



BANNOCKBURN
Primary School

Newsletter

February 2018

Centre of the Cell Year 6



Last week, Year 6 visited 'The Centre of the Cell' in Whitechapel. We had an interactive session in their amazing 'cell pod'; we played interactive games that included growing skin grafts to treat burns, developing blood samples in a lab and identifying different cell types under a microscope. We learnt about the different cells of our bodies and how they have to work together as a team. There was even a special scale that weighed you and then estimated how many cells there are in your body!



Emma- "It's amazing- it makes me want to be a scientist when I grow up!"

Delano- "We saw some unusual things- for example, some teeth that had never been brushed and a pair of smoker's lungs. It made me realise how much we have to look after our bodies."



Safer Internet Day 2018 will take place on the **Tuesday 6th February** with the theme "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

If you would like any more information, please visit:

www.saferinternetday.org.uk

If you would like e-safety training within school, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

REMINDER:

Children under the age of 13 should not be using WhatsApp, Instagram and Snapchat.

Dates for Diary:

Monday **12th Feb** – Friday **16th Feb**: Half Term

Wednesday **21st February** & Monday **26th February**: Parent/Carer Pupil Review Evenings

Friday **2nd March**: World Book Day (Full details will be sent separately)

Monday **5th March**: Parent Assembly 'Equality': @HS 9am & @MW (Yr3/4) 9.30am and (Yr5/6) 10am

Thursday **8th March**: International Evening (Tickets will go on sale after half term)

Friday **9th March**: International Day within school

Wednesday **14th March**: Parent Forum @HS – Maths Strategies for all year groups

Sunday **18th March** – 2k, 5k and 10k Fun Run from MW
LIMITED AMOUNT OF TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT FROM RUNBRITAIN.COM (AGES 4+ FOR 2K, 6+ FOR 5K AND 15+ FOR 10K). 15+ CAN ENTER ANY RACE!

Wednesday **28th March**: Year 3 Disco (4.30-5.30pm) and Year 4 Disco (5.45-6.45pm) @MW

Thursday **29th March**: Last day of Term

Please check the school website for updated term dates until July 2019.

If you require a paper copy, please ask at the school offices.

Governor News



Hi everyone, my name is Lina Mertens and I am a parent governor and part of Families At Bannockburn (FAB). I have two children at school, one in Year 4 and one in Year 1, and both have been in the school from nursery. I think we have a lovely community and this reflects the school, from staff to pupils.

As a parent governor, I have the opportunity to be involved with the school and see the wonderful work they have been doing, with visits and meetings; and check if there are areas that could be improved, also listening to what parents and carers think and passing this to the school.

I can see that the school is taking advantage of all the cultures at school and the diversity has been an asset, as we are going to confirm with the upcoming "International Celebration Evening".

I have been able to watch the Christmas concerts from most year groups and would like to congratulate the children and staff for their hard work, and I hope everyone enjoyed them as much as I did.

Please feel free to come and talk to me with any suggestion or offers of support.

Mobile Phones

Children should not bring mobile phones into school unless they are in years 5&6 and walking home on their own. Any phones brought in are kept in the office until the end of the school day. Mobile phone permission forms are available from the office.

National Tests for Years 1, 2 and 6

Year 6: Week beginning 14th May. Please do not book any appointments for children this week. All Year 6 should be in school every day.

Year 1: Week beginning 11th June. Phonics Tests.

Year 2: SATs tests will take place during the Month of May. There are no prescribed dates.

Driving and Parking

Can all parents/carers please be mindful of how they drive and park around school at the beginning and end of the day.

We have:

- had to settle children at the start of the day who are upset because of the language used between parents and other pedestrians/drivers.
- had complaints from residents where people have parked across their driveways or in their carpark e.g. Quantum Theatre by HS.
- reported repeat offenders on the zig zags.

REMEMBER: WALKING IS GOOD FOR YOU ☺

Parent/Carer Evenings

The system will be going live on Monday 5th February @ 7am.

If you do not have access to the internet or need some support in booking an appointment, please ask in the school office.

Value of the Month Resilience

"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

Nelson Mandela

School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has made the effort to ensure that they are following school policy.

Please focus on:

- ★ Shoes (not sports trainers or knee high boots) need to be black with no bright laces.
- ★ Hair accessories should be blue, white, orange or dark in colour.
- ★ White tops/shirts should only be worn by Year 6 children; all other year groups should wear blue.