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Dear Parents,

Although a short month, February is jammed packed with high quality learning experiences for our Brilliant Bankier Bairns.

The local streets have been taking a beating as our Brilliant Bankier Bairns began earning points for the Falkirk West Beat the Street challenge. I am very proud to see so many pupils achieving success. Our Brilliant Bankier Bairns have also had success in the sporting arena with our Basketball team participating at a local tournament.

This month we welcomed families into the school for our Primary 1 Stay and Play. Grandparents, parents and a few siblings stopped by to join in our play.

We have a lot to cram in before the end of term so please look out for e-mails and Dojo updates. Details of some of the events can be found below. We look forward to sharing these events with you in the near future.

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 is
excelling in writing.



This Brilliant Bairn is making
very good progress.



This Brilliant Bairn is making
progress with spelling.



This Brilliant Bairn is
excellent in writing



This Brilliant Bairn is
growing in confidence.



This Brilliant Bairn is making
progress in writing.



This Brilliant Bairn is
making progress in reading.



This Brilliant Bairn has been
trying his best.



This Brilliant Bairn is
making progress in writing.



This Brilliant Bairn is patient and helpful.



This Brilliant Bairn is an excellent role model.



This Brilliant Bairn is making progress with spelling.



This Brilliant Bairn has beautiful handwriting.



This Brilliant Bairn writes creatively.



This Brilliant Bairn shows resilience.



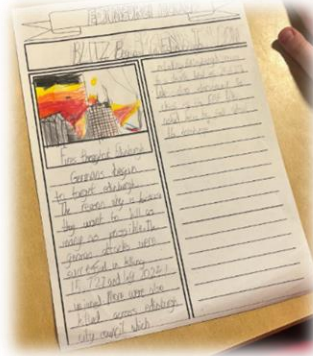
This Brilliant Bairn is cheering on others.





Wonderful Work

Some of the wonderful work from our Brilliant Bankier Bairns.

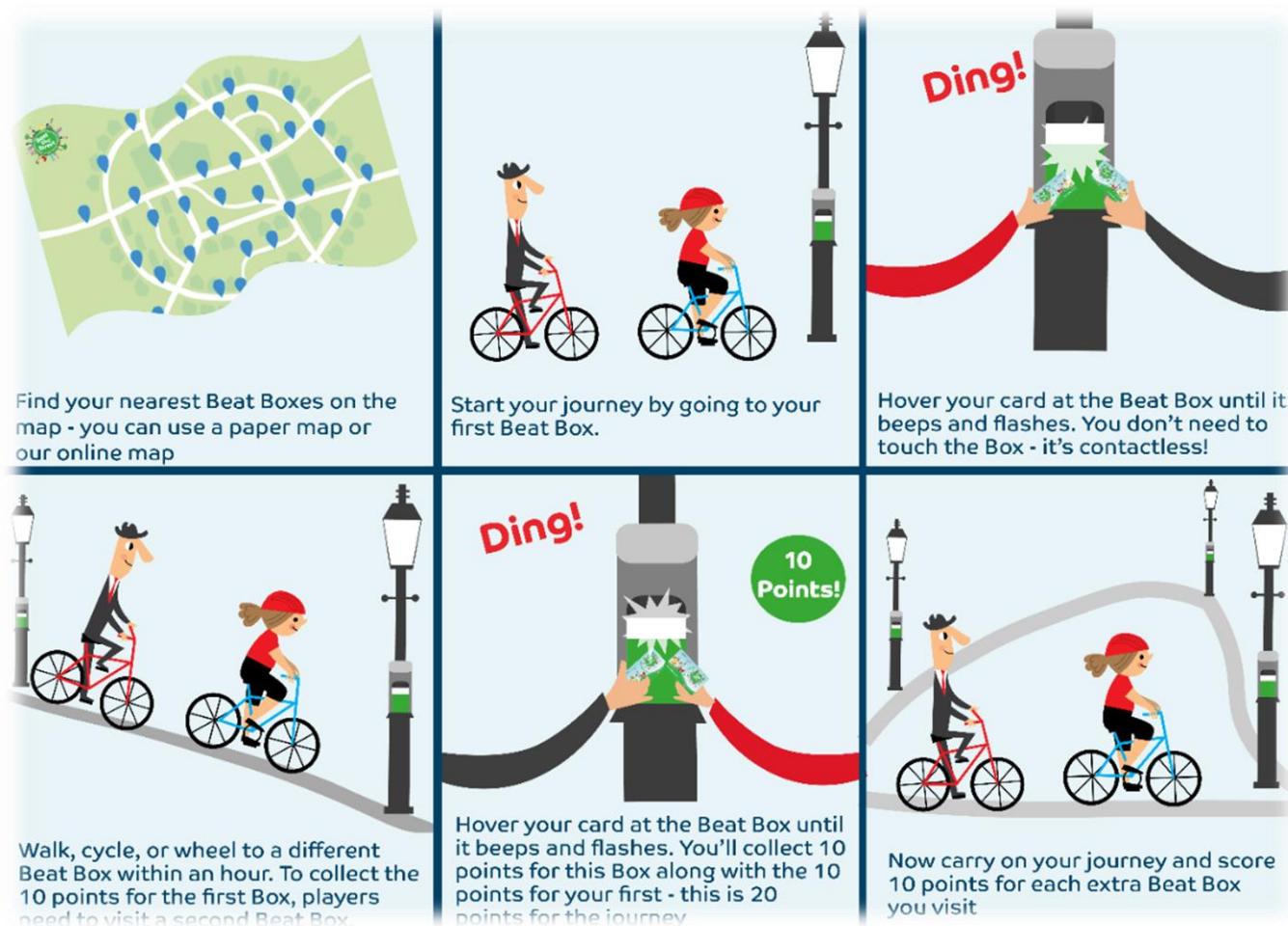


Basketball



Our Basketball Team have also been in action this month. Pupils attended a local tournament at Denny High School. They continued with their impressive progress and represented the school impeccably. Thank-you to all parents who helped transport their children to and from the tournament. More thanks go to Miss Farghuar who coaches the team.

Beat The Street



There is an exciting new event taking place in Falkirk West called "Beat the Street"!

Your child should have a pack with two points card inside and also a map. If you want to join in the cards need to be registered online - <https://www.beatthestreet.me/falkirkwest/> - or there is an app that can be downloaded and the game can be played virtually too.

The game involves walking between points boxes attached to lampposts in the local area (these are noted on the map that will come home), and children can achieve 10 points for each walk between boxes that they complete. Points can mean prizes for the school! It sounds like great fun so hopefully we will see lots of Brilliant Bankier Bairns registered and joining in soon ☺

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJbOghMQ5ZM> Here is a handy video explaining the game too.

World Book Day

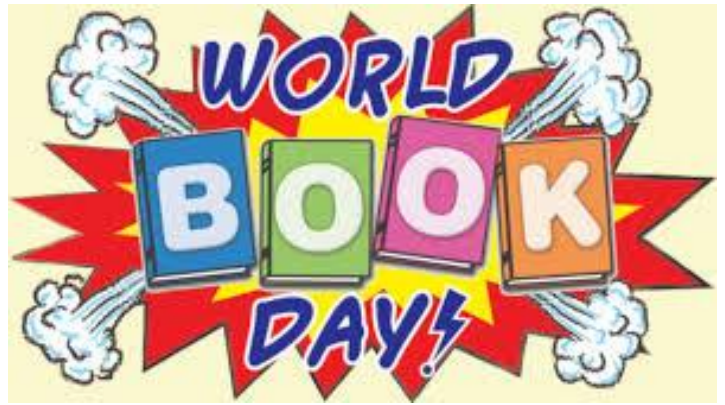
This year our Brilliant Bairns will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 1st March.

We will start the celebration in the morning by coming together as a school for our annual World Book day assembly.

There are lots of events taking place in classrooms including The Masked Reader and an Interhouse quiz!

If you want to join in at home, we would love to see you reading books in unusual places. Photographs can be shared on the Class Dojo page.

This is not a fundraising event nor are we collecting any money. The only expectation is to turn up and enjoy a book!



Book Fayre

Monday 11th of March 2024 sees the return of our Book Fayre. The school library is transformed into a book shop for the day. Pupils have the opportunity to visit the shop and purchase some of the books on offer. Families who have been with the school for some time will remember that we used to issue a catalogue of books. This year, the entire catalogue can be found on line. Click here to see the books and products available on the day [The books - Travelling Book Fairs \(scholastic.co.uk\)](https://www.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-book-fairs).



Pupils wishing to purchase a book or product should come to school with the money to do so on the day. Money raised at the Book Fayre allows the school to purchase new books for its library collection

Change of dates

Parents' Appointments

Our second annual parents' appointments will take place in May. We have had to move these dates forward to allow staff to attend Dounans' Residential with pupils. Here are the new dates and times;

Tuesday 14th May 3.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 16th May 3.30pm-6.30pm

Appointments will be able to be booked on our booking app .nearer the time.

Primary 7 Assembly

As part of the transition process our Primary 7 pupils will be visiting Denny High School for an induction. This year the induction takes place on Thursday 6th June and Friday 7th June. The second date falls on the day we had planned to host our Primary 7 leavers' assembly. We have therefore moved our leavers' assembly and it will now take place on Friday 21st June at 1.45pm



Support Group

This month our Family Support Worker, Laurence Fletcher, launched a support group for parents of children with ASN.

The group is a friendly and supportive group welcoming parents from Bankier Primary School, Antonine Primary School and Bonnybridge Primary School. Although meetings take place every week, there is no expectation to attend every week.

The group meets in our local community centre at 11am on Thursdays. There will be guest speakers sharing advice and expertise. However, the real power of the group is parents supporting parents.

If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Lawrence on 07484040099.



Additional Support Needs

Parents Group

If you are a parent or carer for a child who is Neurodiverse or has any Additional Support Needs, then this group is for you!

Every Thursday - 11am
Banknock Community Centre

Come and meet other parents and carers who have experienced similar challenges and get advice and tips from invited guests

Autistic Spectrum Disorder A.D.H.D.
Anxiety Dyslexia
Developmental Co-ordination Disorder
Tic Disorders Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Refreshments provided

For the Parents and Carers of Children who attend Antonine Primary School, Bankier Primary School and Bonnybridge Primary School
 For further information phone or text – Lawrence Fletcher 07484 040099

March/April 2024

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



Friday 1st March	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th March	Parent Council meeting 6pm. All welcome.
Friday 8 th March	Primary 5 assembly 1.45pm
Monday 11 th March	Book Fair
Friday 22 nd March	Primary 3 Assembly 1.45pm
Monday 25 th March	Spring Disco
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Service Haggs Parish Church 9.30am.
Thursday 28 th March	School and ELC close to pupils at 3pm for the Easter Holidays.
Monday 15 th April	School and ELC open to pupils for the summer term.

Nursery

The children have been showing an interest in hairdressing and we have added some tools and appliances to our home corner. Staff and pupils alike have been treated to new hairstyles.



To celebrate Pancake Day we enjoyed sharing the tale of Mr Wolf and the Pancakes. Our Brilliant Bankier Bairns were so inspired by the tale they decided to make some pancakes of their own. They were absolutely delicious.



Frobelian Flagship

As our setting continues its journey towards Frobelian Flagship Status, our staff team undertook additional training on the use of clay. The clay area in the nursery has been developed and pupils are developing their creativity skills and imagination.

Next month we will be hosting intergenerational family learning events where our families can join us for songs and stories. Please let a member of staff know if you are able to attend any of the sessions.

For those unable to join, this QR code will take you to our songs and you can sing-a-long at home.



Nursery Forthcoming events

Stay and sing sessions	Monday 4 th March 1.45pm
Stay and sing sessions	Tuesday 5 th March 1.45pm
Book Fair	
Stay and story session	Tuesday 12 th March at 1.45pm
Stay and story session	Wednesday 13 th March 1.45pm
Monday 25 th March	Spring Disco 6pm
Thursday 28 th March	ELC closes at 3pm for Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	ELC re-opens at 9am for the Summer Term