

Bantaskin Blether

17th March
2023



Red Nose Day Activities

The whole took part in fun activities today - thank you to the committee of pupils (along with Miss Kilpatrick and Mrs McArthur) for organising all of the fun today) see the photographs below. Pupils along with Mrs Henderson baked 'Red Nose Day' cakes for everyone too. Thank you to all who donated for Red Nose Day – a total of **£397.72** was donated towards Comic Relief.

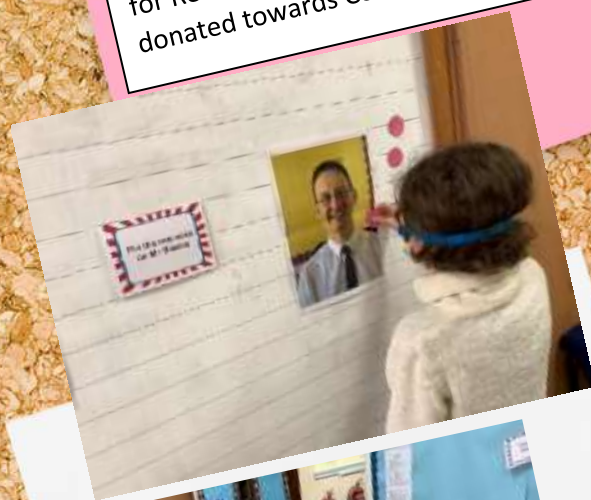


School lunches

All lunches now need to be ordered **a week in advance online for all children** – whether you are entitled to receive a free school meal or you pay for it! You also indicate on the system if your child is bringing a packed lunch with them. The structure will be as follows –

- All lunches will need to be ordered by midnight each Monday evening for the following week.
- If lunches are not ordered by midnight on the Monday then you will need to provide a packed lunch from home each day during the following week.

These orders now go direct to the school kitchen who need a week in advance to place orders for the food.



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Bus Shelters

Bantaskine Residents Associations recently ran a competition – along with Falkirk Councils Waste Minimisation Team – to design posters to decorate a new bus shelter on Westburn Ave across from the school. The key theme was to focus on matters of sustainability and caring for our local community. The Residents Association have now chosen 5 winners and at an assembly this week presented the winners with their prizes. Their designs will be reproduced on the bus shelter by the summer. Well done to everyone who submitted an entry and to our 5 winners whose designs you will see soon.



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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/>

Dates for your diary!

- *Easter holidays – School closes Friday 31st March and re-opens on Monday 17th April (**normal times**)
- Bank holiday weekend
- *Closed to pupils Friday 28th April (Staff Development Day)
- *Closed to all May Bank holiday – May 1st (re-opens Tuesday 2nd May)
- *School closed May 8th – King's Coronation Day
- *Last day of term – Friday June 30th

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Travelling Book Fair

For those that got a new book this week we hope you are all enjoying the excitement of a new story. Those who have ordered one they should be in school on Wednesday next week. A huge thank you to everyone who was able to support the school at the book fair – due to your enormous generosity we are able to buy new books for the school up to the value of £800. With the support of the Parent Council fundraising events we are hoping to add to this over the next few months to buy more reading materials for the school. Enjoy the new books and thank you once again.



Celebrations

A number of our fantastic Bantaskin pupils have been representing the school in a number of events recently.

- **Our Scottish Country dancers took part in the Glasgow Music Festival competition recently achieving a 'First Class' certificate for their performance. Well done to our dancers!**

It's great to have such fabulous children representing Bantaskin so well – not just with their talents but with their hard work and positivity too.

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