



## The Weekly Roar!

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

461<sup>st</sup> Edition

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Last Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day in style. Lots of children came in costumes as a wide variety of characters from books and as interesting vocabulary. We loved the creativity of two Year 4 children coming as the word "Brain rot", the Oxford Word of the Year for 2024. Cosy pyjamas, onesies, football kits and own fashion choices were also on show - as always, the day is about enjoying and celebrating reading and books, which you don't need to wear a costume for! The theme of this year's day was 'Read Your Way' and we love seeing all our pupils express their individuality in what they choose to wear on World Book Day.

Children took part in lots of reading activities throughout the day including quizzes, BBC live lessons and making Truffula tree cake pops from The Lorax.

For the first time, we held a Banks Lane Book Sale, both at lunchtime for the children and after school on the playground for our wider community. It was lovely to see children browsing through the hundreds of books that were donated and choosing some for themselves or younger siblings. Thank you all for your many donations of books and for sending in some money for the book sale. We raised lots of money for new books for our school library.

Thank you also to our amazing librarians and Year 6 pupils for volunteering their time to help make the book sale a huge success. Aria and Amelie from 6S have been particularly helpful over the last few weeks since they came up with the idea for the book sale.

We also got back lots of school books, an unintended but very much appreciated result! Please keep having a search through your shelves and rooms at home for any other Banks Lane books so we can restock our library and reading centre.



## AWARD WINNERS

### The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to:

**Coby 3S** - for working incredibly hard, especially in Maths, he is a pleasure to teach! Well done!

**Liam 4L** - for his love of learning and cosmic curiosity skills - he is such a superstar! Well done!

**Hollie 5L** - for consistently demonstrating all of her learning powers across her learning. She is a great BLJS role model. Well done!

**Amelie 6S** - for being a fantastic role model, and working so hard in the lead up to SATs - well done!

### The Headteacher merit awards were awarded to:

**Myla 3B and Abel 4B**

A huge well done to all of our award winners!



## DOJO WINNERS

Individual winner - **Isabelle in Class 6B**

Class winner - **Class 6B**

Team winner - **Team Windsor**

Well done to all of our Dojo winners.



## LEARNING POWERS MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Tomorrow is the last Cross-Country race at Woodbank Park. Good luck to all of our runners!



## FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE



### This week's Winners

1st	4L - 97.7%
2nd	3L - 97.2%
Joint 3rd	4S & 5L - 97%

### Whole school attendance

96%



## IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthday over the coming week:

**Elias 3B**  
**Ellery 3B**  
**Prince 3B**  
**Jude 3B**  
**Theodore 3L**  
**George 3S**  
**Arlo 4B**  
**Esta 4S**  
**Elsie 5B**  
**Emily 6B**  
**Emelia 6L**

We hope you have a great time celebrating!



## ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Thanks to the incredible support of our families, we have raised a fantastic **£680.95** through the ASDA Cash Pot scheme.

This amazing achievement was made possible by your continued support and by simply using your ASDA app during your shopping trips. Every little bit added up to this fantastic total!

We were thrilled to welcome Laura, the Community Champion from ASDA, to our school last week. She presented our School Council with a cheque for the funds raised. We were so proud of our School Council members, who were excited to accept the cheque and discuss how the money will benefit our school.

The funds raised will be used towards purchasing a **Buddy Bench** for our playground. This will provide a special place for children to find friendship and support, promoting kindness and inclusivity within our school community. We believe this will be a valuable addition to our playground and will make a real difference to our children.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every family who contributed to this success. Your support is invaluable and truly appreciated.

We are so proud to be part of such a supportive and caring school community.



## PARENT FORUM

Our next Parent Forum is on Wednesday 26th March, see below for details.

Time:	9.15am-10.15am
Location:	Conference Room (Opposite Mrs Windas' room 3B, close to the library)
Focus:	Dyslexia <i>Our dyslexia specialist, Miss Howarth, will be explaining what dyslexia is and how we support dyslexia at Banks Lane.</i>

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our popular breakfast club is looking to expand its range of activities and we need your help! We're seeking donations of gently used or new games, jigsaws, card games, and colouring books to keep our children entertained and engaged before the school day begins.

These items will help create a fun and stimulating environment for our students, fostering social interaction and a positive start to their day.

If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to donate, please send them into breakfast club with your child, or bring them to the school office.

- Games (board games, puzzles, etc.)
- Jigsaws (all ages)
- Card games
- Colouring books (with crayons or coloured pencils if possible)

Your generosity will make a real difference to our breakfast club and the children who attend.

Thank you for your continued support!

## NEW SCHOOL MEALS PROVIDER

We have appointed a new school meals provider, Dolce schools catering. They will be working in school after the Easter holidays (from 28<sup>th</sup> April).

Dolce are a well-established company and we are excited to start working with them.

Parents and Carers will receive copies of the menu on a termly basis and will be able to pre-order the meals for your child(ren), and make payments via their SchoolGrid account.

### What happens next?

We have attached the welcome letter from Dolce

- We will send further information out to parents over the next few weeks via email.

Parents don't need to do anything at the moment as school will provide SchoolGrid with parent email addresses. We will notify you when Schoolgrid will be contacting you then you can check you've received the email with the login information.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch. Dolce and SchoolGrid's contact information is included in the letter from Dolce.

## ASSEMBLY

In assembly this week, Mrs Senogles has spoken to the children about Holi, which is the Hindu springtime festival of colours and is being celebrated by Hindu communities this weekend.



## YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

You should have received your child's allocated place for secondary school. If you have any questions or concerns about your child and their place for secondary school, please contact the year 6 team via the year 6 email address

[Year6@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:Year6@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk)

## TT ROCKSTARS CHALLENGE

Over the last 4 weeks, each class has been competing to win a Rockstar Party by playing on TTRockstars.

The winning classes are **3S, 4B, 5L** and **6L**. Well done to the winning classes! We will be in touch with details soon about their prize.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
<p><b>The land beneath our feet</b> - please ensure that you have completed the following Google Form giving permission for your child to attend.  <a href="https://forms.gle/CFqwwFN2A52zbADe8">https://forms.gle/CFqwwFN2A52zbADe8</a></p> <p><b>3B</b> Monday 24th March  <b>3S</b> Wednesday 26th March  <b>3L</b> Thursday 27th March</p>	<p><b>14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July or 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>                      Conwy Residential</p>
Year 4	Year 6
<p><b>Wednesday 2nd April 2025</b>                      Parents Ilam Hall information meeting. 5-6pm</p> <p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025</b>                      Ilam Hall Residential</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>                      PGL Boreatton Park information evening. 5-6pm</p> <p><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May-Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025</b>                      PGL Boreatton Park Residential</p>
Whole School	
<p><b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>                      Last Cross-Country race at Woodbank Park (this was originally 1<sup>st</sup> March and has been changed to 15<sup>th</sup> March)</p> <p><b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025</b>                      Cross-Country Presentation Day at Woodbank Park</p> <p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>                      School Council Bake sale - raising money for a school buddy bench.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>                      Parent Forum</p>	

## HEADLICE

Headlice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and can be picked up via head to head contact.

We request that you please check your child's hair over the next couple of days and comb their hair thoroughly. We recommend that children with long hair keep their hair tied back within school.

Please find a link below with information regarding the minor ailments scheme.

<https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=nhs+minor+ailment+scheme+nits&safe=active&ssui=on>

## ATTACHMENTS

- Attached to the Roar today is our Maths Parent Leaflet.
- Welcome letter from Dolce Catering.

## CONTACT US

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School website

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

## FOODBANK VOUCHERS

A reminder that school can provide foodbank vouchers upon request. If you feel you would benefit from a Foodbank Voucher please contact the office on 0161 480 2330 or email [admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk) or alternatively contact Stockport Foodbank directly at [foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk](mailto: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.

