

Bantaskin Blether

15th November
2024



Dates for your diary!

- * Parents Consultations 19th and 21st November (more details to follow after the October break)
- * Friday 29th November – INSET Day (children off)
- * Friday 20th December – last day of term

Changes of date
P3McA (along with P2/3M) will now share their learning assembly with families on November 28th at 2pm

(see Christmas dates at the bottom)



HMIe – Education Scotland School Inspectors...

Hopefully by now you will all have had the chance to read the email sent yesterday informing you that we will be welcoming His Majesty's Inspectors of Education to Bantaskin during the week beginning December 2024. Please can you complete the survey that was sent in the link by next Friday.

Parents Consultations

The online booking system has now closed for arranging appointments. If you haven't managed to arrange an appointment please contact the school office and we will look in to finding an appropriate slot for you. Thank you.

...visitors

We are all looking forward to welcoming our visitors at the start of December and having the opportunity to share the many achievements, successes and all of the positive aspects of Bantaskin. HMIe don't have the opportunity to visit individual schools very often so this will be a great chance to share the journey and story of Bantaskin (both for the Primary school and our ELC).

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ASDA purchases (so far£456 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...). There's 15 days left.

Travelling Book Fair

During the week of 'Parents Consultations' a book fair will be in school. After school on Tuesday and Thursday - as well as during parent's consultations - the 'Book Fair' will be available for you to look through with your children, to buy or order books. Books can be paid for with cash or online using a QR code. The school receives a commission on all sales, allowing us to buy more books for the school.



Learning out and about this week.....

- P2/3M and P3McA visited Stirling Castle as part of their IDL topic on castles
- P4-6 all enjoyed a free trip to Cineworld to watch "Super Mario" as part of national film week

Open afternoon for P4-7

Thank you to all who were able to join us this week to share in their child's learning. We hope this was a valuable opportunity for you to be part of your child's learning. If you didn't manage to complete the 3 short questions/feedback then the QR is attached below for you to support our continuous improvement in working together. If you weren't able to join us you will be able to see your child's work at parent's consultation next week.

Open afternoon for P1-3 (reminder)

On Tuesday 19th November at 1:30 we would like to invite all families of children from P1-3 to join us in time with your children in their classrooms sharing in their work as well as taking part in a workshop on literacy and storytelling (see additional letter).

[This is a change to the original date to be able to accommodate the additional Falkirk Council staff who will join us that day]

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VIP Celebrations

Whilst talking with the children about the ways in which we celebrate the achievements in Bantaskin the children told us that they love getting VIPs certificates (Values in Practice) but that not everyone gets them enough. Staff also felt that certificates were awarded too late beyond the time when children had demonstrated those values. So, we have decided to trial approaching it in a different way. Using our newly formed school values we have created stickers with each value. As children demonstrate our values in the course of their learning they will be given a 'values sticker' that indicates which **value** they have shown. Then encourages everyone around the school to "**ask me about it.**" This allows staff the chance to celebrate the brilliant work that children do every day and includes all staff across the school as they speak with children about their achievements (and how they achieved their sticker). We would encourage you to ask them about their **celebration stickers** when they get home too. We will review this at the end of Term



Open Event Feedback

We are pleased to announce our house captains for this year!

Antonine – David Kasza and Lois Friel

Dollar – Mary Cruickshank and Maya Merrilees

Kelpies – William Luke, Imran Ahmed and Adam Tasker

Summerford – Lily-Mae Morrison and Lyle Brady

Their first house meeting (*with children from across the school in their house*) will be Thursday 21st November. A big part of the meeting will be celebrating achievements of all children. Please share your child's out of school achievements with us by email or on X.

Some alterations to Christmas events

- P4/5 Party 12th Dec (PM)
- P6/7 Party 13th Dec (PM)
- Cakes'n'Carols - 16th Dec (PM – 6pm)
[more details with come out shortly] -17th Dec (AM – 9:15)

As before

- ✓ P2/3 Party 18th (PM)
- ✓ P1 Party 19th (PM)

P1 nativity for families -
Wed 18th (AM - 9:15)