

Bantaskin Blether

27th September
2024



Dates for your diary!

- *'Brew'n'Blether'in Digiden from 9:15-10:15 - Wednesdays
 - * Tuesday 8th October – Volunteers meeting @ 3:15
 - * Thursday 10th October @3:15 'School Playground' meeting
 - * October break – finish Friday 11th Oct, return Monday 28th Oct
 - * School photographs Tuesday 29th October
 - * Friday 29th November – INSET Day (children off)
 - * Friday 20th December – last day of term
- Christmas card orders need to be placed by Friday 4th October.**

(Please see additional letter for diary dates across the school year)

School Playground

Following a recent inspection of our trim trails (front and back playground) it has been reported that we are requiring about £30k of upgrade work. The trim trail was installed 15 years ago - so it is time to renew and replace certain sections. If you are good at raising funds, know of charities or organisation that would like to donate towards them or work for a business that has money to donate towards a charitable cause then please get in touch. Alternatively we will have a meeting on Thursday 10th October at 3:15 in the digiden to discuss it. Please come and join us.



Volunteers in school

Ever wanted to help support children in their learning or in having fun! We'd love to welcome more families/adults in to school on a regular basis to support small groups of children in their learning or in leading/supporting playground games at break or lunches. Interested? Get in touch and we can discuss how we can make this happen! Alternatively we will have a meeting on Tuesday 8th October at 3:15 in the digiden to discuss it. Please come and join us



Rights Respecting School

Yesterday we met with a Children's Rights Officer who assessed Bantaskin as passing the '**Silver Award**' for being a Rights Respecting School. We are all delighted to have achieved this award. Well done to everyone who has worked hard to help embed these aspects in to our school life. A special thanks to Mrs Mullen for leading this work and also to Mr Findlay and Mrs Wilson...AND to our whole school who have learnt about 'Children's Rights' and what that means for in practise in school. Once the full report is published I will share that with you.



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ASDA (so far£226 raised)

Asda are running a promotion at present where 0.5% of all purchases made (online/on the app) are donated to local schools. All that is required is you select us on the Asda rewards App. So for those who buy from Asda online please indicate ourselves – it may not be a massive amount but with collective purchases it will help – 'Every little helps.' (other supermarkets are available...)



Driving / Parking

A plea to all who use their cars to come to school!



Once again the parking outside the main entrance of the school has become extremely dangerous – as well as illegal. The places that some drivers are choosing to park cars makes it particularly unsafe for young children to know where to cross the road.

I have engaged with the local Police Inspector this week and she is arranging for further police patrols to remind people of safe places to park and to charge those who are parking illegally. The Community Police team will be supporting the school to share the message of safe road use and safe parking. The team is also going to support the school in establishing a 'Junior Road Safety Officer' pupil group to share the message of road safety. Next week we will hold a 'Road Safety' assembly for the younger children to talk about being safe around roads.

However – the key difficulty that Bantaskin's children – **your children** – face is the way in which people park around the school. Park further from the school and walk with you children to the entrance if you need to use your car! This will be safer for you and for all arriving and leaving the school.

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