

BANK VIEW HIGH SCHOOL



Half Term Newsletter

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Head teacher's Comment

Dear Parents/Carers

This half term has seen the opening of BankView@Croxteth a unit for primary pupils who require intensive short term intervention to improve their 'readiness to learn' and engagement in the classroom. The @model provides Bank View with the opportunity to share our expertise on SEN and ASD with mainstream colleagues. Here at Bank View, we have celebrated Safer Internet Day and as a school we continue to teach the pupils how they can keep themselves safe online, both in school and at home. The NOW festival took place on the 8th to 10th February and the theme of the festival was 'Children's Rights'. Pupils from Bank View worked with pupils from Sandfield Park, Redbridge and ACE to write a rap on the rights for disabled youngsters, they then performed the rap on the stage of the Epstein theatre with the video they produced as the backdrop.

Next half term will be another busy one with Diversity Week, Fairtrade Day, World Book Day and our residential trips all happening!

I hope you all have a lovely holiday.

Juliette Gelling

Sixth Form Updates

After an mammoth effort made by our pupils they managed to raise alotof money for two excellent local charities. They recently visited Alder Hey Hospital to deliver a cheque for £100 and have sent a cheque for £100 to the Whitechapel Centre.



Students have been busy preparing for the summer residential trip to Bibby's Farm learning about the importance of self reliance and personal resilience in Duke of Edinburgh lessons. They have been learning about suitable foods to take on the trip and visiting local parks to practice basic map reading skills and walking over short distances which will increase over time in preparation for our expedition walk in May.



Students will also soon resume voluntary work experience at Rice Lane City Farm after a short winter break.

History students are planning visits to sites of historical interest in Liverpool with a focus on the city's involvement in the English Civil War. These will take place in the coming weeks.

Our Life Skills groups have continued to make use of the sixth form 'flat', learning lots of useful new skills that can hopefully be used at home to help out! These include vacuuming, washing up, laundry, making the bed and making snacks and hot drinks.

Students are also working with Neil Alecock from TAGS to complete work on future destinations including colleges, apprenticeships and careers.

Thank you
Gareth Davey (Head of 6th Form)

Valentine's Day

The 6th form enterprise group have produced a range of



Valentines Day products including roses, sweets and chocolates. These will be sold over the next couple of weeks, letters will be sent out soon.

Arc Updates

First Coffee Morning of 2017

Our first get-together went very well. We had a large group of parents and carers who found the information given by Donna from LiVPac really helpful. We were delighted that so many of you

attended and found the session helpful. There is lots of information on the LivPac website.

We were also able to let parents and carers know more about our Teen Tamers Course, this is a free 5 session course here at school with a certificate which will enable you to better understand your children and how their brains work, it also helps with understanding how to make your children

stronger to deal with such things as stress, emotional wellbeing and



mental health. Our first course - 28th February for 5 sessions is almost full and places are offered on a first-come-first served basis so if you are interested send an email to

j.assheton@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk

Bank View Quiet Palace

We are also looking forward to opening our new Quiet Place, which will offer pupils



the chance to work through some of their issues one to one through play and observation. More serious or complex issues will continue to be referred to specialist agencies

such as CAMHS. The new room will be based in the ARC and is almost ready!

Horticulture Groups

In November we finished weeding the allotment and covered the plots to keep the weeds down. We have spent the last couple of months writing up work towards the Entry level Qualification. When the weather has permitted we have been

putting rabbit fencing at the bottom of the playground to



prevent the rabbits damaging planting in school, this should be finished shortly after half term. When that is finished we will begin on the allotment sowing broad beans to start the new season.

On Wednesdays I plan to work with pupils on the school site. We need to put in some soakaways and plant a number of ornamental trees to give more interest on the playground. Now we have been in school for 18 months it has become clear where we need to add stepping stones to prevent damage to the planting.

I will also be approaching the Woodland Trust who will provide young native trees, so that we can

plant up the wild area damaged by the rabbits.

There are the deep beds and containers that need planting for colour as well, so a busy season beckons, if any pupils want to help with the gardening please let me know.



John Pearce

Spanish

What's been happening in Spanish? Our pupils have been working hard on exciting things in after school club.



Food Technology

These are some pictures of the year 7's being very safe in the kitchen by taking food out of the oven the correct way!



We also have a science fair coming up on the 17th March during 'British Science Week' letter will be sent out after half there with more information.

BVHS Employability

At BVHS we are always striving to find opportunities to build employability skills and we think this latest idea is a winner. School will be advertising a number of job opportunities for pupils to do during the school day: Register Monitor, Announcer (tannoy), dinner monitors to name a few. Look out for the adverts and be sure to apply to earn dojo points.

Science lesson updates

Our pupils in Bank View have been getting up to loads of



exciting things in science this year they have been doing the heart dissection(y8), temperature treasure hunt (base 1), making acid/alkali pH rainbows with y7, solving the neutralisation mystery with y9, creating electric fans and even bending water with static charges with y8.



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Fusion

Fusion have got spaces available (for pupils who have a fusion referral in place) to attend a Youth Night on a Wednesday night from 6-9pm at Milstead School, Iliad St L5 3LU (off Great Homer St). Some activities include sports, gaming, arts & craft and cooking. If you are interested contact the Fusion office on 0151 225 6020.

Thank you Ste Ward (LSO)

Independent Travel Training coffee morning



Travel training with Marie and Marion continues with a focus on routes to and from local colleges and Phil Nicholls from Fusion has started sessions with sixth form students around using public transport safely and effectively.

There will be a coffee morning on Thursday 2nd March at 10:00am-11:30am.

This is a great opportunity for you to come along and ask questions regarding travel training, and to see what the training involves. There will be a short power point presentation which will explain the training programme in detail and all of the documents we use.

The coffee morning will take place in school

Many thanks

Phil Nichols

Independent Travel Trainer.

Any queries please contact the school or ITT office on 0151 225 6046

Reward Trips

Last half terms reward trip was to the pantomime at the Southport theatre. All the pupils were brilliantly behaved and a real credit to school and their families. The pupil's watched Snow white and all had a fabulous time.



This term we are heading to Spring City on the 16th Feb which will be just as much fun!

Fairtrade Fortnight

At the end of February in the morning after half term Bank View will celebrate world Fairtrade week by organising morning tea for the pupils to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight. Pupils are more than welcome to bring in any fair-trade food produce to use for our Breakfast morning. There will be more detail to follow.



PGL

This year PGL trips will take place in March.

Year 7 PGL Residential Trip
8.30am Wednesday 8th March
2017 until 3pm Friday 10th March
2017 at Winmarleigh Hall

Year 8,9,10 Residential Trip
8.30am Wednesday 22nd March
2017 until 3pm 24th March 2017
Boreatton Park



Bank View will be celebrating world book day on the 2nd March with a fancy dress day. Pupils are allowed to dress up as their favourite book or comic character. There will be quizzes and other fun activities.

Diversity Week

Diversity Week will be happening at the end of March and pupils will take part in a range of activities during the course of the week. This will include wheelchair basketball, Indian dance, blind football, learning braille to name a few. This was very successful last year and pupils are looking forward to this year's activities.



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.

Thank you Anne Marsh EWO

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality are essential for children to make progress. As a school we encourage children to be in school as often as they can. 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.

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.

School Dinners

If your child wishes to change from school dinner to packed lunch or packed lunch to school dinner. You must inform the office before you change.



Enrichment Activities

Movema Dance Workshops

20 pupils from years 7 to 10 are currently taking part in dance workshops on a Monday morning facilitated by charitable organisation Movema. Each week pupils learn dance moves from different countries and cultures across the world. I have been amazed by the enthusiasm and commitment that the pupils have shown and it is fantastic to see the determination and enjoyment



on the pupils faces as they perfect their dance moves. The project will finish when both Bank View and Childwall Abbey schools come together in a dance showcase on 3rd March and for those that want to there will be an opportunity to perform at the LEAP Festival on 5th March...details to follow!

Champion's performance

It will at the NOW Festival at Epstein Theatre 8th February.

As part of the Champions project in conjunction with Sandfield Park and Redbridge Schools some of our pupils performed a rap and produced a music video to accompany it

which was shown at The NOW Festival at the Epstein Theatre on Wednesday 8th February. Pupils opened the show and performed brilliantly. Their performance was entertaining, catchy and thought provoking as it made people evaluate how they see and treat young people with additional needs and disabilities.



I am so proud of what they have achieved, the rap and film was all their own ideas and some of the

pupils as well as performing in front of the camera were also involved in shooting the film too! Pupils will be performing it at the three schools as well as other schools throughout the city as well as at the DaDaFest in July and at Sandfield Parks Schools 'SandFest' and our very own 1st 'BankFest' ... Watch this space!

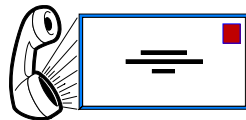
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After School Club

Please note that if your child is on the list to go to our after school club and you wish for your child NOT to attend club on that day, please contact the school office to let them know. On 0151 233 6120 or email: bankview-ao@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk

Thank you

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.

Parent/Carer Name:

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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 above if any changes and send into school as soon as possible. Or email your details to bankview-ao@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk

Thank you

Important School Dates

20th-24th February - Half Term

27th February - Back to school

**10th - 21st April - Easter
Holidays**



14th April - Good Friday

17th April- Easter Monday

24th April- Back to School

**1st May - May Day (Bank
Holiday)**

2nd May - Inset Day

**29th May - 2nd June - Half
Term**

5th June- Back to School

**21st July- School finishes at
1:30pm**

**24th July Summer Holidays
School will finish at 1:30pm**

BANK VIEW HIGH SCHOOL 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALANDER

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School Closed/Holidays



In-Set Day no school for students



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Liverpool's Local Offer

Liverpool's Local Offer is a website where you can find everything you need to know for children and young people 0-25yrs with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND).



If you can't find what you need, please contact the Local Offer Engagement Officer, Dawn McColl on **07876 844 135**