



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 14th February 2025

458th Edition

NATURE NINJA POND PROJECT

Our Nature Ninjas met with Mike from Collins Landscapes last week to discuss the installation of our new pond. We are all very excited to have a pond in school; the new pond will be dug out and situated in our quad area during the February half term.

Mike spoke with the Nature Ninjas about biodiversity and different forms of life we might expect to see in the newly established pond. Biodiversity means creating an environment that supports a range of different forms of life. We are building a pond to support life to survive in our school and to encourage new life to settle.

We also discussed the dangers of having a pond in the school grounds. The pond will be shallow and will have a fence around it to keep everyone safe. The Nature Ninjas will be creating posters to ensure everyone keeps out of the pond area.

When we were outside deciding where the pond will go, we were so excited to notice lots of shoots coming through from the bulbs we planted in the Autumn. We also learnt some new words...

New Nature Ninja Vocabulary

Detritivores are small insects and bugs like dung beetles and worms that eat dead things like bits of animal skin or nail.

Heterotrophic is anything that eats other animals or plants, rather than making food for itself.

BUG JOKES

Q. What is worse than finding a worm in your apple?

A. Finding half a worm in your apple.

Q. Why was the ant confused?

A. Because all of his uncles were ants!



BIKEABILITY

Bikeability is a cycle training programme that teaches children practical skills and gives them the understanding and expertise they need to ride their bikes on the road.

41 of our Year 5 children chose to take part in the Bikeability programme over the last two weeks and thoroughly enjoyed it.



YOUSAFZAI TEAM TREAT

Due to their hard work and for being DOJO winners, we are planning to hold a team treat for all members of Team Yousafzai. The treat is planned to take place on **Tuesday 25th February** during school time.

Team Yousafzai will enjoy an afternoon of games on our school playground or can choose to win prizes playing bingo! Children must come to school in full uniform but are able to bring a change of clothes suitable for sport, alternatively they can use their school PE kit. Children can bring some sweet treats if they wish.

We will assess the weather on the day, if the weather means that the treat is unable to go ahead outdoors then we will complete indoor activities.

Well done to all in Team Yousafzai!



WORLD BOOK DAY

This year for World Book Day we will be doing our usual non-uniform options. However, for the first time, we will also be running a **World Book Day Book Sale**, a great idea from one of our school librarians.

Please start sending in your old books from home so we can sell them on World Book Day. It will also be a great opportunity to see if you have any old school books lurking at the back of shelves - our library is looking quite empty currently! Many thanks for your support with this. Please send your child into school with around 50p in small change on the day; this will be enough to buy some donated books. All money raised from the sale will go towards buying lots of lovely new books for our school.



LEARNING POWERS MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

A reminder that we close for half term today and re-open on **Monday 24th February**.



PARENTS EVENING SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed a survey whilst attending parents evening. We have attached the survey for anyone who didn't get the opportunity to complete one. These can be handed in at the office or emailed to admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE



This week's Winners	
1st	5L
Joint 2nd	4L & 6B
3rd	3B



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the school holidays:

Jason 3S
Archie 4B
Jesse 4L
Daniel 5L
Charlie 5S
Lenny 6B
Isabelle 6B
Esther 6L

We hope you have a great time celebrating!



AWARD WINNERS

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to;

Amelia 3B - for working so hard in class and at home. She has a fantastic attitude and is always eager to learn. Well done Amelia!

Shae 4S - for showing such resilience and determination with his change of routine, and smiling through it all! Well done Shae!

Ayath 5S - for being kind and a great collaborator. Her work is beautifully presented. She is an amazing role model. Well done Ayath!

Paige 6L - for showing outstanding dedication to improving her knowledge in all areas and is a credit to our school. Well done Paige!

The Headteacher merit awards were awarded to;

Abel 4B and Elaner 6S.

A huge well done to all of our award winners!



DOJO WINNERS

Individual winner - Jessica in Class 3L

Class winner - 5L

Team winner - Team Windsor



YOUNG CARERS

Once every half term Mrs Cockburn holds a Young Carers afternoon, the children get to do lots of fun activities, whilst spending time with other children who have similar life experiences. It's an afternoon they all look forward to, as they can just chat and enjoy each other's company. This week they made cakes and Valentine cards for their loved ones, it was a lovely, noisy afternoon.



FOODBANK VOUCHERS

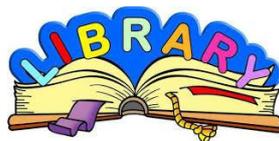
A reminder that foodbank vouchers can be requested over the holidays by contacting Stockport Foodbank directly at foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk

Foodbanks can supply food, baby and hygiene items as well as bread, fresh fruit and vegetables. Support is not just for families on free school meals but for any family that is in genuine need of help and support.



LIBRARY BOOK PLEA

Our reading centre is looking very bare. Could we please ask that you check at home to see if you have any of our school reading books. These can be returned to school via your child's class teacher or brought directly to the school office. Thank you.



PARENT LEAFLET

Attached to the Roar today is our Parent/Carer Engagement leaflet.

At Banks Lane Junior School, we intend our communication with parents to be open and transparent and for all of our families to feel that they can approach any member of our school community for assistance. We believe that working together as a home-school partnership best supports your children and allows them to thrive, knowing that home and school are working together as a team in the children's best interests.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
The land beneath our feet 3B Monday 24th March 3S Wednesday 26th March 3L Thursday 27th March	Thursday 27th February Re-scheduled Viking Day 14th-16th July or 16th-18th July 2025 Conwy Residential
Year 4	Year 6
Wednesday 2nd April 2025 Parents Ilam Hall information meeting. 5-6pm - further information will be sent closer to the time. Thursday 1st May - Friday 2nd May 2025 Ilam Hall Residential	Sunday 18th May-Wed 21st May 2025 PGL Boreatton Park Residential
Whole School	
Thursday 6th March 2025 World Book Day Saturday 15th March 2025 Last Cross-Country race at Woodbank Park (this was originally 1 st March and has been changed to 15 th March) Saturday 22nd March 2025 Cross-Country Presentation Day at Woodbank Park Tuesday 25th February 2025 Team Yousafzai dojo treat - letters have been sent home today with all members of Team Yousafzai	

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School website

<https://www.bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk/>

TT ROCKSTARS CHALLENGE

We have relaunched TTrockstars this week in school with the children. Times Table Rockstars is a fun and engaging website or app that the children can use to practise their times tables and become quicker each time. Learning times tables is part of the national curriculum and will really support your child with accessing trickier maths further on in their education.

Mrs Senogles has set up a competition for each year group. The children need to log on to TTrockstars and play the battle to increase their class score. In four weeks' time, the winning class for each year group will receive a little Rockstar treat.

<https://trockstars.com/>

