

Friday 8th November 2024

Bankside Primary School Weekly Newsletter



# Bankside Primary School and Children's Centre

Putting down strong roots for success

## Learning Cog focus—Independence!

The children that were chosen by their teacher this week to receive the award in our assembly:



Well done to our winners this week!

Next week our learning cog will be empathy,  
stay tuned to see who the winners will be!



# Magical Maths!

This week we have enjoyed welcoming back all of our lovely Bankside Best pupils to school! The children have settled quickly into their school routines and staff across school have been very proud of their fantastic behaviour for learning. We have particularly enjoyed our maths learning this week. Across school from our Twos Provision to Year 6 we adopt a practical approach to maths, using concrete resources, to ensure our pupils have a solid understanding of mathematical concepts in order to be successful with their maths learning as they progress through our school and beyond.



# New Reading Resources!

## Exciting new reading books!

This year our school has made a significant financial investment in brand new reading books for our pupils to help promote their enjoyment of reading and also to help them practise their new learning at home.

Additionally, in our classrooms we have transformed our reading areas! Our school has purchased a brand new collection of books for each year group to have in their class library to enjoy with their classmates and teachers.

As a school, reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we ensure our staff are highly skilled in order to ensure our children learn essential early reading skills, and develop a life-long love for reading. **We ask that children respect and care for our school collection of books so they can be enjoyed by many children for years to come.**



# Everybody is Welcome Here!

Next week we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week 2024. The theme for this week is "Choose Respect". At Bankside we are extremely proud of our global school community. Our diverse school population allows our school community to learn about different cultures and beliefs and we **warmly welcome everybody here**. During the week we will be focusing on the importance of our anti-bullying school approach and who children can talk to if they are feeling worried. Our school has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and we use our school curriculum to teach this to our pupils.

**To show our commitment to this crucial message we invite our pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school on Friday 15th November 2024. Pupils still need to wear their school uniform and there is no donation required!**

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024: 'CHOOSE RESPECT' CALL TO ACTION

From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.

This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives - it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose?



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



### Key Dates Reminder!

Friday 20th December 2024 - last day of term pupils finish at 12pm

Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025 SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 6th January 2025 - School re-opens for all pupils



# Family Engagement!

## Dads and Kids Group!

Every Thursday we host a dads and kids group for children and their parents. This group is kindly funded and run by the Jason Robinson Foundation. The aim of this group is to provide a positive space for dads/male carers to play with their child, learn new games to share with their family, get active and meet other dads/male carers in our school. The session is a great way to get active with your child and have fun!



## HENRY Sessions

Ms Walker is running a programme of HENRY sessions with families across school. This week the session focused on the amount of sugar there is in the foods we give our children. We used the sugar smart app to scan the barcodes of typical snacks that families would eat and look for alternatives with lower sugar content. This was a really useful session that highlighted the amount of sugar that can be in foods and less sugary alternatives. Here is the link to the app for you to try this at home: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/sugar/#fs-app>

