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PARENT/CARERS EVENING

17th Nov Annual Celebration Evening
 12th Jan 2012 Yr 9 Consultation Evening
 26th Jan Yr 8 Consultation Evening
 23rd Feb KS4 Options Evening
 1st Mar Yr 10 Consultation Evening
 29th Mar Yr 11 Progress Check Evening
 26th April Yr 7 Consultation Evening
 3rd July Yr 6 Induction Evening

TERM DATES 2011/2012

Friday 16th December
Close for Christmas
Tuesday 3rd January
School re-opens to students
Friday 10th February
School closes for half term
Tuesday 21st February
School re-opens to students
Friday 30th March
School closes for Spring Break
Tuesday 17th April
School re-opens to students
Monday 7th May
School closed for May Day
Friday 1st June
School closed for half term
Monday 11th June
School re-opens to students
Thursday 19th July
School closes for summer

INSET DAYS

Monday 20th February 2012
 Monday 16th April 2012
 Friday 29th June 2012

Headteacher's News

Dear Parent/Carer

Throughout the school year we take photographs of students both in class and during extra-curricular activities to capture their learning experiences. These are used within school during assemblies, parent/carer events and included in this weekly newsletter. In addition to this, photographs may be used in school publications, displayed on our website and also occasionally by Halton Borough Council.

If you do not wish your child's photograph to be included, I would ask that you inform me in writing or via email at admin@bankfield.halton.sch.uk

November GCSE Examinations

Year 11 & 10 students will be sitting external examinations in Maths and Science over the next two weeks. Lunch will change times due to an afternoon examination as follows:

Wednesday 9th November	12.15—12.45	Yr 10 & 11 Lunch
	12.45—13.15	Yr 7 Lunch

SRS Visit to Amsterdam

Last Monday Mrs Edwards, Mr Ackers, Mr Iddon and 35 students returned from their trip to Amsterdam where they visited such sites as Anne Frank's house and the Holocaust memorial.

I have received superb reports on both the quality of the trip and the respectful response of students towards such a moving experience. As always I am grateful for the commitment of the staff for making this event possible for our students. A full report will follow next week.

Good Samaritan

Congratulations to **Nikita Jackson 10SF** who has raised more than £600 for a disabled Runcorn child. She has been nominated as the Young Champion of the Year in the Trinity Mirror Your Champions Award. Nikita raised the money by swimming an incredible 3,450m which is 138 lengths—in just one hour!



The Tempest

"we are such stuff as dreams are made on" - William Shakespeare

Drama students performed an adaptation of 'The Tempest' at The Brindley as part of the 'Shakespeare Schools' Festival' last Wednesday evening on the theme of Dreams.

Bankfield was one of three schools including ones from Warrington and Cheshire who performed their own version of a Shakespearian play. The concept and direction of the production was created by Mr Kennedy, assisted by Miss Robinson. The quality of student performance and the technical aspects of the play was outstanding. Bravo to the whole of the cast! A cast list and photographs can be found overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

Carole Owen

Headteacher





Cast List

Narrator One
 Narrator Two
 Narrator Three
 The Dream Sayer
 Prospero
 Caliban
 Ariel
 Anne
 Miranda
 Billy
 Ferdinand
 Sigmund Freud

Olivia Humphries
Katie O'Connor
Phoebe Millington
Georgia Hill
Charlotte McDowell
Lauren Hegarty
Jessica Robinson
Rebecca Stokes
Kate Hanley
Jamie Holland
Daniel Amson
Joseph Miri

Directed by
 Assistant Director/
 Sound & Lighting
 Choreographed by

Mr Kennedy
Miss Robinson

Katie Burke



College Open Evenings

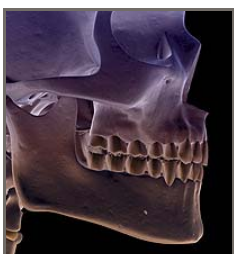
Warrington Collegiate 's Open Evenings are being held on **Tuesday 8th November 5pm—8pm** and **Saturday 26th November 10am—1pm.**

Priestley College's Open Evenings are being held on **Wednesday 9th November, Thursday 10th and Thursday 17th November** from **5.30pm—8.30pm.**

There is also a Guidance Forum being held on **Saturday 19th November 10am—1pm**

Riverside College's Open Evenings are being held on **Wednesday 9th November 5.30pm-8.30pm** and **Wednesday 14th March 2012 5.30pm-8.30pm**

Cronton College's Open Evenings is **Thursday 26th January 2012**



Science Fact of The Week

The human jaw muscles can generate a force of 200 pounds which is equivalent to 90 bags of sugar on the teeth at the back of your mouth! Ouch!

Albie Knowles 9AL

Operation Christmas Child



Students of The Bankfield School are proudly supporting Operation Christmas Child again this year which aims to deliver gifts to disadvantaged children in a variety of countries in Eastern Europe and Africa. Some of these children will never have received a toy or present in their lives and our students feel it is important to let them know that they have not been forgotten and to give them a very special Christmas. Students are invited to decorate a shoebox for either a boy or girl and put appropriate items in. Any sweets/chocolates that are packed must have a sell by date past **March 2012**.



Shoeboxes can be handed in to Mr. Moss in his classroom (H16) and we are asking that they be brought to school by **Monday 14th November** to ensure that they are collected by the charity before Christmas. We are aiming to collect over 100 boxes this year. For more information about Operation Christmas Child please visit their website <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/> which gives full details of the operation, how to prepare a shoebox and even how to donate online and track your shoebox.

Mr Moss

Welcome to 'Out Of Your Hands?'

Out of Your Hands? is brought to you by Mobile Industry Crime Action Forum (MICAF), the Home Office and the National Mobile Phone Unit, to educate young people aged 7 to 16 on the responsible way to own, operate and safeguard your mobile phone.

The challenge for most young people with mobile phones is how to balance their need to carry a phone for personal safety and social reasons vs. the threat of mobile phone crime and cyber bullying.



One in five children aged 8 to 16 has had their mobile phone stolen, often by another child or group of children. 6% of children aged 10 to 15 reported unwanted and nasty emails or texts, or abusive posting on a website. To find out more visit www.outofyourhands.com/

Olympic Fact of The Week



The 'Wenlock Games', officially called The Wenlock Olympian Society Annual Games, dates from 1850 and was a forerunner of the modern Olympic Games which did not start until almost 50 years later.

The Games are currently held annually in the Shropshire village of Much Wenlock, England. In honour of this, one of the Olympic mascots for the London 2012 Summer Olympics is named Wenlock



Year 10 Football v St Chads

On Thursday 20th October, the Yr 10 football team travelled to St Chads on the first truly cold and windy day of the academic year, full of confidence after recent performances. Unfortunately we allowed lots of time and space to a dominant St Chads central midfielder thus allowing them a 3 - 0 lead. However **Josh Steadman** was brought on to man mark and subsequently frustrate the Chads midfielder. Bankfield made their way back into the game by scoring twice and coming very close to an equaliser. However a reckless challenge gave St Chads a penalty and the chance to wrap up the game 4 -2.



Special mention to **Josh Steadman** who did a superb marking job when introduced and **Callum Hough** for the best save we have ever seen in school football. (Think David Seaman v Sheff Utd 2002/03)! Well done lads. A good second half but next game lets have a first half performance to match!

Mr Bourke

Netball Results

Our teams recently played some matches against The Heath school. Overall it was a fair competition with our Yr 7's winning 5-3, our Yr 8's losing 3-7, our Yr 9's losing 1-6 and our Yr 11's winning 7-4.

Well done to all our teams!

