



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 10th January, 2020

273rd Edition

VIKING DAY

On Thursday, Year 5 had a fantastic Viking Day. Thank you so much for all your effort with costumes and props; the children looked amazing!

We were joined by Thorgreem Ragnar, who shared his Viking wisdom and knowledge with us. The children were thrilled to feel the weight of real chainmail and to find out how the Vikings battled, complete with shields, swords and axes. We also learned lots more about day to day life for the Vikings, including their diet, jobs (they were farmers and skilled craftsmen, as well as warriors) and why they didn't actually have horns on their helmets!

The whole year group also formed an enormous longship to show quite how tricky rowing in unison could be!

Thank you for sharing your expertise Thorgreem; it was a wonderful morning.

HALF TERM TEAM TREAT

Storey and Kenny won the Team Treat last term, therefore next Friday, 17th January, they will enjoy an afternoon out of class. They have decided to split the hall into four areas so that children can watch a film, play on school iPads, do some art activities and play some games.

If you have any games that you can send in for the afternoon, we would be very grateful. Children can bring in a change of clothes. School will provide drinks and treats.

PARENT FORUM

We are always looking at ways to strengthen our relationship with our parents and carers at Banks Lane. With this in mind, we are setting up a new parents forum where we will focus primarily on what the SEN experience looks like for your children. Personal invites to the parents/carers of children on the SEN register have been sent out this week and we also welcome any of our other parents or carers who would like to have input into SEN in our school. Our first meeting is on Wednesday 22nd January at 9.15. If you would like to attend please email admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk

SCIOAL MEDIA/INTERNET SAFETY

Within the first two days of us returning to school we had to deal with several cases of children misusing social media at home. Please can we remind you that sites such as TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype **should only be accessed by children over the age of 13**. WhatsApp have just changed their regulations to state that children **under the age of 16 should not be using their site**. If you allow your children to use these sites without parental control you are opening them up to the possibility of on-line bullying or even grooming.

We have been concerned about E-safety for some time now and before Christmas we asked the children to complete an anonymous E-safety survey. The results were concerning. Therefore, we have arranged for Tanya Cross, Stockport's Schools Health & Well Being Adviser to come into school on 28th January from 2.00 - 3.00 pm to advise parents about E-safety. An invitation will be coming out soon to all parents. Do please come along if you can.

FACUP FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class	% Attend
3B	97.4%
3L	97.4%
3S	97.9%
4B	96.8%
4L	97.7%
4S	97.1%
5B	97.7%
5L	93.1%
5S	96.9%
6B	96.3%
6L	97.1%
6S	96.7%



This week's Winners		
1 st	3S	97.9%
2 nd	4L	97.7%
2 nd	5B	97.7%

This week we achieved an overall average attendance 96.9%

Our running total is 95.5%

Our weekly and overall target is 96.5%. Please help us to achieve this.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

The Headteacher's Merit Award was given to Alice from 3L.

The Headteacher's Gold Award was given to Scarlett from 5L for her amazing enthusiasm during Viking Day.

Well done to both of you!



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this coming week to,

Tyler-James, 4B
Tyler, 6S
Michael, 6S
Jake, 6B
Harry, 3S



MEASLES

Dr Baxter has asked that you be made aware that there have been a small number (less than 5 to date) of cases of measles in ADULTS across the borough over the last two weeks. Whilst there is no cause for concern at present, please can we advise that now would be a good time for parents and carers to ensure their children are up to date with the full course of MMR vaccinations, which requires 2 doses.

Great start to the New Year BLJS.
Everyone is working in collaboration.



SMARTWATCHES

Santa has been kind to many of our children and brought them Smart watches for Christmas. Unfortunately, it is not appropriate for children to be wearing these watches in school. These watches can be used to phone, text and, most concerning, take photos. As they are wearing them on their wrists, this is like they are permanently carrying a mobile phone around school with them.

Also, these watches are expensive and may get damaged on the playground.

We strongly discourage children from bringing mobile phones/smart watches into school with them. If they must do so, they must keep them in their pocket or bag and then hand them into the teacher as soon as they get into class. They should never have them in their hand or on the playground. We are very concerned that images are not taken of our children using any mobile device, therefore please ask your child to leave their Smart watch at home.

This newsletter is emailed weekly to parents/carers. Please let us know if you would like us to email it to you.

It is also available on our website at www.bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk

If you have any queries or concerns, please email admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk or phone the school office on 0161 480 2330



Our Together For Families team organise free monthly 'Drop in and chat' coffee mornings at our central office site in Cheadle. Parents and carers are all made welcome and invited to come along any time between 10 and 12pm.

Professional therapists are available to chat to including:

- Occupational Therapists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Educational Psychologists
- Behaviour Support Counsellors
- Sleep Counsellors

Parents and carers have the opportunity to meet others in similar situations and our team can provide information and support in areas you might be experiencing difficulties with.

We also provide a comprehensive autism specific library and many other resources which parents and carers are welcome to access.



Dear Friends

Every year we are very grateful to the Poynton Brass Band and the Vernon Building Society who support the Stockport Foodbank with a charity concert, and the next one takes place on Friday 24th January 2020 at Hazel Grove Baptist Church.

The theme for this year's concert is "Only the Classics" and tickets are now available, priced £6, from any Vernon Building Society branch and Hazel Grove Baptist Church. Tickets can also be reserved by e mail (foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk) and paid for on the night. The concert starts at 7.30pm and has always been a very popular and most enjoyable evening.

All the proceeds from the evening go towards helping the work of Stockport Foodbank in our town and we are most grateful to both the Vernon Building Society and the Poynton Brass Band for their on-going support.

We do hope that this event may be of interest to you. Please feel free to share the details with colleagues and friends.

With our thanks and best wishes for 2020.

USEFUL WEBSITES

NSPCC NetAware

https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=nsppc_net_aware&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtCh0n0w-aEAYASAAEgIawPD_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds

Kidsmart

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

CEOPS

CEOP help young people who are concerned about on-line images and communications.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/help/CEOP/

Kidscape

'Preventing Bullying, protecting children'

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/what-we-do/>

Netmums

The network offers information to parents about parenting on a national level. Amongst the topics are child welfare, maternity, playgroups, child health and child safety.

<http://www.netmums.com/>

Family Lives

Family Lives is a charity with over three decades of experience helping parents to deal with the changes that are a constant part of family life.

<http://www.familylives.org.uk/>

UK Safer Internet Centre

E-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe on the internet.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Guidance for Parents re Instagram

http://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/instagram_guide.pdf