



# Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



## The Weekly Roar!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

303<sup>rd</sup> Edition

PLEASE REMEMBER - DROP OFF AND GO, PICK UP AND LEAVE

### COVID

Firstly, a huge thank you for your support in our request of wearing face coverings and adopting the *'drop off and go, pick up and leave'* approach in the playground. The playground has been much quieter this week and as a result, we feel much safer. We do understand there are a small number of people unable to wear masks - please bear with us checking for the next few days.

You will now see more staff in the playground at the start and end of the day; this may mean there are days when the office is closed for short periods of time so as many staff as possible are able to support outside.

As per our risk assessment, all classroom windows will remain open each day to allow fresh air to circulate, although our heating is on, the classrooms are cooler than usual. All children are welcome to wear additional layers of clothing throughout winter such as vests or plain navy blue fleeces/jumpers.

### CHILDREN IN NEED



Unfortunately this year, we're not able to hold our usual Children in Need fair, but the children in Year 5 have been incredibly creative, flexible and understanding; they have instead developed socially-distanced and virtual events that will still allow the whole school to have fun whilst raising money. **On Friday 13th November, we will have a whole school non-uniform day.** During the day, Year 5 will lead games, activities and quizzes over video calls with the rest of the school. They have also arranged various challenges that can be completed at home.

Obviously, charities need our support more than ever this year, but we do appreciate that not everyone will be in a position to be able to donate. If you can, we would love for children to come in on Friday 13th November with a donation towards our fundraising efforts. Loose change is encouraged and there will be prizes on offer as usual. If you would rather donate online we will send out a QR code next week.

Thank you for your continued support. Hopefully this will still be a memorable and fun whole school event that will raise lots of money for a very worthy cause.

### PARENT FORUM



to our Parent's Forum.

We are pleased to announce that our popular SEN Parent's Forum is returning via Zoom on **Wednesday 18th November at 9.30am**. We are really looking forward to catching up with our parents and carers about all things SEND. The agenda for the meeting will be posted in the ROAR next week and, as always, all parents and carers are welcome to attend regardless of whether their child is on the SEN register or not.

### REMOTE LEARNING

We have a full curriculum offer for all children having to isolate at home due to COVID. Please see the letter attached to the ROAR today regarding remote learning.

## FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD



### This week's Winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	3L
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5S
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5B

## HEADTEACHER AWARD

The Headteacher's Gold Award was given to Jacob from 4B for his fantastic home learning. Well done Jacob.



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this coming week and over the holidays to,

Ruby, 3L  
Tia, 3L  
Lyla, 6S  
Eashal, 6S  
Sara, 6S  
Elliot, 3L



## SWIMMING LESSONS

As swimming lessons form part of the National Curriculum, we have been informed this morning that lessons will continue through this lockdown. Classes 5S and 4L will resume swimming lessons from next week at their usual times. To ensure safety the baths will only be open for school lessons and will remain closed to the public.

## ARMISTICE DAY

We will be observing a 2 minute silence as a whole school to commemorate Armistice Day, next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. We will gather for this as a whole school via Google Meet. This will be followed by a verse of the poem 'For the Fallen' which will be read to the school by a Y6 child.

Any children who are a member of cubs, beavers, scouts, girl guides etc are welcome to wear their club uniform or neckerchief on Wednesday.



## ODD SOCKS DAY

Bullying can take many forms and is not tolerated in our school. As part of anti-bullying week this year, we are celebrating Odd Socks Day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. All we are asking children to do is to wear odd socks to school on this day as an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.



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](http://www.bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk)

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



## USEFUL WEBSITES

### **CEOPS**

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

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11\\_13/help/CEOP/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/help/CEOP/)

### **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/>

### **Guidance for Parents re Instagram**

[http://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/instagram\\_guide.pdf](http://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/instagram_guide.pdf)

### **Kidscape**

'Preventing Bullying, protecting children'

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

### **Kidsmart**

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

### **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/>

### **NSPCC NetAware**

[https://www.net-](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=nspcc_net_aware&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtCh0n0w-aEAYASAAEgIawPD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

[aware.org.uk/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=Grant\\_shareaware2014&utm\\_term=nspcc\\_net\\_aware&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtCh0n0w-aEAYASAAEgIawPD\\_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=nspcc_net_aware&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtCh0n0w-aEAYASAAEgIawPD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

### **Stockport SEND Local Offer**

<https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/localoffer.page>

### **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/>