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Bankfield News

"Bringing Out The Best!"

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been busy for everyone with a number of events which have taken place in addition to the 'normal' school week.

Halton Public Speaking Competition

A fantastic evening was held last Tuesday at the Stobart Stadium, when students from all 8 schools competed in the Public Speaking Competition. Bankfield was represented by **Chantelle Muneri** and **Robert Oakes** for the KS4 and KS3 competitions. Both made three minute speeches on the topics of 'Money and Media' by **Chantelle** and 'Anti-Social Behaviour' from **Robert**. Both were runners up in their class and are to be congratulated for their representation of themselves and our school. As **Robert** from Year 8 was competing against Year 9 students we look forward to him leading the way next year! Well done to **Chantelle, Robert** and the English Department.

DCSF Immersion Programme

For three days this week we have been visited by **Badrul Alom** from the Department of Children, Schools & Families, the Standards and Effectiveness Unit. The purpose of his visit was to have first hand experience of the impact of Government Policy on the work of schools. I am pleased to report that he has been impressed by the work of our staff and the conduct and commitment of our students. He interviewed representatives from all year groups to find out about all aspects of school life from a student perspective. It would be true to say that they interrogated him about his work too. A learning experience for us all!



Celebration Evening

Our annual Celebration Evening was held once again at The Foundry and was attended by Year 11 and Year 9 (2008/09) and their parents/carers. It was good to see **Mr Foley** and **Mr Wicker** amongst the guests. We invited **John**



Kay OBE, a former Bankfield student to be our guest of honour and award GSCE and KS3 Certificates/prizes to the classes of 2009. His speech was extremely humorous whilst being inspirational to listen to as he encouraged all students to live life to the full, take every opportunity that presents itself and to be prepared to widen horizons. His experience, through his work with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs has taken him all over the world and which led to the Queen awarding him his OBE in 2007. He was keen to tell us how Bankfield had prepared him so well for his adult life and how no one could have predicted his achievements when he was just 16. I hope all our students will see him as a tremendous role model and take his



advice to believe that anything is possible if you work hard enough for it.

Looking Forward—Post 16 Consultation

You should have received through the post a consultation document about potential plans for Bankfield to deliver education for students beyond Year 11. I would very much appreciate your views and ask that you complete the questionnaire and return to school by **Friday 4th December 2009**. Alternatively you can download the consultation papers and form from our school website www.bankfield.com and email your reply to post16@bankfield.com or print a copy and send into the school office by the deadline above. We will be holding a public meeting on **Thursday 10th December** to discuss our plans with all stakeholders.

I very much look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely

Carole Owen

Headteacher

LOTTERY HOPE FOR WINDMILL HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Windmill Hill Primary School in Runcorn has been shortlisted for a National Lottery windfall to spruce up an area of woodland—if enough people vote for it. They will go head to head with a project in Trafford to win £50,000 from the Peoples' Millions Big Lottery Grant.

A TV crew has filmed in the school last week and it will be broadcast on **Granada Reports** on **Wednesday 25th November** as well as featuring in the **Daily Mirror**. A telephone number will be revealed on the night when the school will be campaigning for votes.

This project will benefit the whole of the community and also enable other schools and groups to use the facilities. Now they need YOUR help to beat off stiff opposition to win a phone vote to get the cash.



CHRISTMAS SHORT BREAKS

DO YOU HAVE A DISABLED CHILD AND STRUGGLE TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE?

Then give us a call and find out about our Christmas Short Break service available in Halton. We have trained and experienced staff who will give your child some fun whilst you shop.

There will be a range of sessions available for children of all ages. If you feel that your child would need some support to join sessions or if you have transport difficulties then talk to us about this and we will see if we can help.

TO FIND OUT MORE CONTACT US ON 0151 495 5400

CALL NOW AS PLACES ARE LIMITED

Halton Children's Trust
...Working together to make the difference

HALTON AIMING HIGH
FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

The advertisement features a festive winter scene with a snowman, decorated Christmas trees, and a house labeled 'SANTA'S WORKSHOP'. Below the scene, the text 'CHRISTMAS SHORT BREAKS' is written in large red letters. The ad describes a service for disabled children and their families to help with Christmas shopping. It includes contact information and a note that places are limited. Logos for Halton Children's Trust and Halton Aiming High are at the bottom.

Science fact of the week!



The space between your eyebrows is called the glabella

YEAR 7 OUTCOMES	YEAR 8 OUTCOMES	YEAR 9 OUTCOMES
I have strategies to deal with any uncomfortable feelings	Over this half term I can look at a situation from someone else's view and understand that it might be different to my own	This half term I will make reasonable adjustments to my expectations of myself in light of the expectations of others



Thank you to everyone who donated vouchers. We managed to collect 4000 vouchers in total and we will be putting in an order this week. We will keep you updated on the equipment we have ordered.

Also just a quick reminder that if you have any unwanted gardening equipment, tools, seeds, plants etc these would be gratefully appreciated by our Landbased students.



GIRLS HOCKEY MATCH

Report by **Megan Sutch 9WA**

Year 9 girls played host to Fairfield High on **Monday 16th November**. Bankfield attacked well in the first half and managed to score 3 goals. Fairfield fought back in the second half and replied with 2 goals. However Bankfield upped their game and scored a further 3 goals. Final score was 6—2 to Bankfield!. Well done girls.

Team—**Megan Sutch, Hattie Jones, Rachel Wildman, Daisy Hogarth, Molly Abbot, Katherine Plumb, Jade Preston.**

Goal Scorers—**Megan Sutch, Hattie Jones, Rachel Wildman**



Dates For Your Diary

No- Thursday 19th
Celebration Evening vember—
at the Foundry

Friday 18th December—School Closes for Christmas
Monday 4th January 2009—School re-opens
Thursday 14th January—Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening
Thursday 4th February—Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening
Thursday 11th February—School closes for half term
Friday 12th February—**INSET** Day (School closed for students)
Thursday 25th February—Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 25th March—Year 10 Parent/Carers Evening
Friday 26th March—School Closes for Easter
Monday 12th April—School re-opens
Thursday 22nd April—Year 7 Parents/Carers Evening
Friday 30th April —**INSET** Day (School closed for students)
Monday 3rd May—School closed for May Day
Friday 28th May—School closes for half term
Monday 7th June—School re-opens
Friday 25th June—**INSET** Day (School closed for students)
Tuesday 6th July— Year 6 Induction Day and Parent/Carers Evening
Tuesday 20th July—School closes for Summer

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Specialist Science & Applied Learning College
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Literacy Matters

Focus: Capital letters for names of people and places.

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