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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thanks to those of you who attended Year 9 Consultation Evening last Thursday. The initial analysis of feedback is extremely positive which I am delighted about.

You will have noticed our 'new style' evaluation forms which have been introduced in order for us to monitor our provision even more closely. These are an element of our self evaluation process which takes place throughout the year. This term every subject area has an intensive review of teaching and learning through observations, student questionnaires and discussions. At the end of the process a report on each Department is presented to Governors in order for them to be aware of the strengths of our school and areas for improvement so that we continue to ensure students attain their potential. This would then be part of our evidence base for Ofsted in any future inspections.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to replace Mr B Yates after 7 years service to our Governing Body. Governors are required to attend four full meetings throughout the year as well as being a member of at least one committee. These usually meet once per term. It is important that we have the parental perspective in our strategic decision making and I would encourage you to join us.

If you are interested or would like more information, please complete and return the slip at the end of this newsletter or email me via admin@bankfield.halton.sch.uk by **Monday 23rd January**.

PARENT/CARERS 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 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 8 Consultation Evening

If you have a child in Year 8 you should have received details of the forthcoming progress evening on **Thursday 26th January 2012**.

We look forward to meeting with you then.

Yours sincerely,

Carole Owen

Headteacher

Olympic Fact of the Week

The youngest ever Olympian is Greek gymnast Dimitrios Loundras, who competed in the 1896 Athens





Bankfield School Games Year 7 Killer Badminton – Monday 9th Jan 2012

The Year 7 school games commenced with a highly successful and competitive killer Badminton competition on Monday. It was great to see so many enthusiastic students down at the sports hall, complete with banners, flags and clothes from their respective Olympic countries. A particularly big well done to Tunisia superbly led by Nathan Neeves (7WL) who despite lower numbers share the early lead with Mexico. Thank you to all staff and students who supported the event.



Chinese New Year

According to the Chinese Zodiac, the Year of 2012 is the **Year of the Dragon**, which begins on January 23, 2012 and ends on February 9, 2013.

To celebrate Chinese New Year the school will be

offering a Chinese themed menu on Monday 23rd January. There will be a variety of oriental cuisine on offer including Chicken and Sweet Corn Soup, Sweet and Sour Chicken, Chow Mein, Egg Fried Rice, Boiled Rice, Chinese Curry, Chicken Noodle Soup, Spring Rolls and Prawn Crackers.

Science Fact of the Week

A dwarf planet is a celestial body which is too small to be considered a real planet but too large to be called a space rock. It must revolve around the sun and it should not be a satellite of another planet. Hence this disqualifies earth's big moon from being a dwarf planet.



Rugby Club

On Thursday 12th January coaches and players from Widnes Vikings came into Year 7 Assembly to introduce a new after school touch rugby club aimed at Year 7 & 8 Girls. The Vikings have also planned to come in during school day to run rugby sessions within PE lessons. The after school touch rugby club will run on a **Tuesday** between 3 & 4pm. Once the club is up and running, we will be able to play matches against local schools and enter tournaments and festivals in April and May with schools from other districts.

Miss J Thompson



School Games Competition

Monday saw the first of the school games competitions with Year 10 taking part in the Dodgeball challenge. All forms were represented which was a great start and the competitive spirit soon kicked in with some old scores to be settled. Every form played against each other and there were a few surprises in the bag too. 10 MJE represented by Adam Baker and Alex Bowen fought hard every match against some serious opposition and never gave up despite there being only the two of them. They even won a match although don't tell Miss Fletcher that. The competition was carried out in great spirit and everyone really enjoyed themselves. The final score saw NJL (Denmark) winning, SF (Hungary) 2nd equal 3rd were YOR (Germany) and MJE (USA), 5th was RJJ (New Zealand) and 6th FW (Kazakhstan). Looking forward to the next challenge on Monday - Year 9 Dodgeball and Year 8 Hockey.



Widnes Basketball Competition Year 7 & Year 9

On Wednesday 11th January Bankfield hosted the Widnes Basketball competition for Years 7 & 9. Both tournaments were played in a terrific spirit and it was great to see so many students playing the sport. Bankfield had two teams in Year 7 who came 2nd and 3rd respectively. The Year 9 Bankfield team lost out on 1st place by one basket! Unlucky lads! Well done Bankfield and many thanks to Mr Ackers, Mr Edwards and Mr Smith for all their help.



New to Community Sports at Bankfield

Ladies Only Fitness Course

6 week course of exercise, diet advice & personal training

6 x 1 hour full body conditioning classes

2 x 30 minute diet plan, health advice classes

At home exercise plan to assist 6 week dream body plan

Numbers are limited to allow better personal training experience with Instructor

Thursdays 6 - 7pm

For more information contact Rebecca Smith Community Sports Manager on
0151 424 5038 Option 6



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Email: chriswoodhousetraining@gmail.com
Personal Trainer & Nutritional Advisor





Sexting

The following information is provide by CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) and accompanies the 'Exposed' drama which is aimed at 11-18 year olds and has been shown in school during E-Safety Week.

Self Taken Images - 'Sexting'

Someone taking an indecent image of themselves, and sending it to their friends or boy/ girlfriend via a mobile phone or some other form of technology is sometimes referred to as 'sexting'.

Once these images have been taken and sent to others, control is lost of them and they can end up anywhere. They could be seen by friends and family, a future employer, or even, in some cases, end up in the possession an offender!

This also puts that person who originally sent the images in a vulnerable position, as somebody they may or may not know now has these images and could use technology to bully, harass or even try to locate them.

Just think – if you wouldn't print and pass these images around your school or show your mum or dad, they are not appropriate to share via phone or other technologies.

What can I do?

If you receive an indecent image or text from someone, do not send this image on to others. You will need to report it to a responsible adult.

If you know that an indecent image of you or a friend has been posted in the online environment, you will need to contact the service provider, such as Facebook, or Youtube to have it removed. You can do this by visiting their safety centres and following their reporting links.



The Law

By sending indecent pictures of a person under 18 on to someone else you could be breaking the law.

If a teenager were to have in their possession an indecent image of another minor, they would technically be in possession of an indecent image of a child, which is an offence under the Protection of Children Act 1978 and the Criminal Justice Act 1988.

Who should I tell?

Always tell an adult you trust. This could be your mum, dad, school teacher or a cool auntie!

If somebody you don't know has contacted you inappropriately or the images are being used against you, fill out a report form at [ClickCEOP](#).

If you are upset or worried by an image you have sent or received, you can call ChildLine and talk to someone in confidence on 0800 1111.

You can also visit www.cybermentors.org.uk for online support and advice about cyberbullying and much more.



To: Mrs C Owen
RE: Parent Governor

Name: _____

I am interested in representing parents on The Bankfield School Governing Body.

My Child is: _____

Signed: _____