



## Bankhead Newsletter—Bankhead will SOAR

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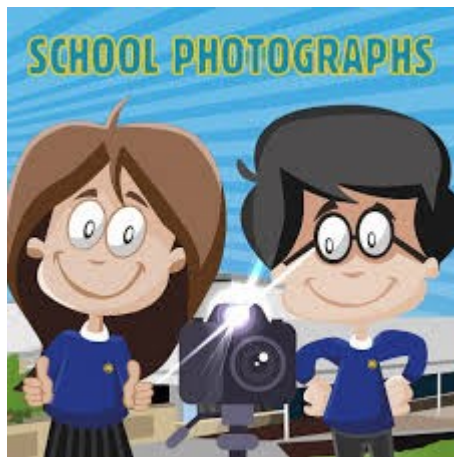
March 2024

### Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our March Newsletter. Can hardly believe it is March already and less than 3 weeks until the Easter holidays. Time does fly fast when you are enjoying yourself!

### School Photographs

The photographers will be in school on **Wednesday 20 March**. They will take individual and family photographs on that day. More



details to follow, but please make sure the children are wearing their school uniforms on the day.

### Change for Charity

We raised £145.40 for SSPCA. Thanks again for your continuing generosity. Our next Change for Charity day is on Thursday 28 March, the last day of term.

### Easter Egg Hunt



Every year Friends of Bankhead organise an Easter egg hunt for the children in the school grounds. The children always look forward to and enjoy this.

This year it will take place on Tuesday 26 March.

### Easter Service

We will again have our Easter Service in Kingspark Church on Wednesday 27 March. It is always a nice occasion and parents / carers are most welcome to come along and join us. As there is something on in the church later that day, we will be starting a little earlier than usual at 10.00 a.m.

### Retiral



Mrs Gardner, one of our janitors, will be retiring soon. She has devoted many years to not just Bankhead, but to other schools in the authority. But she has now decided to hang up her council issued rain jacket, and live a life of leisure. We wish her all the

best in her retirement. No more mopping up sick for her! Mrs Gardner's last day with us is Tuesday 26 March.

Mrs Kelly will move up from 3 days to 5 days per week to become our full-time janitor.

### Parents' Evening

A reminder to book your parents' evening appointment through ParentPortal. Many of you have already done this. If you are having any trouble doing this please contact the school office. Our parents' evening is on Thursday 21 March.

### Dance Festivals

Many of our children in P4-P7 will be taking part in Dance Festivals at Rutherglen Town Hall. Tickets are available through calling the box office on 0141 613 5700. The P6 and P7 festival is on Tuesday 26 March and the P4 and P5 festival is on Wednesday 27 March.



The children have been practising hard under the guidance of our resident expert Miss Boyd. I'm sure all dancers will represent the school well and a great night will be had by all.



#### English Speaking Classes in Bankhead

We are lucky enough to have the support of Youth, Family and Community Learning support worker who runs English speaking classes in our Community Wing. All are welcome. If you would like to develop and build confidence in English Language then please come along to Bankhead's Community Wing at 9.30am each Friday. Chris Strang Moran is our YFCL worker who takes these classes and is happy to welcome anyone within the community wishing to develop their skills in English, regardless of current abilities or fluency. These classes are completely free and you do not need to have children in the school to join, therefore, if you know of anyone who would benefit from these sessions then please pass this information on.

#### Showcases

We use Showcases as a way of connecting with parents / carers, and all classes will be involved in them at some point in the school year. Rooms 3, 4 and 5 have theirs on Wednesday 27 March at 2.00pm. It is titled Down In The Jungle and the children will show the parents / carers of the children what they have been doing in class in an entertaining way. We hope as many of those parents / carers are able to attend.

#### School Trips

Staff are busy organising school trips for our pupils. This is only possible by using some of our Participatory Budget money as well as a significant donation from the Friends of Bankhead. The cost of buses and some entrance fees are phenomenal. However, bearing in mind we are living in difficult times, we have managed to get the cost down to just **£3.00 per child for all the trips**. We felt this was the fairest way of doing it. Par-



ents / carers can pay for upcoming trips on Parent Pay. We value these educational excursions and will continue to do what we can to make them affordable to all.

#### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20 March—School Photographs  
 Wednesday 27 March—Easter Service—Kingspark Church 10.00  
 Thursday 28 March—Change for Charity. School closes at 2.30.  
 Friday 29 March Easter holidays begin. Return on Monday 15 April.  
 Friday 26 April—Change for Charity  
 Thursday 2 May—school closed to pupils—in-service day for staff  
 Monday 6 May—May holiday—school closed  
 Monday 20 to Thursday 23 May—P7 residential trip to Inverclyde.  
 Friday 24 May and Monday 27 May—school closed -holiday weekend  
 Friday 31 May—Change for Charity  
 Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 June—Annie  
 Monday 17 June—Sports Day a.m.  
 Tuesday 18 June—Alternative Sports Day (in case of poor weather on the Monday) a.m.  
 Thursday 20 June—Leavers' party and discos—evening  
 Wednesday 26 June Change for Charity and school closes at 1.00 pm for summer holidays.

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