



Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
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Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've ever done before.

Bonnie Blair



Our overall attendance this week was

93.8 %



Keep up the good work everyone!

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

Gosh, where has this week gone!

A huge thank you to all who attended the Eco School's Climate Change event last weekend at Broomley. We have had such lovely feedback from the community and a valued recognition for all the hard work the school is doing to promote climate change in our local area.. A special thank you to Miss Richardson for her commitment and the positive impact she is making with the 'Stocksfield garbage crew'.

Well done and huge congratulations to all of our Year 2 pupils who this week have completed their end of Key Stage 1 SATs tests. Yay! All of the children who sat the tests demonstrated a positive 'can do' attitude throughout the week and should be very proud of themselves and their achievements; we are all immensely proud of each and every one of you! Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and running of this week which enabled it to go as smoothly as possible for the children involved.

Next week is Mental Health Week at Broomley and Whittonstall and children will be taking part in lots of activities about how to keep their minds healthy. The theme is 'Growing Together' and we are thinking about how we all support each other to be positive and have good mental health. Children will be having extra mindfulness lessons and spending lots of time outside and using nature to help our mental health and well being.

Thank you to Miss Richardson's mum, Dorothy, who has worked so hard decorating outside the school and throughout the village to mark the beginning of our Jubilee celebrations. The events are taking place on Wednesday 25th May, further details are below, we really hope to see you all there.

I am delighted to inform you that following a rigorous interview process over two days, TCLT have appointed Kelly Howe to the post of Executive Head at our schools. Mrs Howe is a real asset to our schools in her current role and will continue to take the school on its new journey in September. Huge congratulations, we are all thrilled and very proud!

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

Reception

- Theo L for his lovely manners and amazing teamwork

Year 1

- Opal L for her amazing understanding of the world and what it means to be different

Year 2

- All of Y2 for their amazing work this week in SATs week

Year 3

- Matteo for his excellent baking skills

Year 4

- Eva G for always working conscientiously in lessons



Headteacher's Awards:

- All of Year 2 for working so hard and making us all super proud!
- Bram, Ollie and Freddie in Y4 for their fantastic progress in bikeability

SCHOOL UPDATES



THANK YOU!

We would just like to say a special thank you to Dorothy Richardson (the lovely mum to our very own lovely Miss Richardson) who, together with her knitting ladies, has helped to decorate the front of school ready for our Jubilee celebrations next week. Nor have they stopped there - keep a look out around the village for more of their amazing creations. If you are passing the post box at

Guessburn, take a moment to have a look at the amazing post box topper, complete with corgis and a crown, it is a true work of art!

YEAR 3 VISIT TO VINDOLANDA AND THE ROMAN ARMY MUSEUM:

We are very excited that Year 3 will be visiting Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum on Tuesday 14th June. A google form has been sent by parentmail today with all of the details about payments, packed lunches etc - [Y3 Vindolanda and Roman Army Museum](#) - please could Year 3 parents complete it to give their permission for their child to attend. We will need a few parent helpers to come along on the day. If you would like to come along you can also add this on the google form.



MRS BARTS JUBILEE ART WORKSHOPS Y1 & 2:

Year 1 and 2 have a real treat in store on Monday next week (23rd May). The lovely Amy Brooks from Mrs Barts shop in the village is coming into school to work with them on their portraits of the Queen for our Jubilee art gallery. Amy is an artist who sells her work from her shop and runs workshops from her base at Broomley - see her facebook page for further details <https://www.facebook.com/mrsbartsstocksfield/>. She is very kindly giving her time to come in and work with the children. We are so grateful for this support from a lovely local business and are looking forward to seeing what the children create! Don't worry if you are in another class as Amy has promised to come back in the second half of the summer term to work with the other classes in school.



YEAR 2 HOOPSTARZ EVENT:

On Tuesday, as a special treat in SATs week and to reward all their hard work, Year 2 travelled to the Wentworth in Hexham for the Hoopstarz event. It was so lovely to see the children heading out on a trip again and they obviously had a great time as you can see from the photos below:



Y4 BIKEABILITY TRAINING:

This week, we welcomed Richard from Bikeability into school to work with our Year 4 children to help them improve their cycling skills and learn about road safety. The children went out in groups and had lots of fun cycling round the playground. The children had all levels of ability and we are delighted that they all made brilliant progress and grew in confidence over the 2 days. Well done Year 4. We are looking forward to welcoming Bikeability back into school later in the term to work with Year 3 so watch this space.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:



Join us on the afternoon of Wednesday 25th May to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Bring your picnic blanket and very best mug and join us on the main school yard for a cup of tea and slice (or two) of cake.

Take your time as you explore our art gallery,

Enjoy a 1950s inspired performance by our amazing Broomley Bellowers and join us for a whole school dance and sing along!

Celebrate the launch of our Jubilee Community Library AND SOMETHING ABOUT THE TREES.



Celebrations begin at 2pm and we hope you can join us. Just a reminder to any parent who has not yet done so, please can you complete the google link below to let us know if you are able to attend the event and confirm collection arrangements for your child:

[Platinum Jubilee Celebration Arrangements](#)

We hope you are able to join us for what we hope will be a fantastic celebration event.



NB: ArtVenturers Club will go ahead as usual after the Jubilee Celebrations on Wednesday. We would be grateful if you could let Becky Mack know if your child will be attending the club as normal. You can email/text her to confirm - becky@artventurers.co.uk or 07902520496

Karate will also run as usual.

SALTO UNIFORM ORDER DEADLINE AND NEW PE KIT:

Just a reminder that the deadline for placing guaranteed orders for September with Salto, our branded uniform supplier, is **Friday 15th July**.

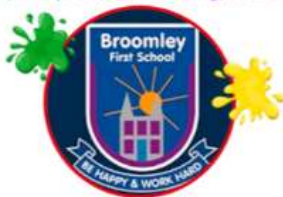
This is their busiest time of year and with current supply chain issues they do need to have orders placed in good time.



We also mentioned that Salto will be supplying a new PE kit for us, which consists of a blue polo shirt and shorts, along with the existing PE hoody. This will replace the current house colour t-shirts. We will be phasing this new kit in - so our new Reception class starters in September will be using it from the start of their time at Broomley. For all other year groups however, we would not expect you to purchase this unless you were buying new PE clothes anyway as your child has outgrown their current kit.

The link for Salto's website to view all available branded uniform is [Salto Broomley page](#)

ARTventurers
Tyne Valley & Consett
Squidge, squish, paint, explore, sing, dance!



After School Club

Open to pupils in
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm
Starting 15th June for 5 weeks

ARTventurers after school club will allow your child the time, space and resources to get creative in a friendly and fun environment! As well as developing skills, confidence and promoting well being, your child will also bring home a variety of creations & keepsakes!

These after school sessions won't be quite the same as the messy play classes you may have seen ARTventurers do for babies and toddlers. There won't be as much mess, but there will certainly be plenty of ARTy fun!

Our summer showstopper!



As well as a variety of weekly activities, over the 5 week course the children will create their very own wooden rainbow showstopper! Each week the children will add another element to their masterpiece, exploring art skills and techniques. In our final week they will bring it home to be displayed and treasured forever!



ARTVENTURERS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:

The next block of ArtVenturers after school club will run after half term. If your child currently attends the club and would like to continue, or if your child hasn't been before and would like to start, just follow the instructions below to sign up.

The club is open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Book Now

5 week block = £25
Bookings can be made via website
www.artventurers.co.uk/tynevalley/book-a-class/
Password - Broomleyfirst



THINGS TO DO:

ARTventurers®

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Our class timetable

April - May Term



Monday

CONSETT - Scout HQ, Constance Street

Baby ARTventurers 9.45am

Little ARTventurers 11.15am



Tuesday

HEXHAM - West End Methodist Church Hall

Family ARTventurers 1pm

Wednesday



STOCKSFIELD - SICA

Baby ARTventurers 9.45am

Little ARTventurers 11.15am

To book contact :

www.artventurers.co.uk/tynevalley/

becky@artventurers.co.uk

Becky : 07902520496

BABY ARTventurers 6-18 months

LITTLE ARTventurers 18 months - 4 years

FAMILY ARTventurers for all ages!



DIARY DATES

- w/c Mon 23rd May Mental Health Awareness Week in school
- Wednesday 25th May Platinum Jubilee Celebration Afternoon - see above for more information
- Wednesday 25th May Additional Y4 Parents Evening (to meet Mrs Jones) - 10 min appointments available from 3.00pm to 5.00pm
- Thursday 26th May Additional Y4 Parents Evening (to meet Mrs Jones) - 10 min appointments available from 1.00pm to 3.30pm
- Friday 27th May School closes for Summer half term
- Monday 6th June School reopens for Summer term 2
- Tuesday 7th June Whole Class Photographs - Debbie Young Photography
- Friday 10th June Bikeability - Y3 - more information to follow
- Friday 10th June PTA Break the Rules Day - More information to follow
- Tuesday 14th June Year 3 trip to Vindolanda - more information send home today
- Wednesday 15th June Additional cricket session for all year groups - please wear PE kit
- Tuesday 21st June New Reception Starter Picnic 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- Wed 22nd - Fri 24th June Y4 Residential Trip to Ford Castle
- W/c 27th June Healthy Choices Week
- Tuesday 28th June Y4 Ovingham Middle School Orientation Day
- Monday 4th July Transition Day - children visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers
- Thursday 7th July Sports' Day - more details re timings to follow soon
- 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)
- 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