

Bantaskin Blether



7th February
2025

Dates for your diary!

- *Thursday 13th Feb - Parent Council "Valentines Disco"
- *Friday 14th and Monday 17th Feb – school holiday
- *Tuesday 18th Feb– staff development day (children off)
- *Thursday 6th March (@2:30) – Open Doors Event (in classrooms)
- *Tues 11th /Thurs 13th March – Parents Consultations
- (Travelling Book Fair will be on those evenings too)**
- *Thursday 3rd April – Start of Easter holidays (last day of term for children)
- *Friday 4th April– staff development day (children off)
- *First day back – Tuesday 22nd April
- *Monday 5th May – Bank holiday Monday, school holiday
- * Saturday 31st May Spring Fair
- * Friday 27th June – last day of term

Valentines Disco

Slips will come out at the start of next week that you need to complete and hand in to the Parent Council volunteers on the evening of the disco.

See the posters below (Disco and Spring Fair).

Ready
Respectful
Kind
Safe

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 – in particular your children! Where possible can we encourage everyone to use different 'Active Travel' methods or if a vehicle is needed then park 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!

Children's Mental Health week

This week is national 'Children's Mental Health Week' which the charity "Place2Be" is leading with the focus – "Know Yourself – Grow Yourself".

The following clip was shared with the children at assembly last week to start the conversation around understanding what makes you feel happy and settled and what you can then do to help yourself when you notice that you are not feeling in a good place. (You will also find these on the website)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz1S66_pYTw

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Pantomime questionnaire

We know it's only February but we are already thinking ahead to booking a panto for December after missing out last year. It is looking like tickets and travel will be in the region of £20 each.

We want to gather your thoughts on whether we should go ahead – see questionnaire emailed separately (or QR code above). Please complete by next Thursday. A final decision will be made on the majority vote.

If we do go ahead payment plans can be set up from March to help spread the cost.

Celebrations this week.....



The **basketball** team took part in a tournament at Graeme High school this week. Well done to all the P5, 6 & 7 children who represented the school in such a positive way! They were commended on their fair play and positive attitude.

A huge well done to our **Scots Poetry / Burns Competition** this week. To all of those children who learned a poem and put themselves forward for the competition a massive well done!

Our winners were Lauren Wilson and Samuel Weir from P1, Yara Sedik from P2, Robert Hammond from P3, Archie Morrison from P4, Ryan Wyllie from P5, Eva Adam from P6 and Lois Friel from P7.

Primary 7 ran a very successful 'Burns Supper' this week, inviting friends, family and staff to join them.

**BANTASKIN PARENT COUNCIL
PRESENTS**

Valentine's Disco

Thursday 13th February 2025

P1-3 6pm to 7pm

P4-7 7:30pm to 8:45pm

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Tuck Shop
Roses

£3 entry.
Incl Snack
Bag

Bantaskin Parent Council
Presents

SPRING FAIR

Saturday 31st May 2025

BANTASKIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

11am until 2pm

We currently have slots available for stall holders. If you have a business and want to bring it to the market, email us at the address below.

Stall enquiries bantaskinparentcouncil@yahoo.com

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent



For persistent late coming this can be the consequence!

8:55

Your child arrives in time
to meet friends and be
ready for the school day.

9:00

The school day starts.

9:02

Your child is now late for the
start of the school day.

9:05

5 minutes late means about 3
lost school days a year.

9:10

10 minutes late means about 5
lost school days a year.

9:15

15 minutes late means about
8 lost school days a year.