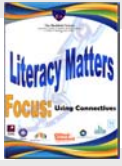




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# Bankfield News

*"Bringing Out The Best!"*

Dear Parents/Carers

## Science Visit

We welcomed the Leader of the Council, Cllr Tony McDermott into the Science Department this week. He joined Year 7 to participate in a Science Technology Engineering Maths (STEM) lesson making 'Christmas Slime'. The objective of this cross curricular project was to demonstrate excellent teamwork ability and citizenship and precise science skills to make a gift of Christmas Slime. The project has created links with DT as they have designed low carbon footprint packaging.



## Post 16

Many thanks to those of you who attended the meeting last Thursday night. We are still collating responses from all stakeholder questionnaires and will provide details of opinions in the near future. It is true to say however, there has been an overwhelmingly positive reaction from students, parents/carers and other stakeholders to date. I will keep you informed of any further developments.

## Christmas

It has been lovely to have so many attend our Christmas Celebration Assemblies over the past few days. Year 11, Year 9 and Year 7 will receive their rewards and certificates on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday respectively.

Just a reminder that:

- Our Christmas Concert is on **Wednesday 16th December** at **7.00pm**. Tickets are available from the Music Department (£1 including refreshments).
- School will close to students at 1pm on **Friday 18th December** and re-open on **Monday 4th January** at **8.40am**.

Finally on behalf of all the staff may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very 'Happy Christmas and hope that you have some time to relax during the Christmas festivities. We look forward to working with you once again in 2010.

Yours sincerely

*Carole Owen*

Headteacher

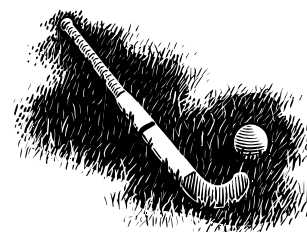


## SCIENCE FACT OF THE WEEK!

The body of a camel is so amazingly adapted to survival in the desert that it can withstand even the harshest of desert climates. Their biggest strength has to be their ability to survive without food and water for long periods of time. This unique ability stems from their body being able to store fat in their humps.

## YEAR 9 & 10 HOCKEY MATCHES

Match Report by **Rebecca Sutch 10YG**



### Game 1—BANKFIELD A vs WADE DEACON

The game started well for Bankfield and we attacked effectively. Our goalie managed some spectacular saves and just before half time we scored the first goal of the game. Our defenders worked well in the second half but were unfortunate to let in a last minute goal. Final score 1-1.

Player of the Match—**Jade Preston 8SMH**

### Game 2—BANKFIELD B vs WADE DEACON

Wade Deacon started the stronger team and after a series of great defending from Bankfield, they unfortunately managed to score a goal. In the second half our attackers worked well together but were unable to score. Wade Deacon sneaked past our defenders towards the end of the game and scored to make the final score 2-0 to Wade Deacon.

Player of the Match—**Charlie Veregan 10PCB**

#### TEAM A

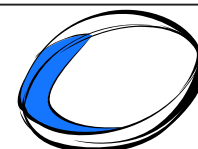
**Rebecca Sutch (Cpt)10YG**  
**Vicky Jackson 10PCB**  
**Megan Sutch 9WA**  
**Rachel Wildman 9AB**  
**Katherine Plumb 9AB**  
**Hattie Jones 9AB**  
**Jade Preston 8SMH**



#### TEAM B

**Hollie Johnstone 10PK**  
**Jodie Boyd 10PK**  
**Rebecca Cosgrove 10JW**  
**Charlie Veregan 10PCB**  
**Sammie Filkins 10RJJ**  
**Rebecca Laws 9AB**  
**Joe Feeney 8EW**

## WHEELCHAIR RUGBY LEAGUE



Trust, in Widnes and the Rugby Football League are to hold a wheelchair Rugby League taster session at Kingsway Leisure Centre on Saturday 19th December between 1.30—3.30pm.

Wheelchair Rugby League is a relatively new sport in which England are World Champions and both disabled and non-disabled are eligible to play.

There are plans to set up a team within the area so if anyone is interested, in any capacity, then please go along.

YEAR 7 OUTCOMES	YEAR 8 OUTCOMES	YEAR 9 OUTCOMES
I can make the people in my group feel valued and welcome and I know how to make other people feel at ease. I also know how and when I learn best.	Over this half term I will understand that I can break friends without falling out.	This half term I will make reasonable adjustments to my expectations of myself in light of the expectations of others.



## Science, SEAL and Christmas



Science class 8H have been learning all about series and parallel circuits and how they are used in Christmas lights. They were set a challenge to see which circuit is the best to use so you do not need to spend hours looking for that one broken bulb.

After investigating their circuits they found out that a parallel circuit worked best because if one bulb goes out the others stay lit. They were then challenged to use the SEAL skill of collaboration to work as a group and build the longest set of Christmas lights they could.

This lesson was a real success as the pupils used team work and their science knowledge to investigate a question and achieve a common goal.



### Dates For Your Diary

11th –17th December—Celebration Assemblies  
 Wed 16th December—Christmas Concert  
 Frid18th December—School Closes for Christmas  
 Mon 4th January 2009—School re-opens  
 Thurs 14th January—Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening  
 Thurs 4th February—Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening  
 Thurs 11th February—School closes for half term  
 Fri 12th February—**INSET** Day (School closed for students)  
 Thurs 25th February—Year 9 Options Evening  
 Thurs 25th March—Year 10 Parent/Carers Evening  
 Fri 26th March—School Closes for Easter  
 Mon 12th April—School re-opens  
 Thurs 22nd April—Year 7 Parents/Carers Evening  
 Fri 30th April –**INSET** Day (School closed for students)  
 Mon 3rd May—School closed for May Day  
 Fri 28th May—School closes for half term  
 Mon 7th June—School re-opens  
 Fri 25th June—**INSET** Day (School closed for students)  
 Tues 6th July— Year 6 Induction Day and Parent/Carers Evening  
 Tues 20th July—School closes for Summer

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# Literacy Matters

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