



Bankier Primary and ELC Newsletter

August 2024



Dear Families,

Bankier Primary School and ELC are back with Brilliance. We have had a very positive start to the term. Our Brilliant Bairns are working hard and Reaching for the Stars in every way that they can. This newsletter showcases our journey so far and gives information on the weeks and months ahead. Everyone at Bankier is delighted to be back and we are all looking forward to working with you in the months to come.

Kind Regards

Sarah Ritchie



Resilient

Our Primary 1 pupils are demonstrating high levels of resilience as they get to know new friends and secure new routines.



Primary pupils across the school have been showing resilience when using our new playground equipment. The equipment was part funded by last year's Primary 7 pupils as part of their Leave a Legacy Project. The climbing wall will be enjoyed for years to come.



Equal



This year we have a renewed focus on Pupil Leadership. Our House Captains, Library Monitors, Buddies and Prefects have been elected and are already making a positive impact around the school.

House Captains 2024-25



New for session 2024-25 are our Leading the Learning groups. All pupils will participate in an intergenerational group to realise improvement in our school. Groups will include:

**Eco Group
Rights Ambassadors
Reading Ambassadors
Digital Leaders
Community Engagement
Junior Road Safety Officers**





Achieving



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

			
This Brilliant Bairn writes creatively.	This Brilliant Bairn welcomes classmates.	This Brilliant Bairn shares his ideas	This Brilliant Bairn has a positive attitude.
			
This Brilliant Bairn is a positive role model.	This Brilliant Bairn is learning new routing	This Brilliant Bairn is trying his best.	This Brilliant Bairn is working hard.

Our Brilliant Bairns are achieving in lots of ways across the school with Star Liners, Star Diners, Dojo Winners, Superstars and Reach for the Stars Awards. Congratulations to all our Brilliant Bairns! We are incredibly proud of you all!



Dojo Winner

Reach for the Stars



Achieving

Super Stars



Congratulations to our Primary 2 and Primary 5 pupils who are the first Star Liners of the new year!



Congratulations to our Primary 2 and Primary 6 pupils who are the first Star Dinners of the new year!





Contributing



Meet the Teacher

Our Meet the Teacher Event was a huge success. We enjoyed welcoming families into our school to meet with staff and view our learning environment.

Thank-you to everyone who came along. We hope to see you again soon.



ASDA



You can also help us fundraise for our Brilliant Bairns by downloading the Easy Fundraising App. The app makes a small contribution to school funds when you shop online with a variety of online retailers.

CashPot

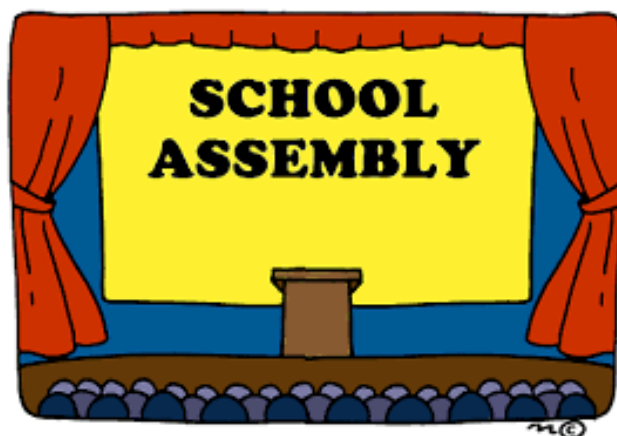
Do you shop at your local Asda? Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a Bankier Primary School to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all — every time a customer chooses Bankier Primary School, Asda will donate £1 to our school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when our first customer shops.

For the last two years your support with fundraising has ensured that every pupil was able to enjoy a school trip at no cost. Donations to the Cashpot will go towards our 2025 school trip. Thank-you to the Brilliant Parent who let us know of this opportunity .



There will be lots of opportunities for our Brilliant Bairns and their families to contribute to the life of our school and community. Below you will find an overview of some of the events you can look forward to this year.

All class assemblies will take place on a Friday afternoon at 1.45pm. Space in the hall is limited, therefore we have to limit numbers to two adults per child. Tea, coffee and refreshments are available afterwards.



Assembly Calendar

Date	Class
11.10.24	Primary 5
6.12.24	Primary 4
13.12.24	Primary 2
31.1.25	Primary 6
14.3.25	Primary 3
13.6.25	Primary 1
20.6.25	Primary 7



In February 2025, Bankier Primary School celebrates its 60th Birthday and plans are in place to do so in spectacular style. This year we will host a special school show on Monday 31st March and Tuesday 1st April. Please note that this event will replace our Christmas Show.



The Months Ahead

Thursday 5 th September	Parent Council Welcome Meeting 6pm
Friday 6 th September	Come Dine with Me for Primary 1 12 noon
Monday 9 th September	School and ELC closed for September Holiday
Friday 11 th October	Primary 5 Assembly @ 1.45pm
Monday 14 th October - Friday 25 th October	School and ELC closed for October Holiday
Thursday 31 st October	Halloween Disco
Friday 1 st November	Report Card Issued

Parents Evenings

There are two annual Parents' Evenings. This year they will take place on the following dates;

Tuesday 12th November 3.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 14th November 3.30pm-6.30pm

Tuesday 3rd June 3.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 5th June 3.30pm-6.30pm

Reporting

We report to parents in many ways across the school year with Meet the Teacher, Class Dojo, Termly Overviews and Class Assemblies.

Formal reports will be issued at 3 points in the year and will focus on our values. Reports will be issued in advance of Parents' Appointments to help you to prepare. Reports will be issued on the following dates;

Friday 1st November

Friday 21st February

Friday 16th May



Healthy



Our Brilliant Bairns have made successful transitions to their new classes. Teachers have been working hard building relationships with their new classes.

Our Primary 7 pupils have been spending lots of time getting to know their buddies to supporting them as they familiarise themselves with the new routines of Primary 1.



You may have seen on media platforms that the Scottish Government is supporting schools to ban the use of mobile phones in school to help reduce anxiety. Pupils at Bankier are not allowed phones in school. If your child brings a phone to school they must keep it in their bag. Bankier Primary School does not accept any responsibility for any damage or loss of mobile phones.

We have reviewed our security arrangements. School doors will be locked at all times. This means that there is no access to the toilets before 9am. Anyone needing access to the building for the toilet, or otherwise, should report to reception.

Staff will be on hand in the playground in the morning and will challenge any unknown faces. The school gates will be locked timeously. You can help us by vacating the playground as soon as your child has entered the building.

Thank-you for supporting us to keep our Brilliant Bairns Safe.