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News Letter September 2021

Dear Parents,

The month of September has been an extremely busy month for all at Bankier Primary School and ELC. We continue to build on our successes and reach for the stars. Pupils have stepped up into the roles of House Captain, Vice-Captain, Prefects and Digital Leaders are providing strong leadership models to their fellow pupils. Pupils across the school have been reaching for the stars and achieving house points, Brilliant Bairn Certificates and Praise Postcards.

This month also saw pupils return to the dinner hall, IT suite, Gym Hall and STEM lounge. Pupils are also enjoying working alongside pupils from other classes. We continue to be extremely well supported by parents and our community as we move forward. This newsletter contains a snap shot of the rich and diverse experiences being offered to our pupils. This has been a great start to our new term and we could not have done it without your support so as we move forward remember; stay safe, stay well and stay connected.

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 been a P1 Superstar.



This brilliant bairn has had a fantastic start to P3.

This brilliant bairn is working hard in Primary 5



This brilliant bairn has written creative stories.



This brilliant bairn has been a P1 Superstar.

This brilliant bairn has been challenging herself in maths.



This brilliant bairn is a numeracy ninja.



This brilliant bairn is working hard on his reading.

This brilliant bairn is working hard in Primary 5.





This brilliant bairn is doing well with his sums.



This brilliant bairn is kind and helpful in class.

This brilliant bairn is working hard on his sounds.



This brilliant bairn is making good progress in number.



This brilliant bairn listens well in class.



This brilliant bairn can form letters perfectly.



This brilliant bairn is a good friend to his classmates.

This brilliant bairn is learning his sounds.

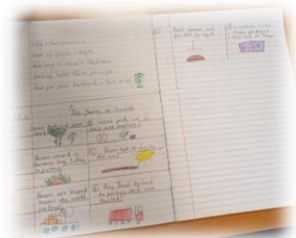


This brilliant bairn is kind and helpful in class.

This brilliant bairn tries her best with every task.

Wonderful Work

Wonderful work is already on show...here is some of the wonderful work from our Brilliant Bankier Bairs.



House News

Bankier Primary School has an established House System. Every pupil in the school belongs to one of the Houses: Braeface, Castle Rankine, Underwood and Wyndford. Each house is led by a House Captain, from Primary 7, ably assisted by a Vice-House Captain from Primary 6. Pupils are invited to apply for the role and, after applications are vetted by the Senior Leadership Team, pupils go forward to be elected by members of their house. House Captains and Vice-House Captains model the best in behaviour, attitude and work ethic and they encourage others to *reach for the stars!* The standard of applications for session 2021-22 was extremely high. All pupils who went forward for election were thoroughly deserving candidates and we would like to thank everyone who took the time to apply. After a hotly contested election we are delighted to introduce the House Captains and Vice-House Captains for this session.

Braeface



Captain- Logan Coutts



Vice Captain- Callum Crockard

Castle Rankine



Captain- Isla Nicol



Vice Captain- Angel Walker

Wyndford



Captain- Sophie Grey



Vice Captain- David Mc Connell

Underwood



Captain- Kayla Boyd



Vice Captain- Ava Campbell

Since the return to school pupils have been reaching for the stars and earning points for their house.

House of the month for September, with an incredible 1033 points is.....

Wyndford!
Wealthy, Wise, Winners!

Here is how the leader board looks now but remember that the cup is not won yet. Everything you do this year will make a difference.....So keep reaching for the stars!!!!

Wyndford	1033
Castle Rankine	960
Braeface	989
Underwood	889



Meet the Prefects

Our Captains and Vice Captains will be supported by a team of prefects. Our prefects are chosen from Primary 6 and Primary 7 and like the Captains and Vice House Captains model the very best attitude and behaviour.



The prefects have already met to discuss how pupils can lead improvements in the school. Using the How Good is our School Tool Kit, they identified Health and Wellbeing and Successes and Achievements as priorities for session 2021-22. Since that first meeting, teams of prefects have visited all classes in the school to get everyone involved. We look forward to sharing the work they are leading in future newsletters.

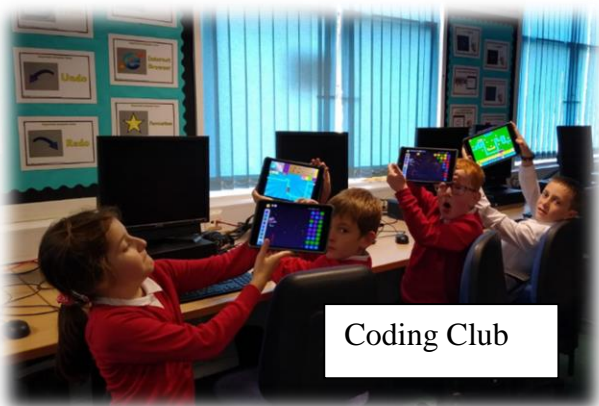
Digital Leaders

Pupils in Primary 7 have also taken on the role of digital leaders. Our Digital leaders have already been supporting pupils across the school with IT and will soon be taking a lead role in developing the use of Ipads across the curriculum.



After School Clubs

We are delighted to be relaunching our school clubs. Over the course of the year there will be a wide range of opportunities for pupils to become involved in the wider life of the school. Here is a small taste of what has been on offer this month.



Coding Club



Yoga Club



Football Club

Mrs Paddon building on the STEMPIRE

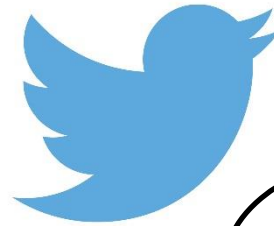
Last session Mrs Paddon worked with pupils across the school to develop the STEM curriculum and a STEM lounge within the school. In recognition of this outstanding work, Mrs Paddon was nominated for a national award, Primary Science Teacher of the Year. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Paddon was a runner up. This is an incredible, but well deserved accolade. Mrs Paddon was the first Scottish Teacher to make the final since 2012. Mrs Paddon's efforts have been recognised by the local authority who have appointed her as STEM lead for the cluster. This means that Mrs Paddon will be supporting the development of the STEM curriculum across the cluster with Bankier Primary School and STEM lounge used as a venue to inspire the next generation of the STEMPIRE.



Class News

Last year, parents fed back that they would like to know more about what was happening in their child's classroom. To share our learning journey with you, our newsletter will now have a class news section written by the children in each class. Each month they will share a few highlights from their learning. Please remember teachers are regularly updating their Twitter feeds sharing the learning taking place. Here is a reminder of the Twitter Handles for each class.

- Bankier Primary School - @BankierPrimary
- Bankier ELCC - @bankier_nursery
- Miss Callaghan & P1 - @MissRCallaghan
- Mrs Chok & Primary1 - @MrsAChok
- Miss Donnelly & Primary2 - @MissDonnellyBP
- Miss Wilson & P3 - @Miss_AWilson
- Miss McPhee & primary4 - @MissCMcPhee
- Miss France P5 - @MissFranceBPS
- Mr Innes & P6 - @BpsPrimary6
- Bankier Primary 7 - @MrsPaddon
- Mrs Lerpiniere - @MrsLerpiniere

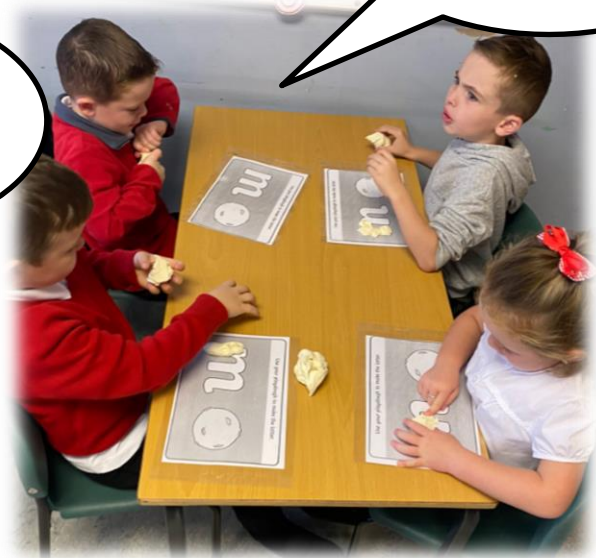


We learned the letter M, Freddie

Primary 1- Miss Callaghan



We planted bulbs, Cora B



Primary 1- Mrs Chok



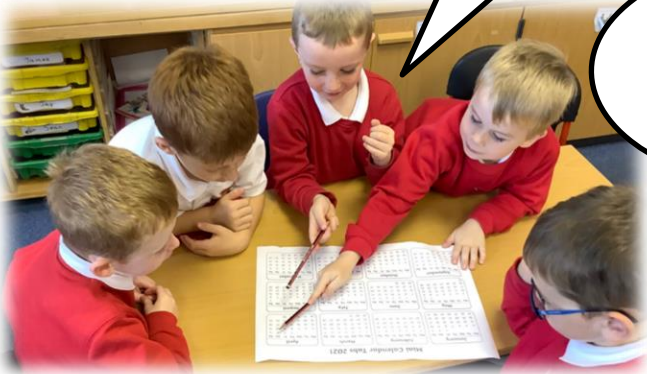
We learned sounds with the actions, Cole L



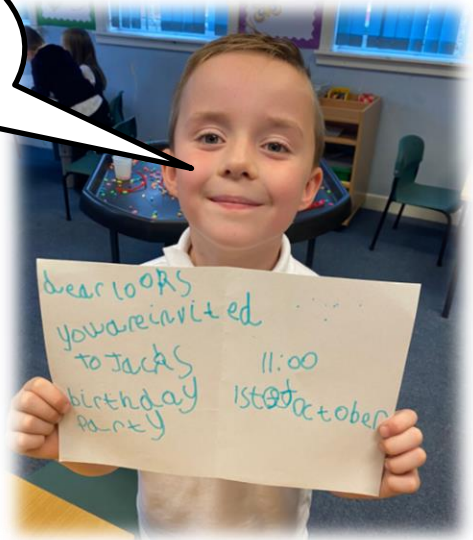
Big buddies read us stories, Kai M

Primary 2- Miss Donnelly

We learned about dates, Skye B



We made cards for the party, Zack D



Primary 3- Miss Wilson

We matched shapes. We worked as a team, Sophia B



We made crayons to show we are different, Alfie B

Primary 4- Miss Mc Phee

We made digits from our book Mega Monster, Freya C



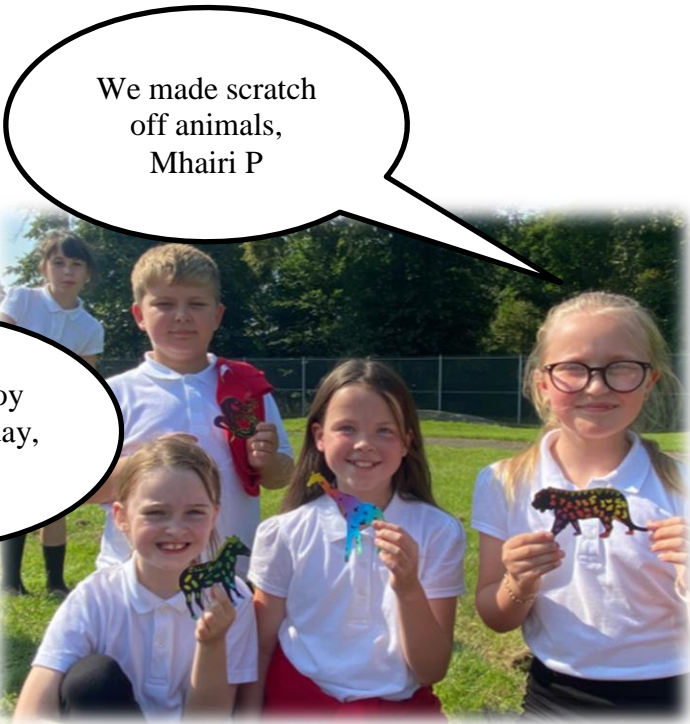
We made links in our STEM lesson, Guy W



Primary 5- Miss France



Primary 5 enjoy Free Write Friday, Leo M



We made scratch off animals, Mhairi P

Primary 6- Mr Innes

We were learning to measure, Max G

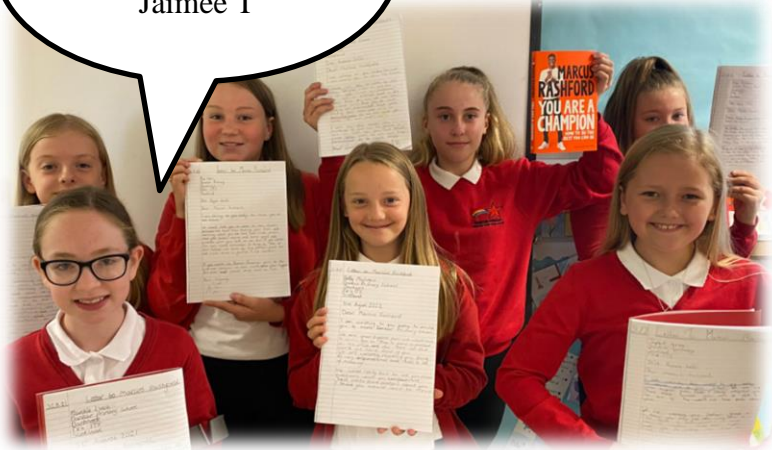


We made dens with our Penpal class, Leah and Aimee



Primary 7- Mrs Paddon

We wrote to world leaders, Jaimee T



We designed flood barriers, Daniel L





As our country prepares to welcome people from all over the world to plan how to tackle climate change, pupils and families at Bankier Primary School have been taking action on a local level.

Pupils in primaries 1 and 7 are working collaboratively towards achieving a Blue Peter Green Badge. The classes are even planning to host their own summit. Cop 26 Banknock!



Pupils in primaries 2 and 6 have been working in partnership with families to improve the school grounds. Thank-you to all the parents, grandparents and friends of the school who came along to help dig over our garden area. Pupils have been able to plant some winter crops. Pupils are taking good care of them whilst planning how the crops will be used.



Pupils in primaries 3 to 7 have also linked up with pupils from across the council in the first ever council wide Children and Young People's Group. The children are participating in online meetings to plan how the UNCRC should be embedded in schools across Falkirk



Just a call or click away

To ensure our Brilliant Bankier Bairns remain safe we cannot have visitors inside our school building. However, this does not mean that we do not welcome parent concerns or queries. Remember we are just a call or click away. The school telephone, 01324 840206, will be answered between 9am and 3pm
Or you can contact us by e-mail bankierprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk If you would like us to call you back, please leave a message and someone on the Senior Leadership Team will give you a call back.

School Uniform

Bankier Primary School Uniform can be purchased from Logo Express. High street supermarkets also sell a range of red sweatshirts and cardigans and white poloshirts which look just as smart. Our larder also has a selection of pre-loved uniforms, shoes and winter coats for anyone who wants one. Please get in touch if you require any support.



Christmas in the Community 2021

Very soon we will be celebrating Christmas in our local community. 2021 has brought financial hardship to many but, our community is determined to ensure that all our Brilliant Bankier Bairns have a Christmas to remember.



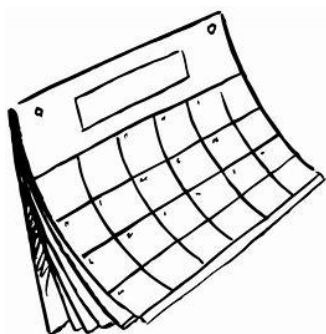
A group of local volunteers have been fundraising to ensure Christmas comes to all and have a fund to buy Christmas gifts for local children. If you would like any support with gifts for your children, or you know a family in the community in need of this support, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs Ritchie.

The money has been raised in our community for our community. All requests will be handled sensitively to ensure that families are not identified. The school will share the number, gender and ages of children requiring gifts and then arrange a collection time for families.

Please do not hesitate to contact us about this. Equally, if you would like to donate, please contact the school and we will put you in touch with the fundraisers.

October/November 2021

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



Tuesday 5 th October	Photographer in school. Individual and family groups.
Monday 11 th October – Friday 15 th October	October Holiday- School and ELC closed to pupils and staff.
Monday 18 th October	Staff Training Day- School and ELC closed to pupils.
Wednesday 20 th October	Parent Council Meeting, 6.30pm
Friday 22 nd October	Wear Red to School to Show Racism the Red Card
Friday 22 nd October	Primary 6 Assembly. 1.30pm
Monday 22 nd November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 26 th November	Primary 4 Assembly, 1.30pm

School Dinners

From Monday 4th October 2021 there is a slight increase in the cost of Breakfast Club and School Meals. Please see below the updated price list.

- Pupil School Meal - £2.25
- Adult School Meal- £4.40
- Breakfast Club - £1.75
- Breakfast club family rate - £3.50



These new price increases are on the Falkirk Council website.

Covid Update

Existing Arrangements for the management of Covid-19 remain in place. For Bankier Primary School and ELC this means;

- Handwashing continues.
- Pupils can bring their school bag.
- Pupils can access different areas of the school in their bubble.
- Only 1 parent can accompany a Primary 1 pupil into the playground.
- PE lessons will continue outdoors unless weather conditions are extreme.
- Staff will continue to wear masks and undertake lateral flow testing on a regular basis.
- All visitors to the school building will remain strictly by appointment only.

We continue to manage Covid-19 in the same way. Your child should not attend school if your child or any member of your household has the following symptoms;

- A high temperature, above 37.8 degrees
- A persistent cough
- Loss of taste or smell

Those with symptoms should isolate and book a PCR test immediately. Members of the household aged 5 and over must also isolate. Pupils aged 5 and over cannot attend school.

If the PCR test is negative, members of the household no longer need to isolate and pupils over 5 can come to school.

If the PCR test is positive, all household members of the age of 5 must arrange a PCR test. Pupils can return to school on receipt of a negative test result.

If you are unsure whether your child should attend school, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Staff are only too happy to help.

On behalf of all staff, I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents and the local community for their continued understanding and support throughout the pandemic. Together we have ensured that our Brilliant Bankier Bairns have stayed safe.