

Bantaskin Blether

11th November
2022



Thank you!

A special thank you to our Parent Council and all who volunteered to support the disco this week. The committee was only formed just prior to the October break and had to work hard and quick to make something happen for the children last minute. At the time of booking many of the dates requested were not available and they could only get a DJ and a 'Let' on certain nights. We will all review how this ran for the next disco.

Any suggestions and offers of support will always be welcomed by those giving of their time to provide opportunities for the children.



School Pantomime Trip

As you now know the whole school will be going to the Panto together on December 15th. If anyone would be able to join us as a helper that day can you please let the school office know. You are unlikely to be supporting your child's class and would be travelling with a class on the bus.



Ready
Kind
Safe

If you are still having any difficulties in accessing **iPayimpact** please contact the school for help. It is essential that all families are now active on this system. As we have mentioned we are an entirely cashless building and this system is used for all payments. Also, this system is used to order school lunches – it allows you the opportunity to plan meals with your children **and** protects teaching time daily, saving teachers having to order lunches every day with the waste in the kitchen – by ordering in advance with your children the kitchen can more accurately place their orders without waiting for daily numbers.

iPayimpact
ONLINE PAYMENT PROVISION

At the start of 2022 the Scottish Government provided free bus travel for everyone up to the age of 22. If you have yet to apply for it for your children then this can be done online at **freebus.scot**



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Parents Consultations

The system for booking appointments should have gone live yesterday. We had problems with the network in school yesterday so the system may have had a few problems. An engineer has been in to look at the network today and this should now be resolved. In light of potential industrial action announced yesterday the meetings on the 24th may have to be rescheduled. This will all be confirmed next week.

Christmas Parties

The 'C' word - yes its coming towards that time of year. This year we will be able to have parties again in year groups and collectively in the school hall. These parties will take place during the school day (in the afternoons) on the following dates.

P1s - Dec 21st

P2 and 3s - Dec 20th

P4 and 5s - Dec 19th

P6 and 7s - Dec 16th

More details will come out about them closer to the time.

Counselling Service

Provided by Scottish Government funding a counselling service is now available for pupils in P6 and P7 through Relationships Scotland. Please see further details below.



Children in Need

Spotacular!

Next Friday (18th) is BBC Children in Need day. If the children would like to wear something spotty (clothing, or something stuck on them) and make a donation they can. There will be other activities taking place in class.



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RRSA – Protect and Respect

This week we continued on our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School. This is an international award from UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) focused on realising and educating about Children's Rights. Last year Scottish Government introduced this in to law and it is our intention to make the Children's Charter a central part of our school values and of our behaviour system. This week Mr Finlay and Mrs Mullen led school assemblies on the issue. More information will come to you over the coming months about this. [I heard a fabulous R.E.S.P.E.C.T. rap this morning from P5B]



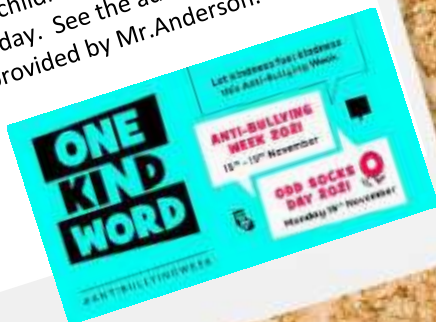
Industrial action

You may be aware from news channels (as announced yesterday) that a day of industrial action (strike) will be held on November 24th. More information regarding this will be issued next week from Falkirk Council.

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Anti-bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. In school we will be spending time learning about what that means and ways in which it can be handled. To start things off children are asked to wear 'odd socks' on Monday. See the additional information provided by Mr. Anderson.



Remembrance Day

Today we held a minutes silence in school to mark Armistice Day. This Sunday representatives of staff and pupils will be joining with the Falkirk community to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on Sunday morning at 9:15.



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We hope you all have a restful weekend! ☺

Primary Counselling Service



Available to pupils in **primary 6**
and **primary 7** in Falkirk!



01324 670067



info@relationships-
scotlandcccs.org.uk



Primary counselling with Relationships Scotland is now **available to pupils in P6 & P7!** A six-week block of counselling is running prior to Christmas and another block will run between January and Easter. Referrals are accepted from professionals as well as parents/carers.

To refer into this service, you can contact Relationships Scotland through the details below:

☎ 01324 670067

✉ info@relationships-scotlandcccs.org.uk.

More info on this service is also available on our Falkirk CMHWP blog:

[Primary School Counselling – Falkirk Community Mental Health and Wellbeing \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](#)