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Dear Parents,

November has been an incredible month for all at Bankier Primary School and ELC. We came together as a school community to mark armistice and to raise funds for Children in Need.

We enjoyed the outdoors with classes participating in Outdoor Classroom Day. Families joined us for the Primary 1 and 2 Book Week Read-a-long, ELC Stay and Play sessions and our annual Parents Night appointments.

As the year draws to a close, we are about to jingle all the way. Our final month will be packed with pantos, parties, fun and laughter and we cannot wait! Below you will find an overview of events. We will also keep you updated in Class Dojo.

Let the fun begin

Kind Regards

Sarah Ritchie



Bankier's Brilliant Bairns



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



This Brilliant Bairn has made improvements in handwriting.



This Brilliant Bairn writes good stories.



This Brilliant Bairn is making good progress in reading.



This Brilliant Bairn is kind and friendly.



This Brilliant Bairn is making good progress in basketball.



This Brilliant Bairn is kind and helpful.



This Brilliant Bairn demonstrates a growth mindset in numeracy.



This Brilliant Bairn has a good understanding of fractions.



This Brilliant Bairn is good at reading.



This Brilliant Bairn is good at counting.



This Brilliant Bairn is making good choices.



This Brilliant Bairn is always ready, respectful and safe.



This Brilliant Bairn is trying hard with all her tasks.



This Brilliant Bairn is making good progress in writing.



This Brilliant Bairn is kind and helpful to others.



This Brilliant Bairn is doing well with writing.



This Brilliant Bairn is making good progress in reading.

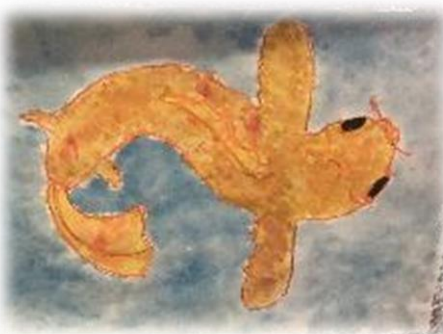


Bankier Primary
REACH FOR THE STARS



Wonderful Work

Some of the wonderful work from our Brilliant Bankier Bairns.





Fee Fi Fo Fum

This December the pupils of Bankier Primary School will proudly present the superb, action-packed musical based on the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.

This action packed panto brings the story of Jack and the Beanstalk right up to date, with a hilarious script, colourful characters and irresistible songs. Jack has to overcome a terrible fear of heights - a bit of a problem when it comes to climbing a beanstalk!

Rehearsals are going very well and this is a show not to be missed. There are still some tickets left for the performances. Please contact the school office if you would like extra tickets.



Outdoor classroom day

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day. On two days of action each year, teachers take children outdoors to play and learn. All year round, the Outdoor Classroom Day community campaigns for more time outdoors every day.



Children in Need

This year we came together as a school and joined the Great Spotacular to support the charity Children in Need. On the day pupils were encouraged to wear spots and classes took part in lots of fun activities. Thanks to your generosity we were able to raise an incredible £204.43 for the charity.

Scottish Book Week



Book Week Scotland is now in its twelfth year and Bankier Primary School continue to take part. Book Week is an annual celebration of books and reading that takes place across the country in November. During Book Week, people of all ages and walks of life come together to share the joy of reading. This year Primary 1 and 2 invited parents into the classroom to share in the joy of a story. Primary 7 pupils joined the celebration and shared the story. Unable to resist the chance to read with children, Mrs Ritchie came along to join the fun. Thank-you to everyone who came along and joined us.

School Uniform

Our Brilliant Bankier Bairns look incredibly smart in their uniform and it is our expectation that they remain smart throughout the festive season. Pupils can dress down or wear party clothes for their Christmas Party. Pupils can also dress down or wear a Christmas Jumper on Friday 22nd December. This is not a fund raiser, just a chance to have fun.

As a school we are committed to zero additional cost to the school day. This means that we do not put pressure on families to buy Christmas jumpers at this time of year when there are additional stresses on finances. All we do over the coming weeks will be free and include all out Brilliant Bankier Bairns.

Christmas Market

Fed up with the queues in Princess Street awaiting a chance to squeeze your way through a Christmas Market in the rain? We are too, which is why we are holding our Bankier Primary School and ELC Christmas Market again this year! Pupils are working to deliver a unique Christmas Market experience in the comfortable, all weather surroundings of our very own school.

On Monday 18th December parents and the community are invited into Bankier Primary School for a Christmas Shopping experience like no other. Each classroom will be turned into a Christmas shop and will be selling goods made by our incredibly talented Brilliant Bairns. Parents and visitors will have the chance to visit the classes and purchase goods. Parents are welcome to take their child(ren) with them as they shop.

Our friends at the BHH are supporting the event by hosting a café in the school hall. Here is a sneak preview of some of the items for sale;

- Personalised felt stockings
- Bracelets
- Pet Christmas Baubles
- Salt Doh Decorations
- Snowman Candles

There will be a wide choice of gifts on offer at very reasonable prices. We look forward to seeing you all there.



December 2023

Every month we will give you an overview of upcoming events. Here is what to look forward to in the month ahead.



Tuesday 5 th December	School Concert Fee Fi Fo Fum 1pm
Wednesday 6 th December	School Concert Fee Fi Fo Fum 1pm
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Lunch 12 noon
Monday 11 th December	Primary 5/6 Christmas Party 1pm
Monday 11 th December	Primary 7 Christmas Party 6pm
Thursday 14 th December	Primary 3/4 Christmas Party 1pm
Friday 15 th December	Primary 1 and 2 present A Wiggly Nativity 1.45pm
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Market 1pm- 3pm
Tuesday 19 th December	M and M Pantomime 1pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Primary 1/2 Christmas Party 1pm
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Service Hagsgs' Parish Church 9.30am
Thursday 21 st December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December	Dress down/ Christmas Jumper day
Friday 22 nd December	School closes at 1.30pm ELC closes at 3pm Christmas Holiday

Nursery

As the weather has been changing the children have been noticing a difference in our surroundings, the leaves have changed colour and the conkers have been falling from the tree. This prompted the children to explore Autumn. The children went a walk around the local community to collect leaves and sticks for our Autumn display. It was lovely to see so many friendly faces shouting and waving at the children as we passed by.



It was brilliant to see the children (and parents) supporting Children in Need. Staff spoke to the children about the good things Pudsey does and then watched a video. The nursery children helped raise £37.33 towards Children in Need.



A few of the children made their own Blush and Pudsey up at the art area. They were gluing paper together to make them bigger. They used their Pudsey ears to draw around to shape their heads. They then took them around the nursery read them books and tucked them in to go to sleep. One child then wanted to make her own ones so she drew them out and we laminated them. Fantastic imagination and creativity.



Did anyone make pizzas in the house? The children had been talking to Mr Hendry about pizza and he suggested making pitta bread pizza. The children showed good spreading skills when adding the passata to the pitta bread. The children then added the grated cheese and waited patiently while they cooked under the grill.

Does your child have a favourite cooking or baking activity that you could come in and work with a group of children and make? Please speak to a member of staff or send a message to us through Class Dojo.



It was #WorldNurseryRhymeWeek. Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. Singing is something that happens naturally every day at Bankier and we encourage parents to sing along with their child as much as possible. Singing uses children's vocal muscles to produce the sound. This helps them to develop the muscles needed for speaking, from this children develop a sense of rhythm and pitch which are important for language development. I have attached a link where you can find more resources. worldnurseryrhymeweek.com

As we continue our Froebelian Flagship journey we will continue to develop our spaces in order to provide rich experiences for our children. Thank you so much to the parents who continue to donate items to our nursery. They are very much appreciated.

Thank you so much to all our parents who attended our stay and play sessions. From the feedback given we have decided to make our stay and plays more regular with fewer parents but with a focus, for example a stay and sew session, stay and bake or stay and woodwork session. Look out for dates coming soon.



This year for the Christmas fayre the nursery will be holding a raffle and selling calendars. A sample calendar will be available for you to have a look at. Calendars will be available to purchase for £2 each and are great as an extra gift for family members. All money should be handed in with the order form by the 6th of December and calendars will be issued around the 13th of December.

As always this is a great fundraiser for the nursery and all money raised goes straight back into providing experiences for your children.

If you or your family have any raffle prizes we would appreciate any donations, big or small.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Friday 8 th December	Christmas lunch
Monday 18 th December	Christmas fayre (School) Nursery are selling calendars and holding a raffle this year.
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Panto (in school)
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas party
Friday 22 nd December	Finish for the Christmas holidays
Monday 8 th January 2024	Pupils return