



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

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295th Edition

MESSAGE FROM JACKIE GRAHAM - CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

We have come to the end of a school year like no other. I am sure that everyone is looking forward to a very well earned summer break and then to re-joining school in September as a whole community.

The Governing Board would like to thank you all for the support you have shown our school and would like to extend a huge well done to all our children who have worked extremely hard at home and have shown amazing resilience throughout the past few months. I have followed the school blog with eagerness and have really enjoyed looking at work you have completed at home.

We now look forward to September with enthusiasm, made possible by the hard work and dedication of our senior leadership team, governors, teachers and support staff. I am incredibly grateful to each of you for your hard work and extensive contributions towards making Banks Lane Juniors such a great school.

I would like to close by wishing all our leavers this year every success in their future endeavours and forthcoming challenges and would like to extend a warm welcome to those families and staff who will be joining us in September.

Jackie Graham
Chair of Governors

MESSAGE FROM MR MILNER

Dear all families of Banks Lane Juniors,

As we approach the summer holidays I wanted to get in touch to extend my appreciation to you all. I have been amazed by the commitment shown by all of our families, whether this has been through the fantastic levels of home learning I have seen, the messages of support we have received, or those of you who have worked on the frontline throughout this pandemic. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your support.

The children we have within our school are a credit to both us and you and have shown tremendous focus throughout, we have enjoyed keeping in touch through the blog, weekly emails and more recently zoom calls - who would of ever thought a school year would look like this!

I am aware we have sent out lots of information recently and that this may continue into September, the biggest message we would like to get across though is - **Please do not worry, together we will make it work!**

I would also like to thank the staff team we have at BLJS who have taken on very different roles since March and who have done so with a smile and a fantastic can do attitude.

We cannot wait to welcome all children back in September; school really has been too quiet without you all. We have put lots of measures in place to keep everyone safe and although this means school will look very different we will be concentrating on ensuring all pupils are happy and settled in their new classes.

For now, please enjoy your summer. I will see you on the playground in September.

Stay safe.
Mr Milner
Headteacher

HAPPY RETIREMENT MRS AUSTIN-STRANGE

We are very sad to be losing an incredibly significant member of our staff this summer. Mrs Austin Strange has taught at our school for 41 years.

Many of you will be aware that she has led Fosbrooks from our school premises; children have learnt to dance (folk, clog and sword), play the violin and accordion. Banks Lane Junior children always performed the finale at the Town Hall Folk Dance Show. She has also been in charge of the music curriculum at our school and arranged for the children to be able to access keyboard, ukulele and guitar tuition too. I'm sure many of you will have walked past school on a Friday night or a Saturday morning and heard wonderful music coming from our school or seen our children perform at the Town Hall Choir Concert.

You may not be aware that Mrs Austin Strange wrote much of this music too and the music and songs for many of our assemblies. Mrs Austin Strange until recently also led our Religious Education Curriculum and she excelled at weaving this subject across other curriculum areas including history and geography.

Mrs Austin Strange is and has been an incredibly popular member of staff over the years with children, parents and of course, our staff. She is passionate about our school, is an incredibly kind person and has an impish sense of humour! She has shaped many young lives; children often leave our school in Year 6 but carry on with Fosbrooks until they are young adults. We often show prospective parents around school who can remember being taught by Mrs Austin Strange when they were at Banks Lane as children themselves and they all have very fond memories of her.

She will leave a huge gap at our school, but I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her retirement; she has certainly deserved it. I know she will keep in touch and we look forward to hearing of her new adventures.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday over the holidays to,



Oscar, 3S	Erin, 5S
Thomas, 3L	Ethan, 5L
Archie, 6B	Kobe, 5B
Harry, 3S	Ava, 5L
Jacob, 3B	Junior, 6B
Lexi, 6B	Evie, 5B
Georgie, 6L	Jacob, 4L
Georgi, 3S	Lucas, 4S
Hannah, 6L	Will, 6B
Amelie, 4B	Minette, 4B
Ella, 5B	Lacey Mae, 4B
Isla, 5S	Laison, 3B
Oliver, 5L	Roxanne, 6S
Roy, 3L	Noah, 3B
Noah, 5S	Casey, 6L
Elodie, 5L	Cameron, 3L
Zara, 6S	Lewis, 5L
Bobby, 4L	Mylie, 4S
Ollie, 5L	Liam, 6L
Saif, 4L	Oliver, 3L
Freddie, 3B	Harrison, 3S
Amiyah, 5B	Poppy, 6S
Saoirse, 4S	Thomas, 4S

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

It is now time to say a final farewell to all of our year 6's. Although we were unable to end the year as we would have liked, we would like to say it has been an absolute pleasure to teach you and watch you grow over the last four years.

Please come back to visit us once we are allowed visitors in school again, we really would love to know how you're getting on at your new high schools - good luck to you all!

Good Luck in your
New School!



YEAR 6 AWARD WINNERS

Well done to all 2019-20 award winners!

Sports Personality Award Winner - Finlay B (6B)
Runners Up - Liam J (6L) Holly E (6S)

Citizenship Award Winner - Jake H (6L)
Runners Up - Isabella R (6B) Aimie K (6L) Ava H (6S) Amy T (6S)

Creativity Award Winner - Ella H (6L)
Runners Up - Olivia M (6B) Charlotte M (6S)

Performing Arts Award Winner - Archie G (6B)
Runners Up - Ruby B (6L) Isaac L (6S)

Outstanding Progress Award Winner - Joshua W (6S)
Runners Up - Arthur P (6B) Matthew J (6L)

Outstanding Achievement Award Winner - Emma W & Sam W (6S)
Runners Up - Megan M (6B) Isobel C (6L)



Captain Collaboration

Elizabeth B (6B) Owen C (6L) Mia B (6S)

Cosmic Curiosity

Will S (6B) George S (6L) Libby S (6S)

Reflection Rose

Emily A (6B) Maisy H (6L) Roxanne S (6S)

Resilient Ruby

Lottie S (6B) Clayton D (6L) Jacob H (6S)

Communication Wizard

Ryan P (6B) Georgie H (6L) Michael P (6S)

SEPTEMBER

School will reopen on Thurs 3rd Sept for Year 3 and Fri 4th Sept for Years 4, 5 & 6. You are welcome to access the school grounds through any of the entrance gates but all children must enter school through their own bubble doors unless using breakfast club. There will be lots of staff members on the playground for the first few days to help direct children into school.