

# BANK VIEW HIGH SCHOOL



## Autumn Half Term Newsletter

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## Head Teachers Comments

Dear Parent/Carers

I would like to start the newsletter this half term, by thanking everyone for their support in regards to the death of our much loved colleague, Jackie Taylor. We held a memorial service in school which was attended by some of Jackie's family to remember and celebrate Jackie's life and the impact she had on the school. As a school we are very proud of how the students have coped with Jackie's death and supported each other and staff.

In school we celebrated the fantastic exam results that the year 11 and 6th form students achieved in the last academic year, they were well deserved and I know everyone here at school and all their families at home are very proud of them. As ever it was a very busy half term, which saw the first student from Bank View appointed as a one of the young Lord Mayors of the city! Two other students have also been appointed to select committees and all pupils took part in a vote to decide which topics

they would like to have debated in parliament.

Our new electronic reward system is working well in school and you may well have heard your child talk about 'dojos' which are the currency to earn rewards. Rewards such as a milkshake on Fridays, trips out, golden time and extra football are all on offer to pupils who behave well and work hard. Finally as a school we are really lucky to be part of a two year project called 'Music for All' which, as the title implies, gives all pupils in school the opportunity to play a variety of instruments and enjoy and create music. The project culminates in a concert at the Philharmonic Hall.

Juliette

## Attendance

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 we believe that regular attendance throughout the year is essential for their success and fulfilment. We acknowledges that each family's circumstances are different and we work in partnership with parents/carers to provide the best education for every child.

## 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 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.

## The Harvest Festival and Foodbank

Year 9 completed a brilliant



whole school assembly on Monday about the Harvest festival and the north Liverpool foodbank. The pupils will be collecting food items for North Liverpool foodbank and will deliver the collection to those in need. A letter will be sent home with more information.

Well done

Year 9



## Jeans for Genes Fundraising



Jeans for Genes®

On 30<sup>th</sup> September we asked all pupils and staff to wear jeans to help raise money supporting the work of Children's Medical

Research Institute who tirelessly research into genetic defects & childhood diseases in order to give kids around the world a better chance of a healthy, happy future!

Thank you to all the children that donated. On the day we managed to raise £74.00

## Macmillan Fundraising

On the 30th September, the sixth form students organised and hosted their annual coffee morning for all our 6<sup>th</sup> form parents. Our pupils were great hosts and work really hard to make sure it was our best coffee morning yet. Well done to them for all their hard work!



Because of all the generous donations, we were able to raise a whopping total of £200 for Macmillan on that day.

From all the Sixth form students and staff at Bank View, we would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and pupils for your continued support.

## Miss Armstrong's fundraising

To tie in with the sixth form Macmillan coffee morning, I have completed Macmillan Outrun during September and ran 50.2 miles (I have never run in my life!!!). I also held a cake sale at my dancing competition.

Staff in school sponsored me and at the last count the total sponsorship so far was £1100! Thank you to all involved!



## Teacher fundraising Continued...

Ms Colligan is another teacher who has given up her free time to some great causes. Over the half term holiday Ms Colligan put on her walking boots to walk in the Himalayas!



She walked 6-9 miles for 5 days. She started off in the home of the Dalai Lama, Dharmasala. She was excited about getting to see the Taj Mahal at the end of the trip. It was a great experience for even greater causes!



She's already raised £1600 for Alder Hey and has started collecting for our local branch of Samaritans in Liverpool. (If you wanted to sponsor her, please search for 'Sophie Colligan' on [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) for her Alder Hey fundraising. Or go to [www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com) for her Samaritans collection). For more information on the trek, you can search online for 'Let's trek for children India 2016'. She will be able to share photos from her extraordinary fundraising once she returns.

## Let's go fly a kite ...

Pupils at Bank View have had some great and unique experiences already this year. We were so lucky to be able to have a group from Liverpool Kites to come and work with us this last month. Pupils spent the whole day,



learning about kites, making their own kites decorating them and finally flying them outside.

The group were experienced kite makers and flyers- all over the age of 60 so had lots of patience and said how impressed they were with the level of behaviour and interest from the children - they would love to return!

The skills the children used included, social interactions, fine and gross motor skill development, speaking and listening to instructions, awareness of the needs of others and lots of lots of patience. Their determination to get their kites in the air was admirable as there wasn't too much wind that day but they never gave up.

We spent over an hour outside flying our kites and we know that the children really slept well that night as did the staff!

Well done!

## BUDDA Therapies

This year we have invited a qualified therapist into school who has been teaching our pupils hand massage techniques. It has been a fun experience for



the pupils involved. The aim is to promote the benefits of massage and how it can improve concentration and well-being.

## Drum Afterschool Club

Since its introduction last year, Ms Quigley's Drum Club on Thursday's has become a great success. Last year Bank View's newest club put on a fantastic first performance to showcase what they learnt.

This year it is more popular than ever. *"In drum club it's good because we all get to play together. We sing; play games; learn about instruments; take part as a team and respect each other"*

We at Bank View cannot wait to see their next performance!

## PE Update

The pupils at Bank View have been really looking forward to the completion of our very own climbing wall, I am happy to announce that the wall is completed and six members of staff have qualified as climbing instructors. It has taken a lot of hard work so congratulations to Miss Southern, Mr Friend, Caroline, Laura and Luke who will be joining myself as instructors on the wall. This addition to the department provides new challenges to pupils and allows them to develop their self-confidence and team work skills. The pupils are already reaping the benefits and enjoying the variety of challenges on offer.

Check out our latest news on the website and app for some great photos of Kite Day and the Therapy Sessions, Drum Club and The WALL!!!

## Reward trip

Last half terms reward. The pupils were taken

pumpkin picking at poplar farm and also went to McDonald's for lunch.



Pupils choose their own pumpkins, and brought them back to school and hollowed them out to carve some great faces. The pulp of the Pumpkin was used to make some delicious cakes. For all reward trips pupils are selected using class Dojos and excellent consistent behaviour in school.

## Liverpool Schools Parliament



On the 28th September 4 students from Year 11 and 6th

Form attend the Liverpool Schools Parliament conference at Liverpool Town Hall. Pupils from secondary schools around Liverpool attended this event and we discussed and debated the issues that are most important to young people in Liverpool.

Everyone is unbelievably proud of the 4 pupils, their confidence and enthusiasm was astounding. Our students spoke about the issues important to them in front of 150 other young people! An amazing achievement!!

In the afternoon we sat in the council chambers and took part in a question and answer session with Local Councillors.

The pupils had an amazing experience and we will be returning on when the Young Lord Mayoral Elections take place and pupils from Bank View will be putting themselves forward for the responsibility and honour! Look out for the next update!



## World Mental Health day

As part of raising awareness for mental health last term. Our pupils successfully conducted an assembly on mental health. For more information please see this link for Liverpool Mental Health Week.

<http://liverpoolcamhsfyi.com/liverpool-mental-health-festival/>



## Student Council

New student council members have been elected by students from each form group for this academic year.

Student councillors will meet every half term to discuss current and relevant items related to our school and students within it. Student councillors will also be e-Cadets (internet safety representatives) helping others within our school community to keep safe online.

This role will encourage independence and gives good responsibility.

Congratulations to the new student council members.



## BVHS and Behaviour Management

The pupils have made a positive start to the new academic year. The school has introduced a new behaviour management system which is proving successful. Class Dojo is an online system to record positive and negative behaviours on a lesson by lesson basis. It allows all staff to monitor behaviour across the school. The school is linking its rewards and discipline system to Class Dojo. Rewards for pupils include golden time (including a range of activities) on a Thursday afternoon, smoothie vouchers on a Friday, football sessions, boxercise classes and reward trips. The lower and upper school pupils selected from class

dojo for excellent effort and work are going pumpkin picking this half term. A lunchtime detention has been put in place on a Thursday for those pupils who are not achieving their personal targets for behaviour set through Class Dojo. Overall it has been a very positive response to the new system.

Mr Wrigg  
Lead Behaviour Teacher



### School Photographs

The school photographer was in school on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October to take all the pupils school photographs. Last date for orders to be returned was Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of November. We are now awaiting for the photographs to be delivered to school so you will receive the photos before Christmas. If you have not returned your photograph orders you can either buy them online or send off the order form yourselves which will incur a charge.



### 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.



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 233 6120 to prevent unsolicited dinner charges.

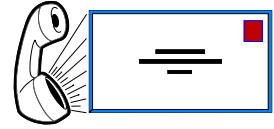
School dinners cost £9 per week and please make sure your child's account is kept up to date.

## After School Club

After school club runs from 3:15pm - 4:30pm on Mondays Wednesdays and Thursday's. 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 233 6120

## 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 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

24<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term

31<sup>st</sup> October - Inset day



1<sup>st</sup> November - Back to School

8<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening (ALL YEARS) 4 -7pm.

6<sup>th</sup> December- Parent Consultation Meeting 11:00-11:45 (letter to follow!)

21<sup>st</sup> December - School finishes at 1:30pm



22<sup>nd</sup> Dec- 4<sup>th</sup> Jan- Christmas Holidays

4<sup>th</sup> January - Inset Day

5<sup>th</sup> January- Back to School

20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

27<sup>th</sup> February - Back to school

10<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Holidays

14<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday

17<sup>th</sup> April- Easter Monday



24<sup>th</sup> April- Back to School

1<sup>st</sup> May - May Day (Bank Holiday)

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Inset Day

29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term

5<sup>th</sup> June- Back to School

21<sup>st</sup> July- School finishes at 1:30pm

24<sup>th</sup> July Summer Holidays

# 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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