

BANK VIEW HIGH SCHOOL



Half Term Newsletter



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Head teacher's Comment

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another very busy term in school with the highlight being 'Diversity Week'. Students enjoyed graffiti art, Indian dancing, trips to the cathedral and wheelchair basketball. The week was a great success and we pride ourselves here at Bank View at valuing and celebrating diversity. Two residential trips took place to PGL with many students across the school participating in a variety of outdoor activities such as the giant swing, the aerial slide and archery. In the evening entertainment included a disco and robot wars!

As a school we like to think we play an important role in leading the way on new initiatives and that's exactly what we are doing with the supported internship programme. We are delighted to announce that in partnership with the Hilton we will be able to offer a new destination for sixth form students, with supported job roles in the Liverpool One Hotel. The job roles will create an opportunity for students to go and find permanent employment with the hotel chain.

As we enter exam season I would like to stress the importance of attendance. All students across

school understand the importance of good attendance and I would really appreciate your support in this matter.

We say goodbye to Ms Colligan today. I would like to thank her on behalf of the governors, staff and pupils for all her hard work in RE & SMSC and I would like to wish her every success for the future.

Finally, I must thank everyone for all their contributions as we continue to raise funds for the school and other charities, your generosity is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Juliette Gelling

New Governor Appointment

I am delighted to announce that Michelle Walker will be our new parent governor, she will replace Debbie Forshaw who is stepping down after 6 years of service. I would like to thank Debbie for her contribution to governance and school improvement at Bank View.

Sixth Form Updates

Enterprise

Students have worked hard on social enterprise projects this term. Firstly the Valentine's Day flowers sale and now the Comic Relief cake sale! Our pupils have raised a lot of money, which is absolutely fantastic. The enterprise team are currently working hard on their next project which is 'Easter Bunnies' they sold some at the Easter Bingo on the 5th of April.

Travel Training

Sixth form students have continued to work hard to increase independence. The focus of travel training has been on routes to colleges this term. The excellent work of Bank View travel training staff has been supplemented by the assistance of independent travel trainers from the city council's SEN department.



College

Groups of sixth form students have visited the City of Liverpool College and Greenbank College this

term and representatives from colleges and Merseyside Training Plus have been into sixth form to speak to students.

Our school link group have also been working hard in Hugh Baird College this term taking part in Hair and Beauty taster sessions. Students learnt how to give facials and how to manicure nails and have received training and treatments in the salon.



Thank you
Gareth Davey (Head of 6th Form)

Supported Internships

We are very proud to announce that we will be offering supported internships from Sept 2017. Our school has been chosen by the LA to take part in a pilot programme to introduce supported internships to Liverpool. A Supported Internship is a study programme especially designed for young people with learning difficulties who have a statement or EHC plan. It is for young people who would like to progress into paid employment but need some support to do so.

The programme is for one academic year; interns have a place of employment and are supported by a job coach. Job coaches will be BVHS staff who have been specially selected and trained to support the interns during their work.

Look out for more information about our employer and our job coaches soon.

Comic Relief



Sixth form students ran and organised a Comic Relief cake sale for the whole school in the common room on Friday 24th March 2017. Thank you for your continued support and contributions. We raised a massive £120 😊

Easter Bingo

On the 5th April we celebrated the end of Easter term with our annual bingo! We had an excellent turnout and everyone had such a great time. We would like to say a big thank you to all who donated prizes and helped make the night a success.



Year 11 Exam Dates

Please see below for official exam's dates for Yr 11 pupils. Please note not every Yr 11 pupil will take all the exams on the list.

Mathematics Paper 1: Non-Calculator Foundation Tier 1MA1 1F 25th May-17 AM (1h 30m)

Mathematics Paper 2: Calculator Foundation Tier 1MA1 2F 8th June-17 AM (1h 30m)

Mathematics Paper 3: Calculator Foundation Tier 1MA1 3F 13th June-17 AM (1h 30m)

Science Gateway B Foundation paper 1 24th May afternoon (1hr 15)

Science Gateway B Foundation paper 2 9th June morning (1 hr 30)

SAY Yes to the PROM

Year 11 Leavers Prom will take place on Friday 30th June after the exams. We will be doing various fundraising to make it even better than last years. There will be more details available next term.

Arc Updates

Youth Connect 5 Training

We have completed our pilot group for the Youth Connect 5 - "Teen Tamers"

There was a total of 8 parents who attended 5 sessions and they found the training very interesting and beneficial. Lots of discussion and plenty of ideas were exchanged and everyone supported one another in their learning.

Parents were awarded a Certificate at the end of the course and are happy to chat with others about their experiences.

The training gives parents ideas about how to build resilience in their children, how to protect their mental health and emotional well-being. It also offers the opportunity to share experiences and gives ways of responding to children when times are tough - all things that parents can benefit from knowing more about!

Our next course starts after the Easter break and we have some places if you would like to attend.

Please contact Jan or Layla at school to reserve your place

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!

Gardening News

A new gardening year has begun and on the allotment we have sown our broad beans, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and Brussel sprouts. The pupils want to grow sweet potatoes so a deep bed has been built in the polytunnel.

However, we have still been busy over winter. The rabbit fencing is now finished and the herb beds are flourishing.

We have visited a number of garden centres with the pupils and bought and planted five trees, Kilmarnock willow, purple plum, amelanchier, winter cherry and honey locust.



We have discovered that some borders are soil laid over concrete and hold a lot of water. We have planted up these areas with ferns and a gunnera. In future it might turn itself into a pond!



One of the deep beds has been planted up with pansies for summer colour.

Now we have been in the building for a couple of years we can see where we need to put in stepping stones for pathways and the containers around the pergola need compost and planting up. So more visits to garden centres and their cafes are required.

Good gardening,

John Pearce

World Book Day

Bank View celebrated world book day on the 2nd March with a fancy dress day. Pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book and comic character. There was a book quiz and pupils participated in fun activities throughout the day. We would like to say a big congratulations to Ross and Mr Friend who were winners of the best dressed competition.

Well done

Life Skills Group

Cushions were made as part of life skills lessons! Pupils have been learning basic sewing skills & using the sewing machine.



College updates

Since September our year 11 and sixth form students have attended taster sessions at Hugh Baird College. The subjects provided have been Joinery, Floristry, Catering, Painting and Decorating, Hair and Beauty and ICT (Creative Media). All our students have applied themselves well in all areas and have represented Bank View extremely well.

This opportunity has given our students valuable experience of college life. Here are a collection of photos of our students at college from throughout the year.

Also note there will be an annual awards evening at Hugh Baird in the near future. Parents will be notified of the date in due course.



Spanish

Our pupils have been working hard in after school club. Jack has produced an article for our school newsletter and has translated a version into Spanish as part of his ASDAN Languages Short Course





Our Options club (Spanish)

Dear Parents, Staff and Pupils

Hello my name is Jack Deakin and I study Spanish in our Options group. I am working towards an Asdan Certificate for my Spanish. I would like to tell you about Spain and its culture. We have had a food tasting session in our lesson and tasted **paella** which is Spain's national dish and I have cooked it in our lesson - I loved it! We made it as part of our challenge.

Spain has many festivals like La Tomatina where people throw tomatoes, **Las Fallas**, **Carnival**, **San Fermin** where people run with the bulls and other festivals. Spain's flag is Red and Yellow with the logo in the middle. **Spain's Capital** city is Madrid which is in the middle of Spain. Spain has other cities like Barcelona which is like the 2nd biggest city in Spain. Spain's money is called Euros. The king name of Spain is called King Felipe VI. The weather is hot there and Spain's favourite dance is called Flamenco. To me, Spain sounds fantastic and im glad that im learning this new language and I hope to go to Spain one day!

Adios amigos





Independent Travel Training

Travel training with Marie and Marion continues with a focus on routes to and from local colleges.



Phil Nicholls from Fusion has started sessions with students making them independent using

public transport to and from school. So far we have 7 pupils who are now independent!!

Many thanks

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

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)

Reward Trips

This term we headed to Ariel Extreme in Knowsley on the 5th April. This is the biggest course of its kind in the country, with over 60 hair-raising obstacles offering the ultimate in High Rope Adventure. With the Lions and Tigers of the Safari Park roaring in the background. All the pupils had a great time and it was a good way to celebrate all their hard work and good behaviour. In order to win the reward trip pupils collect class dojos throughout the half term in lessons and on the yard. The pupils with the most positive dojos in each class wins the trip. There are also places for pupils who display the most improved behaviour over the half term, so keep collecting your dojos. Past trips have included spring city, theatre, pumpkin picking and the rocky trail amongst a few. Well done everyone.



PGL

This year PGL trips took place in March. Our Year 7's visited Winmarleigh Hall and our Year 8, 9, 10's went to Boreatton Park. Please check out our website for some great photos of our trips.

Fairtrade Fortnight

At the end of February Bank View hosted a Fairtrade breakfast morning.



Pupils took part in a Fairtrade assembly during which they learnt all about Fairtrade and how important it is. Afterwards we all sat down together and enjoyed a Fairtrade breakfast. We all had a lot of fun.



Enrichment Activities

Movema Dance Workshops

20 pupils from years 7-10 took part in dance workshops facilitated by World Dance organisation Movema. Pupils learnt dance moves from different countries and cultures across the world and put together a dance routine. I have been amazed by the enthusiasm and commitment that the pupils have shown and it was fantastic to see the determination and

enjoyment on the pupils faces as they perfected their dance moves. The project finished with both Bank View and Childwall Abbey schools coming together in a dance showcase on 3rd March at MDI Dance Studios. Some of the young people from both schools also performed at the LEAP Festival on 5th March at MAKE LIVERPOOL. Our pupils who have been taking part in the dance workshops put on a little performance during an assembly to showcase to the rest of the school the stuff they had learnt.



The Champions Project

Pupils from upper school/6th form will be working with young people from other schools as part of the Champions group. The aim of the group is to raise awareness of the barriers facing young disabled people and those with additional learning needs and to change people's attitudes and behaviours towards these young people. In February our pupils worked with pupils from Sandfield Park and

Redbridge School to put together a music video and rap. They showcased their work at this years NOW Festival which was at the Epstein Theatre.

We are about to embark on our next project in which we are working with a theatre group called Collective Encounters on a drama piece which looks at the barriers that young people face in relation to employment and the danger of viewing young people with additional difficulties and the things they can't do.

British Science Week

Here at Bank View we have successfully held our first school wide science fair on 17th March in celebration of British Science



Week 2017. We came together as a school to showcase our many talents in STEM with some incredible experiments and projects from hologram projectors to slime!

Everyone at Bank View put in an amazing effort for their projects and Base 2 won our science fair trophy for their outstanding Volcano Project!

Thank you again to all who got involved and helped make this event so successful.



Our Winners: Base 2



Life @ Croxteth

All the children have now settled into Bankview @ Croxteth. Our emphasis here is to help children learn through personal and social development.

This involves a lot of learning through play. We do our work of course but we make it fun. This week we have been very busy learning to work together. We are learning to use Pic Collage on the ipads.



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

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.

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.

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.

Dinners cost £9 per week
Payments can be made by cash or cheque please ensure that your child's account is up to date.

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

Art & Craft Club

During Art & Craft club this half term, we have made woolly Easter chicks, Easter cards and bunny boxes with chocolate eggs inside. The children had lots of fun making them all and were very excited to take them home as gifts for their families.



Next half term we will be making some of the following:-

- Bird Feeders
- Pen Holders
- Father's Day Cards
- Decorating Plant Pots

Sensory News

We have purchased some new equipment to add to our Sensory Integration Room. Pupils will be able to access this room and use this equipment at certain times throughout the day to help them to calm and organise their central nervous systems to enable them to focus and concentrate for longer periods of time in lessons. As a school we are also at looking at innovative and more discrete ways to integrate sensory strategies into the school day and teach pupils self-regulation strategies that they can take and use throughout their adult lives.

Diversity Week

Lots of exciting things happened during diversity week last week in school. The pupils took part in many different activities and trips. Pupils attended sessions delivered by Gay youth are out (GYRO), bully busters, graffiti artists and Indian dancers. Pupils also had the opportunity to take part in wheel chair sports. Staff delivered sessions on local history, diversity, foreign cookery sessions, Irish studies and even got to taste some Irish delicacies courtesy of Miss Jones. Others attended trips to both of Liverpool's magnificent cathedrals, The Pagoda Arts centre in China town, pizza express, the slavery and Liverpool museum. We all learnt new things including the staff and a fun time was had by all. Thanks to all the pupils and staff for their input in making diversity week a success.

Year 8 / 10 Diversity Week Visit to Maritime Museum.

A mixed year 8 / 10 group visited the International Slavery Gallery at the Merseyside Maritime Museum on March 29 during Diversity Week to complement work done on "Liverpool and the Slave Trade" in History.

The group were given a conducted tour of the gallery which was followed by the opportunity to handle a range of artefacts such as communication drums which originated from West Africa. Everyone enjoyed their visit and the Museum staff were very complimentary about the pupils' interaction and willingness to discuss and answer questions during the visit.



Caitlin and Jack inspect an elephant tusk with a carved story

Diversity Week and History



During Diversity week some students took part in a History trip around Everton as the 6th Form History group have been studying Liverpool's involvement in the English Civil War. Prince Rupert's Tower and the site of Prince Rupert's Cottage were visited as well as other historical locations. The students all reported that they enjoyed the visit and due to popular demand more are planned for the future! Ms Armstrong also took a group of sixth form students to visit the Pagoda Chinese Arts Centre to learn about Chinese culture including arts and music. Students really enjoyed the event and learned a lot.

After School Club & Diversity

After school clubs also celebrated diversity! In health and wellbeing club our pupils had the opportunity to try out a number of different activities all of which they thoroughly enjoyed. They even made this pic collage to showcase what they experienced!

Drum club celebrated diversity week by practicing different drumming techniques from around the world, producing all kinds of interesting sounds!



Race for Life 2017



To finish diversity week off, all the pupils took part in Bank Views very own race for life on Friday. Some staff ran 5km and some even completed theirs in the wheel chairs. All the pupils received a medal and had their medal presented to them. The total amount raised will be finalised once all the sponsor money has been collected. If there is any outstanding money I would be grateful if it could be collected and sent into school as soon as possible. A quick count estimates we raised approximately £300 so far! That's amazing!

Thanks again for all your support

Goodbye Ms Colligan

Thank you Bank View for a great 10 years. I came in one day for a couple of days covering Art and ended up staying a little bit longer than that! I've loved teaching RE, what great discussions we've had in class, hey?! I hope you all go on to live happy lives - remember to respect each other whatever your culture/ background/ religion etc. :-)

For anyone who doesn't already know... I'm going to be a wedding celebrant for the British Humanist Association, I know



I'll absolutely love it. I'll miss you all, of course, but will come back to tell you all about my new job at some point next year. A special thanks to the lovely Christine for all her voluntary work in RE and to all the many TAs who have supported me over the years!

Love from Ms Colligan ☺ 🐱 🖐
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Student Council News

Student council have met this half term to discuss the success of diversity week and the pupil satisfaction survey.

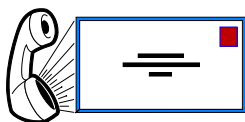


The results of the student satisfaction survey shows that pupils feel safe, are happy and enjoy coming to our school. Student councillors come up with further suggestions and ideas of rewards and activities during break times.

Discussing diversity week, students expressed that they thoroughly enjoyed participating in all activities, learning about different cultures, participating in

wheelchair basketball and taking part in trips linked to diversity around the local area. All students are looking forward to celebrating this again next year.

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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Important School Dates

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

30th June- Year 11 Prom Day

21st July- School finishes at 1:30pm

24th July Summer Holidays

Easter Half Term

Friday 7th April - Finish for Easter Break (Finish at 1:30pm)

Pupils return to school on Monday 24th April (Normal time)

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**