



Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
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Our overall attendance this week was

94.4%

Keep up the good work everyone!



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

It's been wonderful to welcome different experts into school this week to work with the children as part of our Healthy Choices Week. We have had dance specialists and yoga teaching, as well as food and nutrition workshops with Mr Brennan. There was also a very special class trip to South Shields beach - to go surfing! The aim of the week was to look at how we take care of our whole self, through thought, nutrition, exercise, kindness and caring. The classes have had a great week exploring the different strands, and I've seen some wonderful PSHE and RSE work, as well as the more traditional aspects of self care. Next week we begin with transfer day, where the children will meet their new class teachers and will take part in some lovely art activities. We also have our annual sports day and look forward to welcoming you into school to support our children in a range of races and events.

We hope the children have enjoyed their week and have shared their experiences with you, and we look forward to more fun next week. Have a lovely weekend.



AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

Reception

- Austin B for brilliant creative skills when making a beach from pebbles, beads and string ...fantastic knowledge of the sea shore

Year 1

- Cora S for her outstanding ideas on emotions and worries

Year 2

- Harrison A for his excellent work around emotions

Year 3

- It has to be the whole class this week for their excellent attitude and amazing surfing skills!

Year 4

- All of Year 4 for writing lovely kindness notes to each other



SCHOOL UPDATES



Sports' Day - Thursday 7th July from 9.30am - 11.30am

Just a reminder that, weather permitting, our sports' day will take place next Thursday. Parents and family members are welcome to come along to the event which will take place on the cricket field from 9.30am to 11.30am.

The children will move around the field taking part in different activities

throughout the morning. Please can they come dressed in their PE kits that day. Depending on the weather, and who knows what that will be at the moment, please ensure they have sun cream and sun hats, or warm jumpers and clothing etc. Please also ensure the children have their named water bottles with them.



Sport Day Refreshments - Thursday 7th July

Our PTA are offering teas/coffees and an assortment of pastries for sale between drop off and the beginning of sports day 9.00 - 9.30am. All proceeds will go towards the ice pops we are providing for the children after sports day and any extra will go towards supporting the Schools Library Service fundraising and other projects. The refreshments table will be set up on the school yard and parents are welcome to come into the yard to purchase refreshments when dropping off their children.



MUSIC CONCERT - MONDAY 11th JULY FROM 2pm:

To show off the talents of the children who have been having music lessons this term, Mrs Lynch (formerly Miss Humble) is putting on a music concert. Parents are welcome to attend (limited to 2 per family). Year 1 and 2 will also play a tune on their ukuleles and

Year 3 and 4 will show off their talents on the recorder and flute after their lessons with Mrs De Vere. We hope you can join us.



PTA School Disco - Friday 15th July

The Year 4 Leavers Disco (which is open to all years) is taking place between 5 and 6.30pm on Friday 15th July. This year's disco has a Hollywood theme, so come dressed to impress!

There is a £2 entrance fee for the disco and we will have stalls where children can buy hot dogs, drinks, snacks etc. We will also have face painting and

other activities available. Please bring change for food and the stalls.

There will also be a VIP area for the Year 4 children - so they get an extra special send off!!

TRANSITION DAY MONDAY 4th JULY - ART ACTIVITIES

In school next week during transition your children will be taking part in an art based activity. Can you please make sure your children come to school in clothes which you do not mind being damaged or bring a shirt/t-shirt which would cover them to ensure their school uniforms do not get damaged.

NO DANCE CLUB MONDAY 4TH JULY

Just a reminder that there is no after school dance club next Monday 4th July. Please arrange for your child to be collected at 3.15pm or book a slot at Mid Tyne Kids Club. Dance club will be on again as usual on Monday 11th July.

ART VENTURERS EXTRA SESSION - WEDNESDAY 20th JULY

As Art Venturers club had to be cancelled this week, due to illness, Becky Mack will run an extra session On Wednesday 20th July to make up for the missed club.



NO DOGS ON YARD

Please can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds. This includes when dropping off or picking up from Kids Club out of hours. We have a number of children who are scared of dogs and we therefore ask parents to leave their dogs outside of the school grounds.



Book Review Corner:

Thank you to Spencer in Y3 for this week's book review.

Title...Horrid Henry's Swimming lesson

Author...Francesca Simon

Spencer says this book is funny and helps people who are starting swimming lessons.

He enjoys this series of books and thinks anyone who likes Horrid Henry should read this one.

It is about Henry not enjoying swimming lessons and trying his best to get out of going to them...using every excuse he can think of.....

We love Horrid Henry and his madcap antics too. Well done Spencer - you are an amazing reader.

END OF TERM - DINNER MONEY PAYMENTS

Please could all Year 4 parents keep a close eye on their child's dinner money balance over the next few weeks. All debit balances must be paid before the end of term. Any credit balances still remaining once term finishes, will either be refunded to parents or will be transferred across to a sibling's account if appropriate.

We are unable to remove any Y4 leavers from parentmail who still have balances on their account.

YEAR 3 SURFING TRIP

As part of Healthy Choices Week, Y3 got to go surfing at South Shields - they had an absolutely amazing time as you can see from the photos below:





THINGS TO DO:

Join us on our
OPEN DAY!


RS Sailing

Saturday 2nd July 2022

WWW.DRSC.CO.UK

Online Booking for sailing, Paddleboarding & wind surfing. You don't need to book to visit the club and for onshore activities.

Join us and enjoy a range of activities at our friendly club to see what membership at our club can mean for you and your family. Try sailing, paddle-boarding, windsurfing and boat trips for free on our open day **Saturday 2nd July 11am - 4pm**, and start creating your special family memories.

Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club

DIARY DATES

- Monday 4th July Transition Day - children visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers
- Monday 4th July No after school dance club
- Thursday 7th July Sports' Day - 9.30am - 11.30am - refreshments on the school yard from 9.00am courtesy of the PTA
- Monday 11th July Music Concert with Mrs Lynch - 2-3pm Parents welcome
- Tuesday 12th July to relevant pupils Corbridge Middle School Transition Day - more info will be provided
- Thursday 14th July Y4 Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' Assembly (2pm)
- Friday 15th July PTA End of Year Leavers' Disco
- Monday 18th July Reception Class Graduation ceremony 2.30pm - Reception parents welcome
- Thursday 21 July End of term parties - more information to follow
- Thursday 21 July School Closes for Summer holidays
- Friday 22nd July Additional holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Wednesday 31st August Reception New Starters Extra Transition Session 9.30 - 11.30am
- Tuesday 6th September School Reopens for new school year

On behalf of staff and governors may I wish you all a lovely weekend, take care.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher