



Bankier Primary and ELC Newsletter

April 2026



Dear Families,

This has been a very busy term, and I have loved every minute. There has been a strong focus on the arts with our Glee Choir in competition, Primaries 3 and 7 leading assembly and the Drama Club performing Putting the Seoul into Soccer. Pupils across the school put their heart and soul into everything they did, and if you happened to be in the audience at any of these performances, you would have been part of something very special. All the highlights from the term are captured below.

On behalf of everyone at Bankier Primary School, I would like to wish you a relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 20th April

Kind Regards

Sarah Ritchie



Resilient



Brilliant Bankier Bairns from Primary 1 to Primary 7 showed resilience and confidence presenting our Putting the Seoul into Soccer Concert. The concert featured performances from every class, our Glee Choir and Highland Dance Troop. Thank-you to everyone who came along to support us in the audience. I hope you left feeling proud, and hopeful, that 2026 might indeed be a World Cup to remember for Scotland.





Resilient



Our Glee Choir also showed resilience when performing in the Albert Halls in Stirling. The Glee choir competed against Glee choirs from other schools from the local area.....and **WE WON!!!!!!**

Led by Suzanne Bell and Holly Brookes, the choir have all worked incredibly hard for a long time and success was well deserved.

The choir now go onwards and upwards to compete at a higher level.



As a school we could not be prouder of our Brilliant Bankier Bairns. Our pride has been beautifully captured in this poem, written by a parent.

Voices of Bankier

From a wee school hall in a village small,
Came voices brave and bright,
The Brilliant Bankier bairns stood tall
And filled the stage with light.

With hearts that sang and courage strong,
They gave their very best,
Each harmony, each joyful song
Rang louder than the rest.

Guided by Suzanne with care,
Who helped their voices soar,
She showed them how their dreams could dare
To reach a little more.

A credit to the teachers all,
Whose care helps children grow,
At Bankier every helping hand
Helps confidence to glow.

And when the winners' name was called,
Their cheers could shake the sky —
For the Brilliant Bankier bairns had shown
How high a song can fly.

And now they journey onward still,
With songs so proud and true —
To Regionals where their voices strong
Will shine the whole day through.

Julie Love

Primary 3 led everyone in an assembly sharing their learning on the Romans.



Primary 7 led everyone in an assembly sharing their learning on WW2.



Equal



Pupils in Primary 7 had a visit from the education team from the Scottish Parliament. Following the visit, pupils applied their learning with an in-class election.

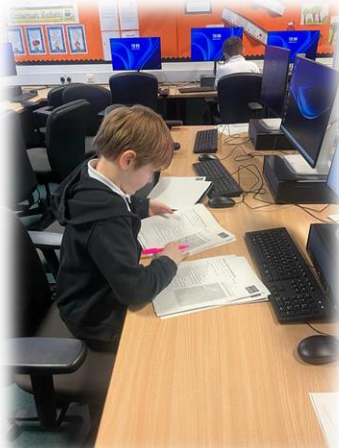




Equal



Our pupil council group have been busy putting the final pages together for the book we're hoping to get published next term! Keep your eyes peeled for 'Welcome Everybody' the Bankier Book of Equality and Diversity in our school.



Our Rights Respecting School Group have been working hard to analyse the data from our Rights Survey that all pupils filled in.

This data will help the group to determine their next steps!





★ Achieving



Congratulations to these pupils who reached for the stars and achieved their very best!

			
This Brilliant Bairn learned the show songs.	This Brilliant Bairn is good at maths	This Brilliant Bairn is a kind friend.	This Brilliant Bairn knows his sounds.
			
This Brilliant Bairn is making progress in writing.	This Brilliant Bairn earned the most dojo points.	This Brilliant Bairn writes independently.	This Brilliant Bairn is achieving across the curriculum.
			
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Achieving

			
This Brilliant Bairn writes good descriptions.	This Brilliant Bairn is a good friend to others.	This Brilliant Bairn shows resilience.	This Brilliant Bairn is making progress in reading.
			
This Brilliant Bairn is improving her writing.	This Brilliant Bairn earned the most dojo points.	This Brilliant Bairn is getting better at maths.	This Brilliant Bairn is very creative.
			
This Brilliant Bairn can solve maths problems.	This Brilliant Bairn is achieving well.	This Brilliant Bairn is making good progress.	This Brilliant Bairn is achieving in writing.
			
This Brilliant Bairn is growing in confidence.	This Brilliant Bairn is very creative.	This Brilliant Bairn is good at maths.	This Brilliant Bairn is achieving across the curriculum.



Contributing



On March 6th we came together as a school community to celebrate World Book Day. Pupils got Read-y for the school day with our whole school reading brunch.



The whole school community has been working hard to raise funds. It was the turn of Primary 7 to lead Fundraising Friday and they did so with a Dance-a-thon. Funds raised go towards the whole school trip.

The BHH have also supported fundraising efforts hosting a raffle at the school show. Monies raised here will go to purchasing equipment for the MUGA.



During our Pupil Leadership time Eco Group and Health Group joined together today to help begin the creation of our new school garden area.

Health group planted some healthy vegetable seeds of carrots and pumpkin. Eco group planted some flowers that are friendly to birds and bees.

We hope, by the Summer term, that we will have some plants beginning to grow to improve our outdoor area, and help us achieve our Eco School Award.



The Months Ahead

Friday 3rd April	School and ELC closed the Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	School and ELC re-open for new term.
Friday 1 st May	School and ELC closed for staff training.
Monday 4 th May	School and ELC closed for May holiday.
Thursday 5 th May	BHH Meeting @6pm in the school. All welcome.
Friday 15 th May	Glee Final, Stirling Albert Halls
Friday 25 th May	Reports Issued
Tuesday 26 th May	Parents Appointments.
Thursday 28 th May	Parents Appointments.
Thursday 4 th June and Friday 5 th June	Primary 7 to Denny High School
Friday 5 th June	Fundraising Friday
Monday 8 th June and Tuesday 9 th June	Primary 7 pupils to Dounans
Thursday 11 th June	Whole School Trip to Briarlands Farm
Friday 12 th June	Primary 2 Assembly @ 1.45pm
Thursday 18 th June	Summer Disco
Friday 19 th June	Primary 7 End of Year Celebration @1.45pm
Thursday 25 th June	Summer Service @ 9.30am
Friday 26 th June	School and ELC close for the summer holidays at 1.30pm.



The BHH have organised an adult only event to take place at Bankier Community Hall. Due to the popularity of the event, tickets are on sale now and selling fast.

Tickets can be purchased from the school or by scanning the QR code on the flyer.

All monies raised from the event will go directly to the school.



Health and Wellbeing Survey

Every term we survey pupils Health and Wellbeing. Data from the survey is used to inform improvements. Our Health Pupil Leadership Group have a particular interest and were inspired to launch the Healthy Heroes initiative. Data shows upwards trends in most areas.

