

# BANK VIEW SCHOOL



## Half Term Newsletter

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## Head Teachers Comments

Dear Parent/Carers

Despite this half term being only 5 weeks long, we have as ever, managed to cram an awful lot in.

This week we are acknowledging and celebrating diversity within our own school community and the wider community. Activities during diversity week include wheelchair basketball, blind football, trips to the World museum and a Jewish synagogue to name but a few.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February was safer internet day. Educating our pupils how to keep themselves safe is just one of the many important roles we have in school. Pupils enjoyed an informative assembly on internet safety and have been completing activities in form classes linked to the topic. A coffee morning was also held for parents on how to keep their children safe online.

After half term I will be holding a parents consultation meeting to discuss feedback from our annual parent survey. I would be delighted if you could join me for this meeting.

Have a lovely holiday.

Juliette Gelling.

## Download our Parent App

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 calander, 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.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Form

### Freshfields

Sixth form students are currently volunteering at Freshfields animal rescue as part of their Duke of Edinburgh awards. Students are really enjoying their weekly visits, working within the cattery, socialising the cats by reading stories and interacting through play. Sixth formers have also developed their social communication and interaction working alongside Freshfields staff.



There have also been visits to Croxteth Park in preparation for our D of E expedition in May.

The sixth form has also welcomed a new trainee teacher this term. Miss Thursby, a student at Hope University, has started a placement with us and will remain with the sixth form until the summer term.

Miss C Southern/Mr G Davey

## Supported Internships

The girls have had another busy half term in the Hilton! They are being kept busy doing lots of different tasks and have been helping with afternoon tea and bar services. Eirinn has moved up to house-keeping this half term and is really enjoying it! She is gaining more confidence each day! Well done for trying something new Eirinn.

Maria  
and  
Kev



## Student Council

Student councillors have met this half term to discuss pupil ideas from our student suggestion box.

Councillors and students took a vote on ideas to action on as a school. For example, one of the most popular suggestions made was to have an additional lunch time gaming and computing club. This is currently being actioned upon by student councillors. Students are pleased with how their ideas and suggestions are being put forward.



Well done to you all.  
Miss Southern 😊

## Children In Need Poem

Our Year 8 pupils won the North Liverpool Learning Network's performance poetry competition for best performance of an original poem. The poem was written by our Upper-School functional skills pupils.

Here is a copy of the poem:

### Children In Need Day

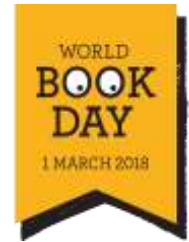
On our school day for  
Children In Need,  
Poor Year 8, they had to weed,  
We wore own clothes, for the day,  
So one pound, we had to pay,  
We all took a penalty kick,  
I scored a great hat-trick!  
We did loads of things in P.E,  
To raise money for charity,  
We drew pictures of Pudsey Bear,  
But some gave us a right scare,  
Then we had a great cake sale,  
Some had too many, and turned  
very pale,  
It was a lovely thing for us to do,  
Helping others, makes you happy  
too.



## World Book Day 2018

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Pupils can dress up as characters from the world of imagination (books, films, tv shows, games) there will be World Book Day competitions and games throughout the day.



## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

There was a whole school day of activities centred on keeping safe online.



The theme for this year is "Create, Connect and Share Respect". Parents were invited in for a Coffee morning and were supplied with information to help keep their youngsters safe online. If you would like to see what the students produced over the day or you want any more information about how to support you child in staying safe on line then please visit our website.

Miss J Staunton



## Champions group

4 students from Bank View Andrew Galbraith, James Gibbons, Chloe Cook and Matthew Nelmes are part of this group and work with students from Sandfield School.



The students have written, acted, produced, directed and filmed a piece called Accessible Menu. This explores some of the barriers faced by young disabled people and how these impact on their mental health along with changes that need to happen to make society more equal for disabled people. The group was supported by Sarah Spoor from Sandfield Park School, film maker James Shaw and myself.

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed being involved especially working on a professional film set and learnt many valuable skills.

This film was shown as part of Merseyside Youth Association's NOW festival.

## Now Festival

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February students in the Champions group took part in this years NOW festival at the Epstein theatre in Liverpool Town Centre which is a four day

festival. We had a wonderful time watching other schools and youth groups performances around the themes of Education and Mental Health. Our film 'Accessible Menu' was shown and received high praise from the audience and the judging panel. We were given an award for the performance with the strongest themes by Liverpool Learning Partnership and 'Best Film of the NOW Festival 2018'. We are delighted with this award as standards were extremely high. Students are already looking forward to NOW Festival 2019!

## Wheels extreme project

We continue our leadership and mentor project along with Abbots Lea this week.



It has been going extremely well and the pupils have been amazing at being involved and getting along with each other. Pupils had to pitch ideas for a leadership project to 'The Dragons aka the teachers' and winners were chosen from each school. Pupils had the opportunity to show off their inline skating skills on Thursday and there were some real superstars in the group. Special mention to Alfie who was able to do some high level skills - Jenna - who is a

World Champion skater was very impressed. This week's sessions are with Neil Danns who is a European skateboard champion so the pupils and the staff are looking forward to learning new skating skills before a day out to rampworx to conclude the project.

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)



The school has two upcoming PGL residential trips.

First up is the Year 7 trip to Winmarleigh Hall near Lancaster. 12 pupils will be attending the visit from Wednesday 28th Feb 2018 until Friday 2nd March.

The pupils from Year 8, 9 and 10 will be going to Boreaton Park in Shropshire from Wed 14th March until Friday 16th March 2018.

Both groups will be engaging in a wide variety of outdoor and adventurous activities ranging from Fencing to Zip Wire.

## Parent Consultation Meeting

All parent/carers are invited to the Parent Consultation Meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10.00am with Ms Gelling.

There will be tea/coffee, refreshment's and a chance to win a £25 Tesco voucher!

We look forward to seeing you!

## Horse Riding

14 Bank View students have been attending Crosby Riding for the disabled since the start of the academic year. For five of the group is has been the first time they have ever sat on a horse.



The pupils have shown tremendous amount of courage and perseverance over the past few months and are really enjoying themselves.

A special thank you to all of the Volunteers at the stable for all their support, dedication and making the pupils feel so welcome.

## Maths

### Lunch time maths club

After half term Mr Tasker is starting a Lunch time maths club every Wednesday during second dinner sitting. There will be fun, creative tasks and puzzles available or you can get help with any maths homework/classwork. All ages are welcome!



Mr C Tasker, Maths Teacher

## ART

### GCSE after school Art Club

We have been working hard this term, looking at Natural form and the students have produced a variety of different techniques and pieces. Some students have completed some larger scale Natural form paintings as you can see from the example from Ciaran Sibbald 10a.



### DOT-ART competition.

We are in the process of entering our Year 9 and 10 student's art work to the annual DOT- ART competition which is open to all Liverpool schools. Students enter one piece of their work that they have produced in their Art lessons and three overall finalists are



chosen by the team of judges. We will keep you posted on who reaches the final in a few weeks time. Here are some of the pieces of work being submitted from our Year 9 students.



### Art GCSE exam.

We are currently two weeks into the Year 11 art exam preparation and our students are working hard towards achieving their best possible grade. After half term they will continue with this prep until their actual 10 hour exam which will take place the week before we break up for Easter.

Ms N Concannon, Art Teacher



## Primary Class

Primary one have been learning about how to keep themselves safe in the community with help from PC Caroline



## @ Model at Croxteth Primary School

This term we have been focusing on using our



phonics to spell familiar and unfamiliar CVC words and Writing Skills. We are also creating our own animated show of the 'Super Worm' and we will be presenting it to the assessment centre (@MODEL) on Thursday 8th February 2018.



## Diversity Week

This term finishes with an action packed diversity week.

The pupils have taken part in lots of fun and interesting activities including wheel chair sport, blind football, LGBTQ+ workshops, Irish and Welsh studies, Chinese New Year, disability dance session plus many more. Some classes went out for the day to The Museum of Liverpool, The Anglican cathedral, Princes Road synagogue and Pizza Express.

Staff worked very hard to provide the pupils with a diverse range of activities and all the pupils learnt new skills. Thanks to everyone who worked very hard to make it happen.





## GCSE Exam Dates

Please find below the dates for the upcoming GCSE dates:

### ART EXAMS

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - all day (11A)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 - all day (11B)

### SCIENCE EXAMS

15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Combined Science  
- Biology Paper 1

17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Combined Science  
- Chemistry Paper 1

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 - Combined Science  
- Physics Paper 1

June 2018

11<sup>th</sup> June - Combined Science -  
Biology Paper 2

13<sup>th</sup> June - Combined Science -  
Chemistry Paper 2

15<sup>th</sup> June - Combined Science -  
Physics Paper 2

### MATHS EXAMS

Edexcel mathematics foundation  
1MA1

Paper 1 1hour 30  
Thursday 24th May

Paper 2 1 hour 30 calculator  
Thursday 7th June

Paper 3 1hour 30 calculator  
Thursday 12th June

### COOKERY EXAMS

Food Preparation & Nutrition GCSE  
14th June 2018 in the afternoon  
(1 hour 45 mins)



## 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.

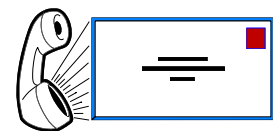
School dinners cost £9 per week, please make sure your child's account is kept up to date.

## 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.

### Important Dates

**12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term**

**19<sup>th</sup> February - Back to school**

**26<sup>th</sup> March - 6<sup>th</sup> April -  
Easter Holidays**



**10<sup>th</sup> April- Back to School**

**7<sup>th</sup> May - May Day (Bank Holiday)**

**28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half Term**

**4<sup>th</sup> June- Back to School**

**20<sup>th</sup> July - School finishes at  
1:15p.m.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July - NEW Inset Day**

**24<sup>th</sup> July- Inset Day**





# BANK VIEW HIGH SCHOOL 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALANDER

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July 2018						
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 School Closed/Holidays

 In-Set Day no school for students