



Bankton Primary School

September 2025

We have had a very busy start to the term with visits from our Education Officer and various staff from across the authority who have been very complimentary of our school environment and of our children's attitude and behaviour with our school values being shown.

Some highlights so far:

- P6 children taking part in the Virgin Money Challenge
- Children in Miss Meldrum's and Mrs Sutherland's classes visiting the pond area as part of their Bankton Project
- P7 representatives going to the Cross Country event
- Cost of the School Day consultation to children and yourselves
- A busy Meet the Teacher event
- Our class libraries have been re-set and been shared at assembly
- Visit from the Teddy Bear Hospital for our infant classes
- Stay and Play event in the nursery
- We are currently reviewing our Playground Charter



PATPAL and Bankton Blether

You are invited along to our first PATPAL class visit on Tuesday 30th September at 9am, this will have a Literacy focus. As part of our Bankton Blether, you will also have the opportunity to spend time looking at your child's learning with them.



Emotion Works

We are reintroducing work on Emotion Works this session and wanted to share the cogs with you for home. This is an educational programme designed to support the development of emotional literacy across the school.

It uses different coloured cogs to help children understand the component model of emotions: how our emotions work and how they link to triggers, behaviours, body sensations, regulation strategies, intensity and influences. More information on this will be given home in our Health and wellbeing update.



Respect

Inclusion

Co-operation

Kindness

Perseverance

Dates for your diary:

30/9/25 – Parents/carers invited to PATPAL and Bankton Blether this is an opportunity for you to see your child learning in class and for you to look at their jotters etc with your child

15/10/25 and 16/10/25 – Parents/Carers Consultation Evenings (you will be notified when booking is open for this)

16/10/25 – P7 to The JYHS for Languages event in school time

20/10/25 – October Holiday, children will return on the 28/10/25

12/11/25 – Support for Learning Drop-Ins, separate invitations will be sent if applicable

25/11/25 – PATPAL and Bankton Blether at 9am

Class Assemblies:

You are invited to come along to your child's class Assembly again this session, these are on a Friday and begin at 11.50am, you enter through the bottom door near the nursery. We look forward to seeing you at these to share in your child's learning success.

The dates for these are as follows:

10/10/25 – P3a – Miss Wilson

17/10/25 – P7a – Mrs Herman

7/11/25 – P7b – Mr Melville

14/11/25 – P4a – Miss Bowyer

21/11/25 – P6a – Miss Scott

19/12/25 – P2 – Miss Meldrum

16/1/26 – P1b – Mrs Thomson

6/2/26 – P5a – Miss Ward

27/2/26 – P5b – Miss Kerr

6/3/26 – P2/1 – Mrs Sutherland

24/4/26 – P6b – Mrs Wood

1/5/26 – P3b – Mrs Dickson/Miss Edmond

29/5/26 – P1a – Mrs Lloyd

12/6/26 – P4b – Mrs Peebles

Communication:

- Our [School App](#) is where we will communicate dates and messages to our families
- After the holidays, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Evans, Mrs Murdoch and our Pupil Support team will be at the doors each morning
- There will also be a Newsletter each month with updates and important dates included
- The school email address is wlbankton-ps@westlothian.org.uk where you can leave a message and someone will get back to you
- School phone number is 01506 283800

Kind regards,

Mrs Yvonne Ferguson and Team Bankton

