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## Headteacher's News

Dear Parent/Carer

It was standing room only in the Hall on Wednesday evening for our annual Open Evening including using the balcony! It was great to see so many prospective families and receive their highly positive comments about our school. Parental evaluations rated the event as follows: Outstanding (90%), Good (10%). There were no satisfactory/unsatisfactory responses. I received many comments about the confidence, conduct and how happy our students were as well as acknowledgements for the great interest shown by staff towards children and parents. It was an evening to make Bankfield very proud.

The last two weeks of this half term are extremely busy. Next week Yr 7 are involved in their team building course at Colomendy for three days, our Gifted and Talented event will be held on **Tuesday 11th** at 7pm, Yr 11 will be at the 'I Choose Halton' careers event on **Wednesday 12th** (see below for more details), Yr 10 Geographers are on field trips, Yr 11 will have their Parents/Carers Consultation Evening on **Thursday 20th** and on **Tuesday** morning Yrs 7 and 11 will be having their school photographs taken (**11th**). These will be available for purchase in readiness for Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

*Carole Owen*

Headteacher

## PARENT/CARERS EVENTS

- 20th October Yr11 Consultation Evening
- 17th Nov Annual Celebration Evening
- 12th Jan 2012 Yr 9 Consultation Evening
- 26th January Yr 8 Consultation Evening
- 23rd Feb KS4 Options Evening
- 1st Mar 2012 Yr 10 Consultation Evening
- 29th March Yr 11 Progress Check Evening
- 26th April Yr 7 Consultation Evening
- 3rd July Yr 6 Induction Evening

## TERM DATES 2011/2012

- Friday 21st October**  
School closes for October Half Term
- Monday 31st October**  
School re-opens to students
- 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**

## Year 11 Careers Event 'I Choose Halton'

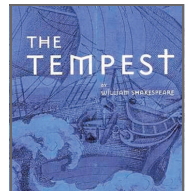
On **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** all Year 11 students will be attending a Careers Event at the Kingsway Sports Centre called 'I choose Halton'. This is a really important opportunity for students to look at the post 16 courses and careers opportunities that are available next year and beyond. All the local post 16 education and apprenticeship providers will be at the event and will be keen to show students what opportunities there are for them. Parents are also able to attend the event on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** from **11.00am-5.00pm** at the same venue and we would encourage you to do so.



Students will travel to the event in coaches provided free of charge. They will go in two groups around the middle of the day. Due to the timings involved we will need to change their normal lunchtime arrangements on that day. Some students will have an early lunch in school whilst others will have a late lunch in school. This means that students will not be able to go off site for their lunch but will be able to use the dining room in school as usual.

## Shakespeare Schools Festival

For the 6th year in succession The Bankfield School will be taking part in the Festival. The school will be staging the William Shakespeare production 'The Tempest' which will be performed at The Brindley Arts Theatre, Runcorn, on **Wednesday 2nd November 2011 at 7pm**.



Tickets are priced £8/£6 (concessions) and are available from the Box Office on 0151 907 8360 and the theme of this year's production will be 'dreams'.

The Shakespeare Schools Festival is an annual event and is the UK's largest Youth Drama Festival. 600 schools perform 30 minute versions of Shakespeare at 80 theatres across the UK. Our cast involves students from all year groups. We hope you can support them.

## Netball Results

Last week our Netball teams played against Wade Deacon. Match Reports will follow next week but please find below the results:

7A	Bankfield won 3-1
7B	Bankfield won 2-0
Yr8	Bankfield lost 4-0
Yr9	Bankfield lost 10-0
Yr10	Bankfield lost 10-0
Yr11	Bankfield won 6-5



Well done to all the girls who took part.

## Science Fact of The Week

Did you know that it is easier to smile than to frown? There are about 40 muscles under the skin of the face and you use almost all of these to make a deep frown but only about half of them to show a broad grin.

**Michael Bird 8CBW**



## Olympic Fact

The first recorded ancient Olympic Games were held in 776BC (before Christ) in Olympia, Greece



## Year 7 Football Tournament

On Thursday 29th September, The Bankfield School hosted the first Year 7 Halton Schools Football tournament of this academic year. It was wonderful to see 12 teams and approximately 100 students participating on our ATP with Wade Deacon and St. Chads eventually agreeing to share the trophy after a tense final and subsequent extra time failed to produce a winner.

Well done to all students who participated and thanks to the Year 7 students and staff who helped to run the event.



## Football

The Yrs 9 and 11 football teams got their season under way with matches against the Heath on Wednesday 28th September. Whilst the results did not go our way, 9-3 against for Yr 9 and 6-0 against for Yr 11, the boys conducted themselves excellently, once again setting the standard for sportsmanship in the Borough. Stand out performers were **Sean Fearn Freeman** and **Zac Littler** for Yr 11 and **Callum Hough** and **Luke Moreton** for Yr 9. A big thank you to Mr Jervis, Mr Iddon and Mr Porter for their help with these fixtures.

## Rugby League

Also on Wednesday our Yr 10's relit the torch for rugby at the school with a creditable performance against Sts Peter and Paul. Whilst the score line was 24-10 against, we did have the honour of scoring the two best tries of the game through **Luke Gore** and **Luke Brodin** who scored from 90 mtrs and 70 mtrs respectively. An amazing effort from all, especially considering that the majority of our players are playing together for the first time. Stand out performers were **Jacob Towns** and **Josh Steadman** with player of the match going to **Curtis Stanley**. A big thank you to Mr Edwards and Ms Halcrow for their help with this fixture.

Overall on Wednesday the 28th of Sept we had over 80 students taking part in sporting activities after school. Well done!

## Football Fixtures This Week

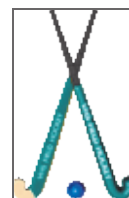
- Yr 9 - Wednesday 12th October - Grange vs Bankfield (A) 4pm approx.
- Yr11 - Wednesday 12th October - Bankfield vs Grange (H) 4pm approx.

Spectators Welcome!



## Junior Hockey Coaching

Every Sunday from 10 -11 a.m. at the Heath School, Runcorn.



The sessions are for boys and girls, both beginners and those who have already played some hockey and are guaranteed to be fun.

For more information please visit the website : [www.runcornhockey.org.uk](http://www.runcornhockey.org.uk). If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the hockey club at: [admin@runcornhockey.org.uk](mailto:admin@runcornhockey.org.uk)

## Walk to School Month

1st—31st October is Walk to School Month. This is a month long awareness event held in October every year where schools across the world join forces to promote walking to school. Living Streets, which run and organise the Walk to School events have approximately 2,250 schools that take part, raising awareness to over 750,000 children.

