

BANK VIEW SCHOOL

One School



3 Sites

Croxteth
Fazakerley
Speke

Summer Term 1

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Head Teachers Comments

Dear Parent/Carers

It's hard to believe given the weather this week that we are approaching the second half of the summer term!

The highlight of this half term has to be our residential trips to PGL. Three groups visited the centre over three consecutive weeks. All the pupils who attended the residentials had a brilliant time, experiencing exciting and challenging activities whilst enjoying social time with their friends and the staff. Lifetime memories were made, and we can never underestimate the positive impact of attending a residential for our students' personal and social development. I have to say a huge thank you to all the staff involved, particularly Mr Burns who organised and led on all the trips. Without their dedication and hard work, the residential would not be able to take place.

We are also now in exam season and are so proud of all

our year 11s and 6th formers who are rising to the challenge of completing coursework and sitting formal examinations.

Phase two of the building work at Speke has started and this will mean all our specialist rooms will be available for use in September. This will enhance the curriculum offer for students across all 3 sites with science labs, technology rooms, life skills room (set up as a flat), art rooms, a hairdressing salon and a music room!

I wish you all a lovely break, fingers crossed the sun will shine!

Thanks

Juliette

Thank You

A big thank you for the staff at Curry's Aintree for fundraising for our school and gifting us a TV 😊



Wellbeing Hub

Thank you so much 🍏 to Jennifer Cottrell and all the staff at Asda Aintree for their very generous donation of fruit for the Wellbeing Team to offer our students at breakfast time. This will help our students achieve their 5 a day, keeping their bodies and minds healthy.



Fearless

About Fearless

Fearless is the dedicated youth service of the independent charity Crimestoppers. We give young people the power to report crime 100% anonymously.

You can give information to us using our [online form](#) or by calling our freephone number, 0800 555 111.

We cannot track your IP address or your phone number. We have no way of knowing who has contacted us.

After receiving your completed form or your call, we create a report, ensuring it doesn't contain any info that could identify you, and your report is then sent on to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to investigate.

We are not the police. We are a charity. You will not be contacted by the police after passing information on to Fearless as the police have no way of knowing who the information has come from.

[Reporting a crime at fearless... how it works \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Fearless: Anonymous Reporting for a Safer Community | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)

OPAL- Update

Children and staff at Bank View are thoroughly enjoying OPAL Play. We love to share our journey with you, here are some pictures of what we have been up to:



Dress for OPAL

As always, the British weather is indecisive and changeable and it's difficult to know what to wear! As you know we now play out in all weathers, so waterproof coats with hoods/ hats and wellies (for the field) are still necessary or with a bit of luck sunhat, suncream, and sunglasses will also be needed for the rest of the school year.

How can you help:

We are currently looking for more donations of:

- Dressing up clothes
- Gardening equipment
- Small world resources- toy cars and figures

Don't forget to check out our Golden Welly Winner on Seesaw each week.

Sensory Circuit

We have had an amazing half term at sensory circuit and the children are continuing to thrive. During this term we have been working on identifying the areas of our circuit more and the different ways equipment can help us regulate. Staff have worked with small groups and 1:1 to support children in understand how sensory circuit helps us regulate. We took full advantage of the nice weather and even had our circuit outside.



Spanish

Pupils continue to work hard in their Spanish lessons as they extend their knowledge of Spanish grammar and vocabulary, everyone is making excellent progress and having lots of fun along the way. Year 7 have been learning how to describe themselves, saying the colour of their eyes and hair. We

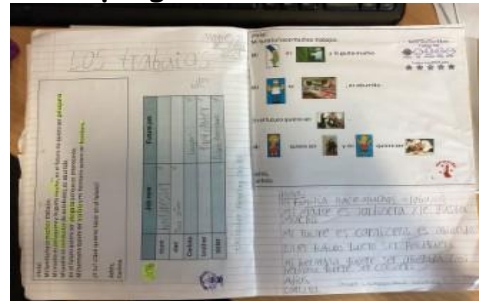
played a listening game where pupils had to draw hair and eyes on their partners, the results were hilarious!



Year 8 are learning about free time activities and the finer points of Spanish grammar; they are very proficient at using the present tense! We have played lots of different games to help us remember our new words including bingo and a mime game.



Year 9 have been learning about jobs and the future tense, they can all now say what they would like to be in the future. They have also been furthering their skills in extended reading and writing, and I am so pleased with their progress.



The options group recently completed their assessments for their award in Spanish, so this half term we have been studying

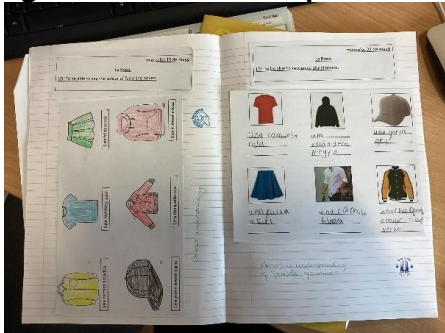
some of the cultural aspects of Spanish speaking countries. We have looked at the tradition of piñatas and even had a go at making some ourselves. The next step is to fill them with sweets and smash them up!



Base 1 and 1a have been learning how to say what they like to do in their free time. We've played lots of different games to help us remember our vocabulary, Bingo was a firm favourite!



Primary classes 4 and 5 have been learning all about clothes. They have excelled at Spanish grammar and being able to describe the colours of clothes using adjectival agreements, I'm impressed!



Maths

Another wonderful term for Maths at Bank View, pupils have engaged fantastically well in learning and completed the STEM activates at Everton in the Community Lab. Year 11 have started their exams, and we are offering extra intervention lessons during lunch on a Tuesday and Thursday and after school on a Wednesday. If you would like your child to attend please contact the school office.

Exam Date:

Thursday 16th May 2024 - GCSE Paper 1 (Calculator)

Monday 3rd June 2024 - GCSE Paper 2 (Non-Calculator)

Monday 10th June 2024 - GCSE Paper 2 (Non-Calculator)

Wednesday 12th June 2024 - Functional Skills Level 1

STEAM Lab at EFC



Music

A dedicated group of students went to Cabin Studios on the 14th May to record a song about our school's community values, which include respecting each other and being the best you can be for yourself.

Everyone involved was focused, played well and rocked the challenge of being recorded in a

professional studio! It was a great day. The finished track is being mixed and we'll get to hear it soon! 🎧



Food Technology

Year 7 pupils have been looking more closely at the Eatwell plate & the Nutrients that we get from foods. They have made Vegetable stir fry, Bread Rolls & cheese scones.



Year 8 have been looking closely at Macronutrients & Micronutrients. They have also learned facts about avoiding Cross - Contamination when cooking. The year 8's have made Chicken Fried rice, following the rules to avoid Cross - Contamination.



Year 9 have been looking at Dietary needs through life &

making dishes that are high in carbohydrates for energy. The Pasta Fiorentina was a big hit.



Year 10 have been busy working towards their Food & Nutrition GCSE they have been improving their practical skills by following recipes independently.

Year 11 Food Nutrition & Preparation GCSE class have been busy revising for their written exam on Wednesday 19th June.

The BTec Level 1 & 2 Food groups have completed their coursework now & have been making some impressive meals to show off the skills that they have developed.



Humanities

In year 7 pupils have been investigating tourism in the UK. They have looked at key tourist attractions, why certain destinations attract certain tourists and the positive and negative impacts tourism has on the local area. Pupils will move on to investigating the pull factors of international tourist destinations.

Pupils in year 8 have been learning about The Civil Rights Movement and how key people protested for change. In particular, we investigated Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks. Pupils were interested in learning how life has changed for the better.

In year 9 pupils have been learning about weather. So far, we have investigated the difference between weather and climate, what affects our weather in the UK, climate zones and how we measure weather.

KS4 humanities pupils have worked hard to complete their coursework, and this shows in the work produced, well done to you all and good luck for the future!!!

Military School

Throughout this half term pupils have had lots of fun in military school, they have developed their teamwork skills, problem-solving skills and leadership skills. All pupils have made progress interacting with peers and staff.

World Views News

Once again students in World Views have completed some fantastic work over the last term. Well done! Year 7s have started to explore a unit of work all about Pilgrimage. In the image below you can see some lovely artwork showing Bernadette's vision of Mary at Lourdes and some flowers

offered in Puja at the River Ganges!



Year 8 students have started a new topic all about Kindness. Some students enjoyed taking part in a Random Acts of Kindness lesson where they handed out positive notes to staff and students around school. After the half term we will explore Christian, Islamic, Sikh, Jewish and Humanist ideas of why kindness and community is crucial to a happy life and society. In the image below you can see our student's super work on The 5 Pillars of Islam and the parable of The Sheep and Goats.



Year 9 students have also started a new topic all about Life after Death. In this unit we will look at Christian, Humanist, Islamic and Hindu ideas about life after death. To kick start this topic, students were asked if they believe in paranormal activity! A note of congratulations to all the Year 11s who completed their coursework for their Humanities Entry Level qualifications this half

term. I am so proud of each and everyone of you! Here's a little preview of the Bank View leavers hoodies ready to give out after the half term.



Finally, I hope anyone who observed Ramadan had a rewarding month and a wonderful Eid. A message to all families; if a religion or particular world view is important to you, I would love to hear from you! I am looking at creating new ways for our students to see the importance of belief and I would like to start to our community. If you would like to share your belief with me and our students, to show why it is important to you, please get in touch.

Have a lovely half term break.
World Views Super Students for this term are:

Year 7: **Tyler K, Sophie-Joy and Frankie B.**

Year 8: **Jack Mc, Lydia J & Evie M.**

Year 9: **Kieran M, Lewis B & Brian S.**

Year 10: **Freya J, Alex Doc & Kirsty L.**

Year 11: **All of Year 11!**

Citizenship

In Year 8 citizenship we have been learning all about protests. Today we learned about a campaign for free school meals and made posters to support free school meals for all pupils across the UK.



After school pamper club is in full swing and we are loving all the lovely hair styles and pampering.



Primary 1

Primary one have enjoyed learning all about food during our topic, food glorious food. We have been learning about where our food comes from including visiting some local shops and going for a pizza party to celebrate all our learning. During bucket we have been doing lots of retelling/recounting of stories in stage three and four. We have also enjoyed lots of cookery sessions making recipes from stories including wombat stew and apple pies.



Primary 2

Primary 2 have had a busy half term learning about the fire of London! We have learned lots of new vocabulary, enjoyed sensory stories and have carried water in leather buckets! We have also been visiting our Long Lane site and have thoroughly enjoyed rock climbing! We have learned how to be safe and wear a harness when climbing, and some of us even reached the top of the wall! We can't wait for our adventures next term!



Primary 3

'Hubble bubble toil and trouble' Primary 3 have cast spells and created fabulous potion drawings. They have retold 'Room on the Broom' focusing on the dilemmas faced by the witch and enjoyed role playing the story. The children have been developing both computing and digital art skills by exploring the artist Dora Maar and edited and manipulated photographs. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their reward session using the VR

Headsets; Pupils were amazed by the animations and 3D reality. The children have also been practicing and developing their understanding of number and applying their knowledge to length, height and time.



Primary 4

This half term, Primary 4 have worked hard, learning all about the Ancient Egyptians in their new topic 'Tomb Raiders'. We have learnt about the river Nile and its importance. We've written newspaper articles and practised interviewing one another with a reporter's microphone and we have engaged in lots of lovely practical maths lessons, both inside and outside.

This term, we have been lucky enough to have both Yogi Bears and Forest school sessions running and we have loved both! We have looked at lots of yoga poses and learnt about the importance of breathing, stretching and relaxing. In Forest school, we have learnt to use flints, create shelters and have even produced leaf and flower prints. We can't wait for more fun in our final term!



Primary 5

This half term we have started our new topic Tomb Raiders and have had so much fun beginning to learn about ancient Egypt. In English, children have been writing some exciting adventure stories about the discovery of an ancient tomb. The children have loved using their imagination to create story characters. In History, we have been exploring what life was like for ancient Egyptians and about their fascinating discoveries and inventions. We have been lucky enough to take part in some yoga sessions on a Tuesday morning which has been a great start to the day. Make sure to check out Seesaw to see our amazing work this half term.



Base

English

We have been finding out lots of information about the Titanic in English and we are exploring different types of texts. So far,

we have read information texts about the Titanic and found out lots of facts! We have also planned and written our own information texts. Base 1 have also read newspapers linked to the Titanic and we are planning and writing our own newspaper articles this week. I can't wait to read the finished newspapers!

Maths

Base 1 have been exploring measure in Maths this half term. Pupils did some fantastic measuring with a ruler in centimetres. Pupils are also enjoying predicting and measuring mass with scales!

Science

Our science topic is all about materials and we have been discussing solids, liquids, and gases. We spoke about what the particles are like in each, and we pretended we were the particles. We got really close together for a solid, we had a little bit of space for a liquid and lots of space for a gas!

Humanities

Pupils have enjoyed our Port of Liverpool topic. We have enjoyed looking at pictures of the dock now and in the past and comparing them. We have completed timeline activities and we looked at a map of the Albert Dock to find some of our favourite attractions.

Art/DT

In Art, pupils have loved following step by step drawings of the Titanic. I am very impressed with

the artwork created by Base 1!
We also loved making Titanic models and portholes in DT.
We are now looking forward to exploring our photography topic more.



Base 3

Base 3 have had a very busy half term preparing for and sitting their English and Math exams. In English we have debated a variety of topics and have written discursive texts. Children are becoming more confident in expressing their views and can consider both sides of a debate. We finished reading Wonder and are onto our next novel, Dread Wood: Deadly Deep. Children are really enjoying listening to and talking about the book each morning. In math, children have been learning about fractions, time, and basic number skills. Our Life Skills topic this term is everyday food and drink preparation. Base 3 designed a menu, wrote shopping lists, and

used their shopping lists to purchase ingredients from the supermarket. They made some delicious omelettes and pizzas! Next up on the menu is milkshakes and trifles. Wishing everyone a restful half term.



Base 1C

We started our new base in Speke this term - Base 1C. We have been busy with our phonics, addition and subtraction and our independence skills. The children love the climbing equipment in the playground and the new chickens that arrived this week - Bev and Cilla!



Speke Base Class

Our Topic this term is 'The Port of Liverpool' so we visited the Albert Dock to look at the historic buildings and see what they are used for now. We also took photographs of the boats as our art topic is 'Photography'. We had a great time!



Speke Building Update

The next phase of work has begun at Speke in preparation for Sept 24. This phase includes the completion of the Hair and Beauty room, technology pod and music pod. We will keep you updated with the building work via seesaw.

Police Visit

Pupil at Bank View Speke had the opportunity to meet our local Police officers this half term. The officers brought with them a knife arch as part of operation sceptre. The pupils chatted to officers about their role and careers in the police force. Mark, our local PC, will visit school next half term to do an assembly for pupils.



Playground

Over Easter we had a playground makeover in Speke, a large climbing frame was installed. It has allowed pupils to build resilience, develop teamwork and socialise with their friends.



Chickens Arriving in Speke

Pupil have been working hard to get the school environment ready for the arrival of the school pet chickens. Thanks to all the pupils and staff who have helped over the last half term.



KS5

Work Experience

We are very proud of our sixth form students who are continuing to develop their self-reliance, independence, communication amongst many other life skills during their internal and external work experience places.

Supported Internship Opportunities

Students have visited the Holiday Inn express again this half term and thoroughly enjoyed meeting the staff there. Students have

visited to find out if they would like to be part of our next group of supported interns.



College Tasters and 'Steps to work' Programs

Students have continued to visit local colleges and will visit Strawberry Fields 'Steps to Work' programme. The team at Strawberry Fields are delivering a talk on school this half term.



Liverpool Authority Travel Training

Sixth formers have been following a 6 week course of travel training through the local authority every Friday. So far students have visited local colleges, SEN transport offices, Rice Lane farm and Liverpool Museums.



Base 4 and Peer Mentors at the Allotments

6R (Base 4) have continued to visit the school's allotments along with two students from 6B. They have been doing this as part of their ASDAN Learning Through Work Experience Course.

The students have planted and looked after seeds, digging, planting and watering them. They have also looked after and picked the rhubarb that was already growing. They then made the rhubarb crumble themselves. They have had so much fun, have worked so hard and have learned amazing new skills.



Employability-Job exploration in the local Community

Sixth form students have worked in small groups to visit local places of work. Students have communicated well with managers and store assistants to find out information about the local employment opportunities that could be available to them. Fantastic work!



Carmel from the British Red Cross
Carmel has visited school this half term and delivered a basic first aid course to all sixth form students. Students applied what they have learnt in PSD lessons, demonstrating this through the session. Well done!



Exams and Coursework

We would like to say a massive well done to all students for their dedication, resilience and commitment to working towards their exams and coursework! Keep it up!



Can all parents/carers please ensure they have seesaw app downloaded. This allows you to see all the pupils work and achievements in class. It also allows us to send any letters and you can download the seesaw app from the app store - if you need a new invitation sent to your email please contact

m.armstrong@bankview.liverpool.sch.hk or
devine.j@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk



schoolmoney

SchoolMoney is now live

You don't need to sign up to this system as it is done automatically through the school and as long as you have provided us with up to date contact details we will send you a password within a few days of getting everything set up. This password will give you access to your **SchoolMoney** account where you can pay for any items we have requested from you.

Once up and running you will then be able to book in your child's school meals for the week and pay online. Any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Uniform

A polite reminder please that all students need to wear the correct uniform for school.

Students who arrive in school without the correct uniform on will be provided with uniform or parents/carers will be asked to bring it to school.

If you have issues with your child wearing any of the school's uniform please contact your child's form teacher.

The school uniform with the school badge is available to buy at
We now have a new uniform supplier please see details below.

Lisa's Schoolwear 72 Priory Road, Anfield, Liverpool, L4 2RZ

275 East Prescott Road, Knotty Ash, Liverpool, L14 2DB



the cost of a school meal has increased to £2.20 per day.

Bank View Website

Don't forget to check our website for photographs of what's been happening (under latest news), policies and curriculum information.



We will use this and SeeSaw messages to let you know what is happening in school. Please let us know if there is anything else you feel would be useful to include on the website.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance since September is currently 88.8%. We are all working together to improve this. Any child with attendance below 90% is classed as a persistent absentee (PA). We have

invited identified parents of PA students into school to discuss their child's attendance and the support we can offer. This has been done alongside our EWO Jenny Rooke.

We are also working with the Home School Support, a service commissioned by the DfE to support schools with attendance. They are supporting some of our pupils and their families.

We will hold our attendance assembly after the Easter holiday. Names of students with attendance above 90%, 92, 97% and 100% for last term and since September will have their names entered into a draw for Liverpool 1 vouchers. We also acknowledge students with improved attendance.

Next term we will trial an additional weekly attendance reward which will provide a shorter-term incentive for improved attendance.

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.



Medical Absences

The school will not authorise any absences unless they received the following:

1. A copy of a prescription.
2. A Compliment slip from a chemist of any medication that has been bought over the counter for the pupil.

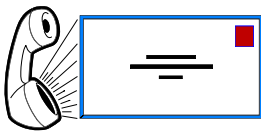
Or

2. Show the school any medication given to the pupil by their doctor.

Pupil Absence

All parents/carers 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.

Pupil Information



We would like to remind all parents of the

importance of providing the school

Important Dates 2023/2024

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday)

Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June - Monday 22nd July 2024

Monday 22nd July Inset Day

with any change of address or phone numbers, please let the school office know immediately.

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

Email or send info via the parent app.

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BANK VIEW SCHOOL CALENDER 2023-2024

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School Closed/Holidays



In-Set Day no school for students