



Bankside School

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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

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This week saw many of our pupils participating in some alternative and exciting activities.

The highlight was on Tuesday, when we had a very busy car park with 10 young people involved in the Bike Ability programme alongside a visit from the 'Game Changer van', a custom-made computer games van. Both activities proved very popular with our pupils, as the photos below will illustrate.

Exams have started in earnest this week with youngsters showing great resilience in their first Maths GCSE paper on Thursday.

We continue to celebrate our pupils' achievements, both with regards to their academic progress and personal development, and this week's certificates reflect this perfectly.

We have updated the 'Dates' section this week to include some key events for Summer Term 2, in particular, the end of year Awards presentation afternoon and our first ever mini Prom.

Finally, this afternoon our whole school Assembly focussed on 'Banter versus Bullying' and how we need to support each other with the way we interact, talk to each other and our language choices. This will continue to be a central focus for us at school.

We wish you a positive and fulfilling weekend.

Important Dates

Friday 22nd May	- Bankside Talent Show for pupils and staff
	Last Day of Term
Monday 1st June	- School reopens after half term
Friday 10th July	- Bankside Prom
Thursday 16th July	- End of Year Awards Presentation
Friday 17th July	- Summer Fayre for pupils and staff

Just as a reminder we are a **NO NUT** School, we have a number of pupils who have allergies, this includes for some pupils, coconut allergy, please be mindful of pupils using sprays or body lotions as they can be sensitive to this.

Star Learners: For outstanding effort and focus in lessons:

- **Clare Mc** - For her amazing cooking skills last Friday, she did a great job 😊
- **Oliver H** - For a fantastic effort with his English exam on Tuesday. He showed great commitment to his learning and conducted himself really well.
- **Hayward F** - Hayward took part in his maths lesson with real focus, completing an entire booklet showing strong engagement throughout. He produced some great work and showed how knowledgeable he is! Well done Hayward 😊
- **Archie Ho** - who engaged fully during our PSHE mindfulness meditation. He showed a mature attitude to mental wellbeing and valuable insight into what supports him to be mindful during our reflection. Well done Archie the reflection you shared was meaningful and inspirational to others attending the session. 😊
- **Lola, Lily, Daisy & Jake L** - For all their hard work in the run up to their first maths exam! I'm so proud of you all for overcoming barriers in order to sit your GCSE Maths!
- **Tom N** - For his outstanding performance earlier this week during our dramatisation of a scene from The Tempest - pretty sure Shakespeare sat up in his grave and applauded!

Kindness Champions:

For showing compassion, helping others and lifting the mood of those around you:

- **Stanley B** - He played football with his peers, offering help or encouragement throughout. He was kind and thoughtful and included all students
- **Bradley, Roo, Sammy, Archie C & Lucas** - They showed great maturity during their session in the gaming van on Wednesday. They were deeply engrossed in their gaming, but left sensibly and promptly at the end of their session so as not to impact the students waiting for their turn.

Progress Heroes: Special Mention:

For making visible strides in learning, behaviour and confidence:

- **Elsa S** - Elsa, you're growing in confidence and we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know you during our weekly catch-up. Your artwork is AMAZING and your art teaching skills are pretty good too! Well done.
- **Freya N** – She's really started to engage in her learning with us, she is coming on leaps and bounds and is growing in confidence, she is a joy to be around.
- **Betty Br** - For amazing work with negative numbers.
- **Scarlet L** - Scarlett has attended art session this week and had engaged fully creating a fantastic aboriginal art design. She has shown attention to detail and fantastic drawing skills, well done Scarlett 😊
- **Cat B** - For completing a piece of art work in the art lesson this week using watercolours for painting and finishing with collage. It was a pleasure having you in the classroom where you worked with focus, taking your time to finish your painting.
- **Harrison S** - For the amazing progress achieved this week in his Bikeability session. He was cycling around the carpark like a real Professional by the end of the session - confident, completely in control of the bike and enjoying the experience. Well done!

Bikeability

Special Mention

Please can the Bike Ability group have a special mention they were fantastic and showed excellent determination and resilience. They all made excellent progress in their cycling skills from learning to balance, pedal and some started to learn about signalling. The instructors were super impressed with their behaviour, effort, and attitudes and commented how they are a credit to the school.

Betty B, Millie B, Sylvie U, Archie Ho, Hannah W, William E, Harrison S, Sammy T, Archie C, Jayden B



Game Changer Van

On Tuesday, pupils had the opportunity to experience time within the visiting 'Game Changer Gaming Van'. This enrichment activity was planned to provide pupils with a different 'out of class' experience. Each teaching group had the opportunity to visit the van, choose from a variety of games and play either individually or with a partner. A successful and enjoyable, extra-curricular activity for all.



Bankside's Art Exhibition

This week, we have artwork at our Bankside Gallery by:
Caleb, Elsa, Cyrus and Archie Holden.



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BANKSIDE'S GOT TALENT

**FRIDAY
22ND MAY**

**AUDITION VIDEOS
TO BE SENT TO TOM
BY THE 1ST OF MAY**

**CAN YOU SING, DANCE, OR MAKE
US LAUGH? ARE YOU A POET, A
GYMNAST, OR A MAGICIAN? WE'D
LOVE TO SEE YOUR ENTRIES FOR
BANKSIDE'S GOT TALENT!**

