

Bantaskin Blether



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IT'S NEARLY CHRISTMAS!

20th December
2024



Merry Christmas!

From all in Bantaskin we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and trust that you will all have a safe and restful holiday over the next couple of weeks. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 6th January at 9am.

Fundraising

Thanks to all who supported the 'Travelling Book Fayre' during the recent Parents Consultations. Over the past 18 months we have now received just over £1800 in commission from it. In the new term we will be using that to replace reading books across the school.

We hope that those who joined us for "Cakes'n'Carols" enjoyed those events. These events raised just over £700 for the school fund (which goes towards regular expenses in school) as well as £780 from the Parent Council's raffle.



Parking outside school.

Please remember that outside the school there are double yellow lines preventing parking. This is to keep the area safe for all people accessing the school building – especially all of our children. Where possible can we encourage everyone to use different 'Active Travel' methods or if to come to school that don't involve vehicles a vehicle is needed then park in the carpark or a bit further away from the school campus and walk that little bit extra. This is about the safety of your children and ensuring that crossing the road around the school is visible and safe to do so!



Place2Be

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity that support children and families in person and online. Their website offers extensive support for families in supporting many aspects that concern adults in managing the modern world. Type in the link below to see what supports they have for the whole family.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

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House Captains

The past couple of weeks the House Captains organised a 'House Quiz' for all children across the school. With these points added to our ongoing 'House Points' the winning house this term was the **KELPIES** (who had their celebration party this morning)!

House Meeting

Our next house meeting will be January 9th 2025. This will be another opportunity for children to share celebrations and achievements with children in their houses (pictures, certificates or stories to share). Remember to keep sharing achievements over the holidays too (for "Well done Wednesdays") that we can celebrate with the children when we return.

Education Scotland / HMIE school inspectors

As you know we were visited by HMIE Inspectors the week beginning December 2nd for the first time in 15 years. A special thank you to everyone who was able to take part that week (*in various groups*) and for all of the work that went in to our preparations in advance. Our staff and children were brilliant as always and it proved to be a good opportunity to share the many great things that go on in Bantaskin every day – both in school and the nursery - to support the children and help them in their learning. The inspectors were particularly impressed with many aspects of learning and teaching as well as the supports that are in place to help groups and individual children. Prior to the inspection we are asked to submit an evaluation of what we believe are our strengths and the areas that we feel we need to keep improving to make school life better for the children. During the course of the week the inspectors agreed – through their observations, meetings with families and partners and meetings with children, that evaluations were accurate and that we had good plans in place to keep improving our school. A full report will be published in due course (likely to be around the end of February) once the inspectors have completed their processes.