

Banks Lane Junior School Newsletter



The Weekly Roar!



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240th Edition

ONLINE SAFETY

Currently there is a lot of media interest in a number of online trends, specifically news outlets are referencing something called the MOMO Challenge. Although a lot of the information about the MOMO Challenge is rather concerning, the number of reported cases of children harming themselves because of this is understood to be extremely low. The challenge has alleged to have been tentatively tied to three cases in Asia and South America, but there is nothing that proves that it was a direct key factor in these cases.

Current Advice from CEOP

Advice to parents - you should work to create a positive relationship with your children around their internet use; closely supervising younger children's online access; and crucially, ensuring your children feel they can tell you (or another trusted adult) if they ever encounter anything worrying. Parental controls go some way to protecting children from accidentally viewing disturbing content but are unlikely to prevent it in many cases, for example when content has been deliberately spliced into content aimed at children.

Inappropriate content should be reported direct to the online service it appears on.

Parents may find the following article useful-

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge>

We have had several complaints about an Instagram site which mentions Banks Lane Juniors and some of our children by their full names. This has been set up we believe by some of our students. Although this has not been done with malicious intent, it is not appropriate. If someone opens up the comments from the children it would take them straight to their home page and any stranger would be able to access their information and see their photos. We were able to do this in school; if we can, anyone can.

Please be aware that children under the age of 13 should not be on Instagram. The site has been reported and hopefully will be taken down soon.

CANCER RESEARCH

As a school, we have been awarded with a certificate of donation as we have raised £67.50 for Cancer Research UK. We will keep you updated with all monies raised for charity throughout the year.

WORLD BOOK DAY

It is World Book Day next Thursday, 7th March. Children are invited to come in to school dressed as their favourite book character or as an adjective. We will also have a range of activities for children to get involved in.



FACUP FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class	% Attend
3B	98.7%
3L	96%
3S	94.7%
4B	98.6%
4L	98.7%
4S	88.3%
5B	97.7%
5L	98.9%
5S	97.7%
6B	95.2%
6L	96.7%
6S	97%



This week's Winners		
1st	5L	98.9%
2nd	3B	98.7%
2nd	4L	98.7%

This week we achieved an overall average attendance of 96.5%

Our running total is 95.8%

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

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

The Headteacher's Merit Award was given to Kearan from 5B and Evie from 3B.

The Headteacher's Gold Award was given to Ruby from 6L for her amazing improvements in her recent tests and to Sky from 3L for her fantastic art work.

Well done to all of you!



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this coming week to,

Alfie, 6S
Lily, 3B
Oliver, 5B



PERSONAL SAFETY

Please can we remind **ALL** pupils of the need to be mindful of their personal safety when outside of school. Please ensure you read and follow the below advice:

- Try not to walk the streets alone, particularly after dark.
- Always stick with friends whenever possible.
- Ensure your parents or guardians know where you are, who you are with and when you are likely to be home.
- If you have a mobile phone, keep the battery charged and phone switched on at all times. You can also download and install an app (such as 'Find My Friends') to your smartphone to allow your location to be shared with family or friends.
- Wherever possible, avoid poorly lit streets and parks.
- Keep a phone number for a local, reputable taxi company saved in your phone.
- If you feel unsafe for any reason, get to a safe location quickly and inform somebody you can trust.
- If you feel in danger, dial 999 immediately and ask for Police"

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

CROSS COUNTRY RACE REPORT

On Saturday 16th February, it was the fifth race of the Stockport Schools' Cross Country league, organised by Stockport Harriers. On surely the warmest and sunniest February race ever, it was great to see so many of our Banks Lane runners and their supporters at this crucial penultimate event of the season. Miss Rock and Mr Milner enjoyed cheering you on and seeing your progress from the start of the year.

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

- Evie, Robyn, Isabella, Emily, Saoirse, George, Tobias, Lucas H and Lucas W (Year 3)
- Amelia, Lucia, Olivia, Ella, Miguel and Ted (Year 4)
- Maisy, Libby, Isobel, Chloe, Harley, Isaac, Liam and Owen (Year 5)
- Sam (Year 6)

Yet again, our Year 3 and 4 girls are doing a fantastic job being our largest team and improving massively in their finishing positions; a particular well done to Saoirse and Ella for finishing in the top twenty. Another special mention must go to Owen for completing his first cross country race.

We look forward to seeing you all again for the final race on Saturday 9th March. Remember, you need to have completed at least five of the six races to receive your end of season medal, so make sure you turn up on the 9th and enjoy your final run.

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

NSPCC NetAware

https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=nsppc_net_aware&qclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtChOnOw-aEAAYASAAEgIawPD_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