

Banks Lane Junior School Newsletter



The Weekly Roar!



Friday, 5th July 2019
254th Edition

RESIDENTIALS

Having just returned from the final residential trip of the year I thought it may be useful to reflect on this year's visits.

Banks Lane Junior School this year has taken a total of 248 children between the ages of 8 and 11 on trips lasting between one and four nights, I am confident in stating that no other school in this area will have done this. Ilam Hall, Conwy and Lakeside are all wonderful places to visit, all giving different experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. The school has resisted attempts to put a stop to these visits as we place great importance on their value. The children are away from home sometimes for the first time and although many deal with this confidently some may not, these problems are dealt with sympathetically by our staff who along with dealing with medical needs, behaviour problems and general pastoral care carry a huge responsibility, this while also being away from their own families.

Each trip has its own theme, the first two based on teamwork and the environment with many exciting activities to enjoy, Lakeside is the 'big one' offering a chance to challenge yourself and overcome your fears, water based enjoyment on rafts, kayaks, pico boats and canoes. Moving onto the land you are faced with a zip wire, king swing, abseiling and climbing, all wonderful experiences not to be missed.

I went on my first residential to the Isle of Man in 1986 just to help out, I enjoyed it so much I have given my time freely ever since, one thing that always pleases me is how polite our children are and I have lost count of the number of times members of the public have remarked on this, whether they are simply buying an ice cream, listening to instructions or accepting their meals off somebody.

I shall be reporting back to the Governing Board that once again the organisation of the trips has been excellent, trips give good value and lifetime experiences and memories. All our staff deserve a big thank you for their efforts.

Dave Bennett - Governor

STAFFING

Some parents may have noticed a new face on our field during Sports Day earlier this week. Miss Jessica Roberts will be joining our teaching staff in September. Miss Samantha Adshead will also be joining our teaching team.

We will be saying a sad farewell to Miss Emily Russell and Mr Phil Walker. Miss Russell joined our school in 2012 and is currently our Year 6 lead. Mr Walker has only been with us for a year but, like Miss Russell, has been a significant and valued member of our team. We will miss them both very much. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them all the very best in their future careers.

And finally, Mrs Andrews, one of our cover supervisors will be retiring at the end of July.

Mrs Andrews started working at Banks Lane Junior School in September 1999! As well as covering classes when teachers were on courses or poorly, Mrs Andrews worked in our Breakfast Club for many years. She has been a dedicated member of staff and is popular with children, parents and staff; she will be much missed. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.

OFFERTON CHILDCARE

We are pleased to confirm Offerton Childcare Ltd have secured new premises for after school and holiday care from September 2019. They will be located at Stockport Lads Club just across the road from school.

YEAR 6 TRIP - LAKESIDE FEEDBACK FORMS 2019

From the parents:

We asked: "How effective was the information you were given about the Lakeside residential"?

You said: "I am in admiration how dedicated the whole staff are towards making sure school visits are an enjoyable experience", "Booklet was very useful", "good information leaflet and good parent talk", "good value for all activities, food and staffing".

72% of parents who returned the feedback form said the information was excellent.

28% said it was good.

We did: We have made a note to share more information about the YMCA Lakeside Centre.

We asked: "How enjoyable were the activities"?

You said: "... Came back full of enthusiasm about all the things she had tried".

75% of parents who returned the feedback form said the activities were enjoyable.

25% said they were good.

We did: We have booked again for next year and plan to do the same, if not better, activities.

We asked: "How good was the venue for accommodation and food"?

You said: "the full breakfast was delicious".

40% of parents who returned the feedback form said the venue and accommodation were excellent.

54% said they were good.

6% said they were satisfactory

We did: We will seek confirmation that we will be in the new accommodation next year.

We asked: "How good was the transport"?

You said: "one of the buses was late".

55% of parents who returned the feedback form said the transport was excellent.

42% said it was good.

3% said it was satisfactory

We did: We have already spoken about this to the company who have apologised.

We asked: "How organised was the visit"?

You said: "Everything seemed planned out well with a very busy itinerary", "Many thanks to all of the staff involved for providing such a great trip! An amazing time all round". "text updates much better this trip".

81% of parents who returned the feedback form said the organisation had been excellent.

19% said it was good.

We did: Made notes to organise the visit the same way next year, thank you!



FACUP FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class	% Attend
3B	97.4%
3L	94.3%
3S	98.3%
4B	98.6%
4L	96.5%
4S	88.3%
5B	98.7%
5L	98.5%
5S	96%
6B	89%
6L	97.3%
6S	97.9%



This week's Winners		
1 st	5B	98.7%
2 nd	4B	98.6%
3 rd	5L	98.5%

This week we achieved an overall average attendance of 95.2%

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 Beth from 5L.

The Headteacher's Gold Award was given to Aimie from 5S for her kindness and consideration at Conwy.

Well done to both of you!



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this coming week and over the holidays to,

Sienna, 6B
William, 6L
Eva, 6B
Kaya, 3L
Lily, 6B
Brooke, 3L
Leo, 5L
Harrison, 3S
Oscar, 3B



CRICKET

Year 6 pupil Harvey plays for Tameside Cricket Team, Harvey & his team played fantastically recently in their second district match for Tameside, they amassed a tidy total of 237 runs in their innings and then bowled out the opposition for 130 runs.



Well done to both Harvey and the rest of the team!

Fosbrook Folk Education Trust

Summer Festival 19

banks lane junior school
Saturday July 6th
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Stalls Performances
Afternoon - 1
Grand Draw 2.30

Entry £1 • children 50p
performers free

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

SPORTSDAY

Thank you to all the parents who attended Sports Day on Tuesday; we received many kind, positive comments.

We would also like to say thank you to Matt and his team from UK Sports for organising and supporting the event; it was much appreciated!

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&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtCh0n0w-aEAYASAAEgIawPD_BwE&gclsrc=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