after half term. We have 86 pupils who attendance is 100% and their names will be in draws for a voucher of £20.

We also have draws for 97% and above.

Any pupil with attendance below 90% is classed as a persistent absentee. This means every fortnight they miss a day of school which equals a lot of lost

learning. We continue to work closely with families around attendance, please contact your form team if there is any further support you wish to receive. We will be holding a coffee morning with attendance as the focus next half term.

OPAL UPDATE



Since starting our OPAL journey in September 2022, we have been working hard to create lots of new play opportunities for the children. Last week we completed our pre-final assessment check which saw a 28% increase in the quality of play since starting the OPAL project. I would personally like to thank all the OPAL play team for their hard work over the past 12 months. They have worked incredibly hard to create an environment where play is valued, and children have better play experiences. Our final assessment will take place in June- we are aiming for gold!

Over the summer we had a trampoline fixed at our Croxteth site, which has been a huge hit since returning in September.

As with the introduction of all new equipment, we always complete a

risk-benefit assessment. This allows us to look at the benefits of using equipment/completing activities against any potential risks.

This year we look forward to developing our Fazakerley site more. The OPAL working team have been busy planning lots of new exciting projects.

Miss Devine



Forest School

Primary children at our Croxteth site have been working with Jo the forest school leader. During the year, the children will explore our sensory world and will develop their gross and fine motor skills as well as their strength, coordination and positional awareness. They will have opportunities to develop their core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness, coordination and agility. They will be able to develop fine motor control and

precision while developing their hand-eye coordination. They will have the opportunity to practice using small tools which allows children to develop proficiency, control and confidence.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for coming to our Macmillan Cake Sale.

We have raised a huge amount thanks to everyone for all your donations of cakes and money. The grand total from the cake sale, raffle and KS5 parent coffee afternoon is £319.56.

This is part of the work towards the ASDAN Employability course. Thanks once again for your continued support.

Sixth form students and staff 😊



Leading Parent 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.

Maths

Our school was involved in the city-wide Maths party, it was a fantastic day allowing pupils to express their Maths ability through different experiences. It is something we will continue in the coming years and expand pupils understanding of maths into the wider world. We had lots of prizes, and the pupils had a lovely day.



Food Options

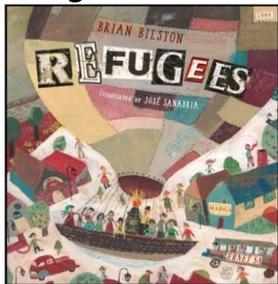
The Food Options group made Cheese & Potato Bake using Potatoes picked by the Gardening Options group. The skills that were developed during this session were peeling, chopping & grating. Fantastic example of Sustainability & Options groups working together.



English and Reading

World National Poetry Day

The theme this year was 'Refugees'. We read a poem by British poet Brian Bilston that criticizes the views of those who oppose or resist the integration of refugees into their countries.



Congratulations Joshua Townsend

Over the summer holidays we found out that Joshua was the winner in the Bootle Children's

Literary Festival short story competition. The judges felt his story was one of the best out of over 117 entries from 39 schools!

Joshua's story will be published in a book which will be launched at the Bootle Children's Literary Festival in November. He will be invited along to a book signing event he has also invited to attend the Literary Fair to sign his book for guests!

Here is Joshua with his story:



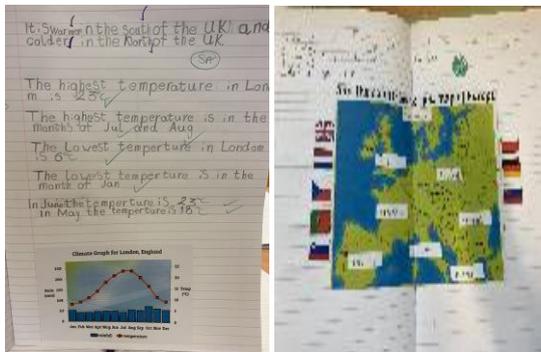
Reading Buddies

We are delighted to have started are new reading buddy pairs during Let's Read. This term Year 11s have come to read for the Year 7s. They are currently reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. A big thank you to the Year 11s for all your help. We will continue to do this during Let's Read.

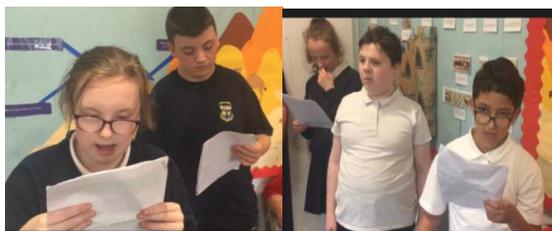


Humanities

Year 7 have been busy learning about 'Our world', we have investigated our continents and are now focusing on our country before we move onto our city. Pupils have been excited to learn about why our weather in the UK is so changeable and how the UK is governed. They have produced some excellent pieces of independent work.



Year 8 have been learning about Tudor Britain and focusing on Henry VIII and the reformation. They even performed a play to tell the story in more detail, it was amazing!!! They have also taken part in a debate to decide whether or not Bloody Mary deserved her name.



Year 9 have been excited to learn about tectonic activity, we have investigated how and why volcanoes

erupt and even created our own mini volcano with labels.



KS4 humanities have investigated the movement of our earth from Pangea to now. We also visited the World Museum to gain a better understanding of what life was like on planet earth millions of years ago.

In military school pupils have been focusing on how best to work as a team. They completed a fantastic task to help develop their communication skills.



Best Practice for Teaching Assistants award



We are delighted to announce we have been recredited with the Best Practice Teaching Assistant award. A huge thank you to all the TAs in school for the amazing work they do for our pupils daily.

Sensory Circuit

Our sensory circuit is back up and running this term and has been a massive success with our pupils. Using the zones of regulation children have been able to identify how they are feeling, and with the sensory team's support are able to use appropriate sensory activities to help regulate themselves. Our sensory circuit has had a positive impact on the school as a whole and has helped children to develop independence. We look forward to continuing the hard work and developing the sensory provision further.



Spanish

We have had a great start to the year in our Spanish lessons, everyone is working hard, and we are having lots of fun as we learn through vocabulary games.

Year 7 have been learning about how to greet people and how to introduce themselves in Spanish, as well as the names for our classroom equipment. Some pupils have received a Spanish prize for their effort.



Year 8 are learning how to describe their houses and have designed their ideal house, there were some funny ideas as to where certain rooms should be, we even had a garage upstairs and a toilet in the garden!



Year 9 have been learning about clothes and colours. There was some very tricky grammar to understand but everyone made a great effort with it. They have designed their ideal outfits to go to different places.



The options group have been learning how to introduce and describe themselves. They are all working really hard towards their award.



Base 1 and 1a have been learning greetings, numbers and how to say how old they are. 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 greet people and introduce themselves. We have played games to help us remember our vocabulary and sung lots of songs. Some pupils have also received Spanish prizes for effort.



Citizenship

In citizenship year 7 have been learning how to be a good citizen. We are currently working on obtaining our environment award. Here we are collecting rubbish from the school yard, in order to make our community a nicer place.



Year 8 have been learning all about Elections and political parties. We have made rosettes and learned all about democracy.



Year 10 have been learning all about Mental Health in PSHE. We celebrated mental health day on Tuesday 10th October by having a cuppa and a chat about our mental health and came up with strategies we can use at home. We decided that talking and fresh air is the

best thing for our mental health and that's how we will feel positive. So that's what we did.



School Council

Elections took place this week for our brand-new student council. Miss Loughlin and Mr Burns will be launching school council after Half term. We are so excited to bring lots of exciting new things to school all ran by our amazing Bank View Pupils.



Allotment Club

Congratulations to the Allotment students for such hard work and team spirit this term. Students have dug up potatoes and rhubarb which have been made into wonderful recipes in cookery lessons.



Primary 1

Primary one has had a busy first term, we have been learning about ourselves, our emotions, our families and our city. The children have loved listening to stories particularly the colour monster and scouse mouse.

We have enjoyed getting out in the woods for forest school and have enjoyed making shelters, bug houses and toasting smores! We have also enjoyed our sessions with pop cats, singing, dancing and using musical instruments.



Primary 2

Wow! What a busy first half term it has been for Primary 2! We have been busy getting to know each other and ourselves through

the theme of "Marvellous Me". We have enjoyed our trips out - especially Forest School and our weekly trips to Rebound Therapy. We have been busy learning inside and outside of the classroom.



Primary 3

As part of their Flintstones topic, Primary 3 thoroughly enjoyed a visit from 'Ooga Booga', a Stone Age man who introduced the pupils to early human life. They have since created a Stone Age play tray using all the ideas learnt during the workshop. Learners have also been exploring rocks in science, linked to this topic. Pupils have also had a fantastic time learning about survival and safety in our Forest School sessions with Joe. Learners have created a den shelter, fire and explored different types of trees and leaves. Primary 3 pupils are also enjoying practical curriculum lessons, including making body patterns in Maths and making a sandwich as part of the instructional writing unit for English.



Primary 4

Primary 4 have had a jam packed first half term. Our focus has been Space. We have written stories about astronauts and aliens in English. We've made our own planets using Play-Doh in Science. In Art, our artist focus was Peter Thorpe. We looked at his work and discussed what we liked and disliked about his style. We learnt some techniques to help us create space pictures in his style. In between all of this, we have been learning first aid and received certificates to acknowledge our achievements. We have worked really hard and are going to continue with our excellent work after half term!





Primary 5

This half term we have started our new topic 'Out of this World' the children have loved learning all about our solar system and the universe. In Art, the children have been looking at the artist Peter Thrope and creating some space themed artwork inspired by him. In English, we are beginning to write our very own space stories. The class have loved creating their own alien and superhero to be their story characters. We have been lucky enough this half term to have weekly Judo sessions which the children have engaged with and really enjoyed! We have also taken part in a First Aid training course that the children have completed to give them basic First Aid knowledge. We have been working hard and can't wait to continue with our 'Out of this World' topic after half term. Make sure to check out Seesaw to see our amazing work this half term.



Year 7

Year 7 have been looking at place value this half term, and during our numeracy lessons we've been applying our functional maths skills to 'Mathopoly'! Students have learned how to be patient with each other and take turns in a group activity.



On Monday 16th October 2023, both year 7 groups went pumpkin picking at The Pumpkin Patch, Hightown. They had a fantastic day and both form groups were able to take home their own pumpkins to carve. This was a lovely opportunity for both forms to work on their communication skills and develop their personal and cultural experiences.



7B celebrated the harvest festival by sharing their breakfasts together and coming together to

make a classroom wreath out of all the materials they had collected.



During form time on Tuesday to Fridays, year 11 pupils have teamed up with pupils from year 7 to trial a new and exciting reading buddies system. They have been working hard to promote a love of reading to our year 7s by reading in pairs during Let's Read in the mornings.



This term in 7SC we have enjoyed settling into our brand-new school and have really put OUR stamp on it. 7SC particularly love a daily morning game of UNO to develop our communication skills followed by a read of our class book 'Skellig'.

In PSHE, we have been working hard on learning about our wellbeing both physically and mentally, we have studied the zones of regulation, so we are able to identify and regulate our emotions and have practiced what to do if there was an emergency. 7Sc are great at discussions, and love to share their opinions in a sensitive and mature manner.

We have really enjoyed cooking for our form Friday activity and have enjoyed eating our tasty treats - so far, we have made pizza, cookies and burgers. Why not try creating these recipes over the half-term for your families and friends?

Base 1

Base 1 have enjoyed exploring our new theme of 'All around the World'. We are currently reading poems from different continents and exploring different type of poetry. Pupils have written some fantastic poems so far!



Base 1 made some fantastic World maps to name and locate the seven continents and we have enjoyed finding out more about Africa in our Geography lessons. We have researched some different African countries and explored some of the 54 African flags!



We are currently finding out lots of information about African masks and we have found out that colours in Africa have different meanings, e.g. blue means love and

yellow means royalty. We have been colouring some different African patterns using different media based on the colour meanings and we look forward to our project after half term when we will make our own African masks.



Base Speke

The pupils in Base class enjoyed being able to do the shopping for our first ever Harvest Festival at the new Bank View site in Speke. We went to our local Morrisons and used our shopping list to find some interesting fruit and vegetables for the Harvest table. All of pupils in Speke then really enjoyed being able to touch, smell and taste different fruit and vegetables as part of the Harvest Festival.



Year 10

Year 10 students took part in teamwork activities at Liverpool Water sports, Queen Dock. Kayaking.

Learning a new skill and hopefully taking part in more water sports in the nearer future.



KS5

Internal and external work placements.

A special congratulations to all students who have now begun internal work experience, gained employment of a weekend or volunteer at an external placement. Well done!

Personal and Social development.

Students are working hard to complete their developing self unit. Students have identified areas of development they would like to improve on and are working towards developing this through UK Military School Activities. For example, team building, resilience and communication whilst working with STEM kits.

Students are going to attend a full day session at Formby woods to support students in working with new people and in new environments. Well done sixth form 😊.

Bank View Allotments.

The sixth form base class and other sixth formers have now started a learning through work experience unit at the school allotments. Here students attend.



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.

Music

Rehearsals are underway for this year's panto; do you know which one we're doing this year?

Clue 1:

'Plans are afoot, which is nearly as long as his nose,

Which character's face has a nose that grows and grows?!

Clue 2:

He has a conscience that's an insect!



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

m.armstrong@bankview.liverpool.sc

h.uk or

devine.j@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk

The school uniform with the school badge is available to buy at

We now have a new uniform supplier please see details below.

Lisa's Schoolwear72 Priory Road, Anfield, Liverpool, L4 2RZ

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

School Lunch



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.

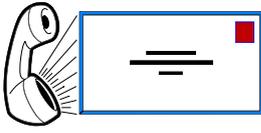
Or

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 Information



We would like to remind all parents of the

importance of providing the school with any change of address or phone numbers, please let the school office know immediately.

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 having up to date phone numbers. 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.

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Important Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

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.