

Banks Lane Junior School Newsletter



The Weekly Roar!



Friday, 25th January 2019
236th Edition

VICIOUS VIKINGS... OR WERE THEY?

On Wednesday, Year 5 had an incredible Viking Day. Thank you so much for all your effort with costumes and props; the children looked fantastic! And of course we arranged for some authentic Scandinavian weather to really add to the occasion.

After making our very own Viking shields, we were joined by Thorgreem Ragnar, who shared his Viking wisdom and knowledge with us for the rest of the morning. 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! Kearan, Olivia and Owen C were sold as slaves (or thralls), Owen F got to try out a very heavy Viking warrior outfit and George "died" so we could discover Viking funeral rituals. Finally, the whole year group 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.

In the afternoon, we returned to our classrooms to find out more about Anglo-Saxon art. The children learnt about illuminated letters and how the monks would spend hours creating the intricate designs. It was as quiet as a monastery as the children sketched. We hope to continue with the illuminated letters in art lessons over the coming weeks and use watercolours to complete them.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE REPORT

On Saturday, 19th January, it was the fourth race of the Stockport Schools' Cross Country league, organised by Stockport Harriers. On the chilliest morning of the season so far, it was brilliant to still have so many of our Banks Lane runners out in force with their supporters - you demonstrated great resilience and there were some fantastic results. Miss Rock, Miss Selby and Mr Threader enjoyed cheering you on.

An enormous well done to all the children who took part:

- Evie, Robyn, Emily, Saoirse, George and Tobias (Year 3)
- Maisie, Amelia, Olivia, Ella, Miguel, Barnaby and Ted (Year 4)
- Maisy, Libby, Isobel, Chloe, Isaac, Liam and Arthur (Year 5)
- Ruby, Erin and Sam (Year 6)

Apologies to Lola who came down for the first time, but just missed the start of her race - we hope to see you again next time. The race start times are the same all year, but the car park does get busy and it is worth getting to the park in plenty of time:

10.30 for Year 3/4 girls, 10.45 for Year 3/4 boys, 11.00 for Year 5/6 girls and 11.25 for Year 5/6 boys.

There were some great improvements in finishing positions this week, but special mention must go to our Year 3/4 girls. Ella and Amelia both came in the top 20 and Saoirse, as a Year 3, came 28th, improving her previous position massively. Well done girls! Congratulations also to Barnaby for another finish in the top ten.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Saturday, 16th February.

FACUP FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class	% Attend
3B	95.3%
3L	94.3%
3S	92.3%
4B	98.3%
4L	98.7%
4S	97.5%
5B	99.3%
5L	100%
5S	96.3%
6B	95.2%
6L	95%
6S	93.2%



This week's Winners		
1st	5L	100%
2nd	5B	99.3%
2nd	4L	98.7%

This week we achieved an overall average attendance of 96.3%

Our running total is 96.1%

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

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

The Headteacher's Merit Award was given to Molly from 4L.

The Headteacher's Gold Award was given to Ted from 5S for his impressive home learning.

Well done to both of you!



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this coming week to,

Evie, 3B
Faith, 6B
Kinsley, 5L



LA REVIEW

Please find attached along with this week's roar a copy of the LA review letter sent home earlier this week. As you may be aware we received a visit on 28th November to review our progress since the last Ofsted inspection.

We are extremely pleased with the report we have received following the visit. There were many positives listed throughout which shows the hard work put in not only by staff and the Governing Board but by the children also - their school books have been highly praised!

We now look forward to building on the all of the improvements put in place.

BELIEVE TO ACHIEVE

SCHOOL VACANCY

There is a vacancy at our school for a midday assistant. The post is for 6.25 hours per week, 12.00 noon - 1.15 pm daily, term-time only. This is paid at Scale 1 Point 11, pro rata.

You must:

- love working with children
- have the skills and knowledge to support all children including those with special educational needs
- work well with other staff
- be motivated, have a positive attitude and enjoy a challenge.

If you are interested in this role please go to <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies>

The closing date is 1st February at 12.00 noon.

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

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

NSPCC NetAware

https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=nspcc_net_aware&qclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtCh0n0w-aEAYASAAEgIawPD_BwE&qclsrc=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