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June 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our monthly newsletter!

Dear Parents,

It has been an amazing summer term at Bankier Primary School. All of the children have enjoyed taking part in our outdoor Olympic events. From Beach Basketball to the Welly Wangle everyone participated enthusiastically in all of the events and gained many points for their Houses. Congratulations to Braeface our overall Olympic House winners by 7 points!

As we reach the end of the term you can still find out what we've been up to by following us on Twitter @BankierPrimary.

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank the entire community for the support and patience shown while we continue with our new ways of working. I admire your ongoing positivity throughout. Hopefully next session we will begin to welcome parents and families back in to Bankier to learn and celebrate with us.

I wish all our Brilliant Bankier Bairns, family and friends a relaxing summer break. I can't wait until we all get together again in August.

kindest Regards

Mrs Sarah Ritchie, Head Teacher



Bankier's Brilliant Bairns



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



This brilliant bairn has been creating beautiful artwork.

This brilliant bairn has been working hard at maths.

This brilliant bairn has been enjoying the Olympics.



This brilliant bairn has been kind and helpful to her class mates.

This brilliant bairn has been trying his hardest.

This brilliant bairn has showing good listening skills.



This brilliant bairn has demonstrated good sportsmanship.

This brilliant bairn is a real friend to others.

This brilliant bairn has been a super role model to her buddy.

Wonderful Work

Wonderful work is to be found in every class at Bankier. Many of you follow us on Twitter and can share our learning. It is so nice to see so many of you sharing adventures with us out of school. Here's some Wonderful Work happening in school.



House News

All our Brilliant Bankier Bairns are back together in school and are continuing to reach for the stars and earn points for their house. Here is what the score board looks like this month. Notice we have added in our Olympic House Points.

Our overall winner of the Bankier Olympics was Braeface with an amazing 1380! (by just 7 points)

	Braeface	Castle Rankine	Wyndford	Underwood
Primary 1	761	810	583	726
Primary 2	651	630	762	653
Primary 3	513	359	414	298
Primary 4	437	522	619	580
Primary 5	1579	1010	951	1094
Primary 6	412	464	609	487
Primary 7	1146	1630	1913	1589
Bankier Olympics	1380	1373	1250	1307
Total	6879	6798	7101	6734

Winning House of the Year with an incredible 7101 points is.....

Wyndford!

Wealthy, Wise Winners!

Retirement



After 37 happy years at Bankier Primary School, Mrs Taylor, has decided to retire. Mrs Taylor has dedicated her career to Bankier Primary School pupils and families working tirelessly to achieve the best outcomes for all. I know many of our children and parents will have fond memories of their time in her class. I am sure you will join with me in thanking her for all she has done for our Brilliant Bankier Bairns and to wish her a long, happy and relaxing retirement.



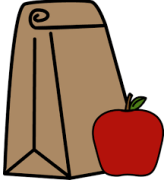

Next Term – Information for P1 pupils

We are very excited to welcome our new Primary 1s to Bankier Primary in August. As discussed in our virtual transition meeting we have draft plans in place for their first day which is subject to the restrictions at that point. The children will come to the front gate and enter the playground between 9.10am and 9.30am. This will avoid the busy 9am drop off which may overwhelm many children. One adult can accompany the child into the playground where they will have the opportunity for a brief photograph, say their goodbyes to their parent and then be welcomed into school by the staff. They can then be collected by one parent in the infant playground at 2.45pm.

All of these details will be confirmed by email the week before we return to school.

Keeping safe

We are extremely grateful for all the support parents have maintained throughout the pandemic. You have shown respect for one another by washing hands, bringing lunches in disposable containers and maintaining physical distance. Everyone at Bankier Primary School and ELCC appreciates this support. However, we are not though the pandemic yet. Please continue to follow the rules right up to the last day of term. Here is a brief reminder of the rules we all need to follow to keep our Brilliant Bankier Bairns safe and our school open.

	Adults must wear a face mask within the school grounds unless they are medically exempt from doing so.
	If you need to speak to a member of staff, please telephone the school to arrange an appointment.
	Send lunch in a disposable bag or packaging.
	Do not bring school bags or personal belongings into school. No toys should be brought in.

Dates for your diary



The Summer holidays are nearly here!
School will close at 1.30pm on Friday 25th June 2021.

Pre-Loved



Many of our pupils have grown a few inches taller over the last few months and their feet have got a size bigger. We know how difficult it has been to get school uniform, shoes and seasonable clothing whilst the shops remain closed. To help out, we have some pre-loved items available to anyone who needs them. Items are inside the foyer area at the school and on dry days we will move the stalls outside. Please just help yourself.

Nursery news

Congratulations to the children who completed The very Hungry Caterpillar scavenger hunt. It was lovely to see all your pictures on Twitter and we hope you all had fun, well done!



The Very Hungry caterpillar topic has continued and our P6 buddies made us our very own individual caterpillars and wrote their very own version of the story to share with our children. Thank you P6 our children loved their gifts!



In continuation of the topic we talked about food that relates to the topic and the children decided they wanted to make butterfly cakes. Yum!



PIC-COLLAGE

The weather was on our side for both of our sports days. Where we took part in many different activities such as flat out races, balance the cone on the bat race, the sack race and the welly wangle. We rounded up the day with a drink and a packet of crisps before all the children were awarded with their medals. Great fun was had by all.



The vegetable patch is looking fantastic now that we have had some lovely warm weather. The children helped to dig up the radishes and we all got a taste.



The pre-school children have been very busy this month with playground visits, meet the teacher visits and also having a trial lunch in the hall. Staff are continuing to set challenges on the transition twitter page in order to help your child prepare for going to school.



We are delighted to be able to introduce our Primary 1 teachers for next session, Miss Callaghan and Miss Thomson. Everyone should now have received a letter confirming who their child's teacher will be next year.



Your child will be given a What Matters to me form and a butterfly on a stick to bring home. Please keep and return your What Matters to me form in August to your child's teacher. Your butterfly can go on lots of adventures throughout the summer with you. If you take your butterfly out and about with you please tweet us the pictures.

The nursery will be sad to see Mrs Johnston leave this summer but wish her every success in her new nursery.

All of the staff at Bankier nursery wish all our families a wonderful holiday and we will look forward to seeing all our returning children at 9am on Wednesday 18th of August and all our fresh faced Primary 1's for their first day of school. Staff will update twitter accordingly to any new guidance which we receive.

Happy holidays!

