

BANK VIEW SCHOOL



Half Term Newsletter

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Head Teachers Comments

Dear Parent/Carers

What an amazing end to the year, we have had the most marvellous time in school celebrating Christmas. It started on the 11th with Primary 1 and the Croxteth pupils class assembly. The assembly was fantastic and all the pupils enjoyed a visit to Father Christmas afterwards, in our very own Grotto.

On Tuesday we had our annual visit to St.Paul's church where we were treated to performances from the Spanish and staff choir. This event is a highlight of the Bank View School calendar and it was lovely to rejoice and reflect at this very busy time of year.

On Thursday the music assembly showcased the musical talents of many of our students.

In the afternoon upper school cheered and boomed in all the right places for the dress rehearsal of the school pantomime which demonstrated our students can act as well as sing!

I have to say, a massive thank you to all the staff involved in these activities, they give up a lot of

their free time and show great dedication to ensure that any pupil who wishes, gets the opportunity to perform.

We finished last week with a whole school trip to the cinema where pupils represented the school well. This week we get to enjoy the pantomime with parents and governors and Christmas dinner is on Tuesday. It's all go right up to the end of term with the Christmas disco on Wednesday - the disco has been organised by the 6th form as part of their enterprise course.

Thank you for all your support over the year, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and very happy and healthy 2018!

Juliette

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Download for free from the app store or google play store. You will find the app by searching for:-

BANK VIEW



App Store

The app will have our school logo



When you first download the app please register your details.

Our app will provide instant access to our term calendar, events, newsletters and our school policies. It will also have some great features such as reporting absences, filling in forms, link to our website and instant messages sent by push notifications.



Any Feedback? let us know by filling in the feedback form.

6th Form

Life skills

Sixth former students have been working hard to become more independent by continuing to work on life skills, travel training skills and becoming more employable through lessons in school and outside activities.

Duke of Edinburgh

Sixth form students have secured volunteering places at Freshfield Animal Sanctuary to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh award.

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They have also been busy preparing for the Bank View Christmas Disco which they have organised and will run on the last day of term. All money raised will be donated to Alder Hey Hospital and school fund. Thank you to everyone who has supported us.

Functional skills

Students are continuing to improve skills in English, Maths and ICT and have been working with our post 16 trainee teachers. The student teachers have said how much they have enjoyed working with the Bank View Sixth Form pupils and they have delivered lots of new and interesting lessons. Thank you for all your hard work!

Performing Arts

Some sixth former students have been involved in Da Da performances and in preparing for the school pantomime and successful Christmas church service. Well done to all involved. It is great to see such dedication.

Sixth Form Coffee Morning

The coffee morning on November 2nd allowed parents of year 10 and 11 students to speak with staff about the sixth form and supported internship programme. Ms Cain, Mr Davey and Ms Southern chatted to parents giving information and answering questions. Thank you to all those who attended.

A second event is planned in the New Year to allow any parents and carers who missed the first coffee morning to attend.

G Davey
Head of Sixth Form

Supported Internships

Our supported internship programme went live on 18th September. We have three sixth form students:

Eirinn Carey, Rebecca Owens and Emily Wright working at The Hilton Hotel in Liverpool with their job coaches Maria Hughes and Kevin Murphy.

The girls have completed their first term at the Hilton and they have had an amazing start.



They have learned new tasks, started to meet and greet customers and have even been working behind the bar! They are looking forward to a well-deserved break over Christmas and are excited to see what the New Year brings! Well done girls, we are really proud of you.

Maria and Kev

Year 11

Work Experience

Year 11 completed a 2 week work experience 6th - 17th November 2017. This year the students were even more successful than ever.

We had new placements at Tails in the City, Kiddiwinks Nursery and Deeside Leisure Centre as well as placements with employers like Stagecoach and Everton in the community who have supported our work experience for many years.

Two students Michael Speare and Ellie Dean worked so hard that their employers are discussing the prospect of employment when they leave school.

They all did Bank View very proud.

Well done!

Fundraising Events

Readathon 2017

The school took part in the Liverpool Readathon in November. A number of pupils completed a sponsored reading challenge, raising money for books for children in hospitals and for the school book fund.

The school made a total of £288.00. This was an excellent effort by the pupils and those who helped them at home. Well done to everyone involved!



The Harvest Festival and Foodbank

The pupils have been collecting food donations up until last week to deliver donations to those in need at the Liverpool Foodbank. The Foodbank was given as part of the Christmas Service, where over 7 boxes of food were given.



Children in Need 2017

Thanks to everyone who donated to Children in need. The total that we have raised last year and this year combined is £706.21.

Last year the pupils managed to climb Ben Nevis using the



climbing wall in 1 day! This year activities included a penalty shootout competition; guess the sweets in the jar, own clothes day and a cake sale to name a few.

Health & Wellbeing Week

Health and wellbeing week has just been celebrated in Bank View, and we went all out again this year!

Health & Wellbeing week was lots of fun, we climbed Mont Blanc, learned about staying safe & healthy, learned about massage & relaxation techniques & even had a Glow Rave.



Anti-bullying week



Pupils took part in many activities to celebrate anti bullying week.

In citizenship and

PSHEe we looked at words associated with bullying.

We looked at stereotypes, face value, different types of bullying and how you would feel as both the bully and the victim.

The pupils contributed to making a slogan wall.

Miss Armstrong

Wheels extreme project

We are delighted to announce that we will be running a project with a company called wheels extreme in the New Year.



This will be in collaboration with Abbots Lea school. A group of pupils will get the chance to work with 2 world champion skateboarders and inline skaters on a project to build friendships, resilience and teamwork.

This is a new venture for both Bank View and Abbots Lea and we

hope the pupils make lots of new friendships and learn a new sport along the way.

Here is the link to their website if you want to have a look.

<http://wheelsextreme.co.uk/>

Thanks Miss Armstrong and Mr McVerry (Abbots Lea)

Life skills challenge

Pupils in 7b have completed a section of their life skills challenge work this half term. They have left school each Tuesday morning and spent time in the local community.

We have been the local shops, post office, hospital and cemetery as well as using the public bus. We had lots of fun along the way and many new life skills were mastered.

Well done 7b, we had lots of fun taking you out each week.

Miss Armstrong and Dawn.

@ Model at Croxteth Primary School

At Croxteth we have been enjoying the Christmas activities. The pupils enjoyed decorating the tree, they made their own Father Christmas and each took a turn to find a present on the advent calendar.



Santa's Grotto

After an amazing performance the Primary 1 and Year 3 children went to Santa's Grotto to meet Santa and received an early Christmas present!



School Christmas Events

Monday 11th December 2017

Congratulations to Primary 1 and Year 3 for their first school assembly at Bank View School.



All their hard work creating props and lots of practice paid off. Thank you to family and friends who were able to attend and celebrate the achievements of Primary 1 and Year 3.



Christmas Church Service Tuesday 12th December 2017

The annual Bank View Christmas concert was a great success.

The music club performance of Samba Funk and Samba Reggae led by Ms Quigley and the Spanish Choir performances of

Cascabels led by Mrs Nurse and Mrs Smith were the highlight of the show! Well done to all the students involved.

A special mention to Nathan Rigby and Kimberley Michaels who delivered wonderful readings in the service.

Thank you and well done to everyone involved.



Pantomime for Governors/Parents
Monday 18th December 2017

A big thank you to all the cast and staff who contributed to the Christmas panto "A lad in Birkenhead". Everyone involved worked really hard to put on two excellent performances.

Thanks to all the parents who came to support the show also.



Whole School Christmas Dinner



The whole school enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner in the hall on Tuesday 19th December wearing their Christmas Jumpers!



Christmas Disco
20th December 2017

Sixth form students got together and as part of their CoPE and Duke of Edinburgh work have planned, organised and run our annual Christmas Disco!! Activities such as our Christmas market stalls, including school enterprise, a photo booth, Santa, a surprise DJ, snacks and drink were also on offer.



We would like to thank you all for any donations made.

Student Council

Student councillors have set up a new student suggestion box this half term for all students to access outside the main office. This was set up as part of the student council action point from the student surveys. Students across school have been utilising the suggestion box well, giving a wider student voice across school. Next half term students will gather all of the student suggestions, developing and taking forward any action points across school. Thank you to all students for your suggestions and to the student councillors for their positive efforts.

Well done,
Miss Southern.

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.



Attendance & Punctuality

I ask please that as parent/carers you ensure that your child attends school every day unless they are really poorly. Pupils' welfare is of paramount importance to us and attendance and punctuality are essential for children to make progress. We acknowledge that each family's circumstances are different and we work in partnership with parents/carers to provide the best education for every child. I have issued all pupils with a challenge to achieve 100% attendance each term and if they do this they will receive a reward. The government have now issued new guide lines that means that pupils who have 90% attendance or less are classed as 'persistent absentees' and further action will be taken by the school with the support of the education welfare officer.

Thank you.
Anne Marsh EWO

Pupil Absence

All parents/guardians 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.



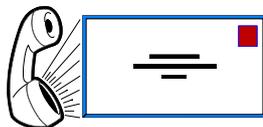
If your child wishes to change from school dinner to packed lunch or packed lunch to school dinner. Please call the school office first on 0151 330 5101 to prevent unsolicited dinner charges.

School dinners cost £9 per week, please make sure your child's account is kept up to date.

After School Club

After school club runs from 3:20pm - 4:30pm on a Wednesday. Please note that if your child is on the list to go to our after school clubs and you wish for your child NOT to attend club on that day, please contact the school office to let them know on 0151 330 5101

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 number of 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.

Pupil Name:
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New Home No:
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New Mobile No:
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New Address:
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Postcode.....

Please fill in the information if there are any changes and send into school as soon as possible.

Or email or send info via the parent app.

Attention: Parents must now declare the country of birth for their child. If your child was born in a country outside the UK please send in proof of this so the information can be passed onto the LA. Thank you



Important Dates

**21st Dec- 5th Jan- Christmas
Holidays**



8th January- Back to School

12th- 16th February - Half Term

19th February - Back to school

**26th March - 6th April -
Easter Holidays**



10th April- Back to School

7th May - May Day (Bank Holiday)

28th May - 1st June - Half Term

4th June- Back to School

**20th July - School finishes at
1:15p.m.**

23rd July - NEW Inset Day

24th July- Inset Day



BANK VIEW HIGH SCHOOL 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALANDER

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School Closed/Holidays

In-Set Day no school for students



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