



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

89.7%

Well done everyone - our attendance is approaching normal levels again after the Covid outbreaks!

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

Thankfully this week, the number of Covid cases in school have fallen significantly. Thank you to everyone who has been vigilant in spotting symptoms and helped us to keep cases under control by testing regularly. Hopefully we can keep any future outbreaks to a minimum.

After having to postpone a number of fun activities that we had planned in the run up to Christmas, this week, we had another go at festive fun and welcomed M&M Productions into school for their version of 'Jack in the Beanstalk' The children had a great time and we have had some very positive feedback both from the children and parents which is fantastic. We also ended the week with our belated Christmas Disco parties. The children looked magnificent in their party outfits; there were a lot of very sparkly dresses and even a bow tie! We have included some pictures below and are sure the children will tell you all about it when they get home.

Next Friday we are hoping to raise some money for NSPCC by taking part in their annual Numbers Day. See below for more information and for how you can donate if you would like to.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe weekend and look forward to seeing all the children raring to go and ready to learn again on Monday.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



Reception

- Lily E for always trying hard and for excellent work in maths this week. Lily is super at sorting and comparing

Year 1

- Dan C for his impressive addition work in maths

Year 2

- Harriet B for her exciting use of dialogue in English

Year 3

- Oscar H for his big improvement in reading

Year 4

- Ava Robinson for always being kind and helpful

SCHOOL UPDATES



NSPCC NUMBER DAY - FUNDRAISING EVENT:

Next Friday we are helping to raise funds for the NSPCC by taking part in their annual Number Day. The children will take part in a number of fun maths-based activities throughout the day. Children should come to school in their normal uniform (or PE / outdoor day gear).

The funds raised from Number Day will support vital NSPCC services such as 'Speak Out. Stay Safe', which visits primary schools across the UK to teach students all about the dangers of abuse and what they can do to help.

We have set up a Just Giving page if you would like to donate to this fundraising event. Alternatively, you can send cash into school in a named envelope, if you prefer, (please note, there is no obligation to donate). We will then do some maths and let you know how much we have raised in next week's newsletter. The link to our fundraising page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Broomley>



Y4 FORD CASTLE RESIDENTIAL TRIP:

Just a reminder to our Year 4 parents to please return the reply slip for the Ford Castle residential trip by this coming Monday, 31st January. The first payment of £45 is due by 1st February. If you require another copy of the letter, which contains details of the trip and a payment schedule, or have any issues with payment, please let the school office know.



BOOK REVIEW CORNER:

Well done to Frazer in Year 2 for his fantastic review of one of his favourite reads.

Book - Alan's Big Scary Teeth

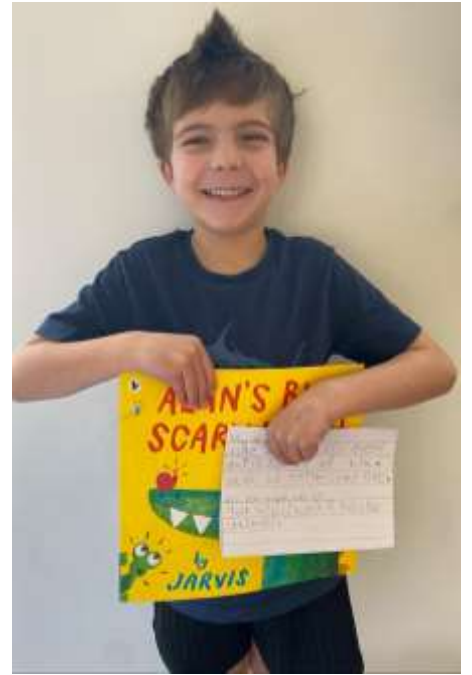
Author - Jarvis

"My book review is about 'Alan's Big Scary Teeth', which is one of my favourite books. I really like Alan. Everyone is scared of him...until his teeth fall out! You will like it if you like animals."

Thank you Frazer - that looks and sounds amazing!

Don't forget to send us your book review - we will be entering everyone who has their review printed into a prize draw -we will have more details of this next week.

Also if you have any pictures of you reading books in unusual places, we would love to see them and share them in our newsletter.



BELATED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:



It seems slightly odd to be thinking about Christmas in January but due to the inauspicious end to the autumn term thanks to Covid, we decided to reschedule the fun to this week instead:

Jack and the Beanstalk:

On Wednesday we welcomed M&M productions into school to perform their Jack and the Beanstalk panto for us. It was definitely worth waiting for! The children had a wonderful time joining in with songs and trying out their dance moves - even the teachers joined in!





Christmas Party and Disco:

This afternoon, each class had a celebration party and disco - the children looked amazing in their party gear and all had a fab time dancing and playing games. They all certainly seemed to enjoy it!



SPARE CHRISTMAS DVDs

We have a small number of spare copies of the Christmas performance DVD if anyone would like one. The DVDs cost £5 (the charge is to cover the cost of production of the DVDs). If you would like a copy, please let the office staff know - we will allocate them on a first come first served basis.



BROOMLEY ECO COMMITTEE:

Miss Richardson would like to say a big thank you to all the children who sent in their applications to be part of the Broomley School Eco Team. All the children who applied to be part of the team have been accepted on the committee. Miss Richardson was very impressed with the quality of all the applications and spent a day compiling all the ideas each child had put forward so the committee can decide on how they want to proceed.

The children have all collectively been informed they are part of our Eco Team and Miss Richardson is hoping to gather the committee together today to outline the plan of attack in regard to how the committee will proceed.

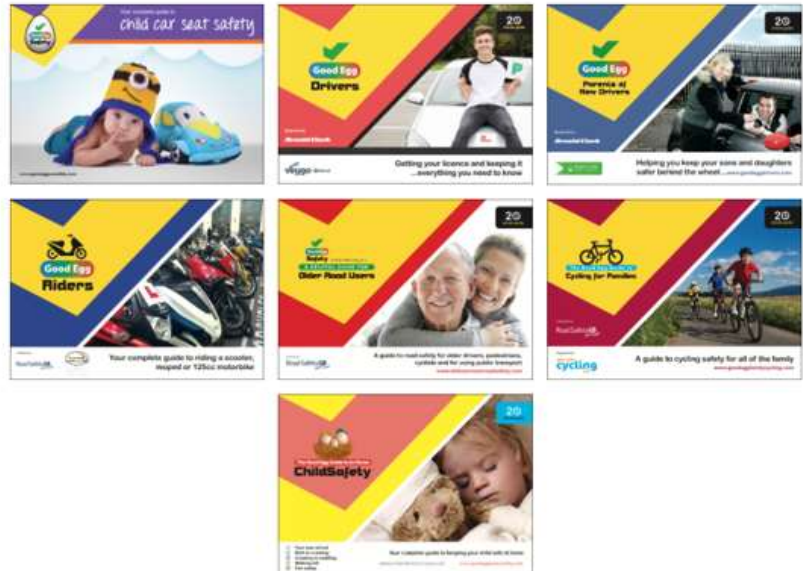
ROAD SAFETY GUIDES FROM NCC:

Northumberland County Council have produced a number of road safety guides which may be of interest to parents and carers.

Road Safety Guides for All

We have different Road Safety books that you can read using the links <https://northumberland.goodeggsafety.com>

Please share with colleagues, friends and family.



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THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND:



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1



[Find out more - Holocaust Memorial Day Family Event](#)

Holocaust Memorial Day family crafting event

Saturday 29 January 11:00am – 3:00pm

Families of all ages are welcome to join us and drop in as we take inspiration from Pavel Friedmann's poem '**The Butterfly**' to create a kaleidoscope display of butterflies for **Holocaust Memorial Day**. Pavel Friedmann wrote this poem at Theresienstadt concentration camp on 4 June 1942. On September 29, 1944 he was deported to Auschwitz where he died. This event is a free drop-in.

DIARY DATES

- Friday 4th February NSPCC Number Day - mega maths fundraising day
- Tuesday 8th February Safer Internet Day - each class will take part in safer internet activities at some point during this week
- Friday 18th February School Closes for half term
- Monday 28th February School reopens for Spring term 2
- Thursday 3rd March World Book Day
- W/C 7th March STEM Week - more information to
- W/C 7th March Parents' Evenings - class dates and times to be confirmed and more information to follow shortly about booking appointment slots
- Friday 18th March Comic Relief Red Nose Day - more information to follow
- Mon 21st - Fri 27th March Neurodiversity Week - celebrating learning differences and the strengths and talents that come from thinking and perceiving the world differently
- Friday 8th April School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 25th April School reopens for Summer term

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

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher