



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

94.7%



Keep up the good work everyone!

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

It's been another exciting week this week at Broomley First School, with lots of preparation for our Jubilee celebrations on Wednesday 25th May. Our choirs have been learning some 1950's favourites for us all to sing along to. It looks like it is going to be an event to remember.

During the month of May, our Year 2 pupils will also be undertaking a range of assessments planned and delivered by their teachers. These will contribute towards their final Key Stage 1 assessments. The assessments are carried out discreetly so the children will be under no unnecessary pressure and the teachers have some fun activities planned too to help balance everything out.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 4 residential information evening last night, we hope parents found the information useful. For those who were unable to attend, we will send the information home. If any further questions arise please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are really looking forward to our residential trip as it is such an important part of the children's journey here at Broomley and Whittonstall.

EYFS and Year 1 have enjoyed an excellent morning exploring the school grounds and across to the cricket club looking for blossoms and leaves. They have been so enthusiastic talking about what they have discovered and how we are going to plant lots of new trees in school. Thank you to the PTA for the fantastic new trees

that arrived this week. We are hoping to plant some in our rainbow orchard and also in the school forest school grounds. They are such a valuable asset to our school environment and we are extremely grateful.

For anyone interested in Climate Change, don't forget about the event this Saturday being held at Broomley First. **Climate Action and You** is running from 10am to 2pm, and everyone is welcome. Why not go along, find out more and get involved.

As the weather gets warmer can I remind you to please check that your children's clothing is labelled with their name. We do have a lot of lost property, which we hope has made it back to some of the owners this week, although come along and check if you are missing any of your child's belongings.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



Reception

- Nico W for discovering amazing science facts using water and bubble bath. He made the most amazing bubbles using large hoops which encouraged the rest of the class to join in, so we had a very bubbly day

Year 1

- Joseph R for his increasing confidence and making us all super proud.

Year 2

- Alice L for her super fraction work.

Year 3

- Lochie M for excellent fraction and decimal understanding.

Year 4

- Emily H for super maths this week and for always trying her best.

Headteacher's Awards:

- Bobby M (Y1) for his kindness to a Reception child when they were working together. When Bobby saw that the child didn't have a paintbrush, he immediately offered his own without a second thought. Well done Bobby!
- Ollie M (Y4) for trying hard with her maths work
- Thea M (Y2) for being a kind friend and always having such lovely manners

SCHOOL UPDATES



YEAR 2 HOOPSTARZ EVENT:

On Tuesday 17th May, as a break in our SATS week, we are going to take Year 2 to the Wentworth Centre in Hexham for a Hoopstarz event. Year 2 have worked really hard this year and we would love to treat them to something fun during this time.

The cost of this trip is covered by our sports' premium funding so we do not have to ask for any voluntary contributions. All we need **Y2 parents** to do is complete the form below:

[Y2 Hoopstarz Parent Consent form](#)

The children will be taken to the event by coach (Tyne Valley) which will leave school at 9.15am and will return to school in time to have their lunch as normal. If you would like to know more about Hoopstarz and its benefits for children, please have a look at their website: <https://www.hoopstarz.co.uk/schools/>



NO DANCE CLUB ON MONDAY:

Just a reminder for anyone who attends after school dance club on Mondays with Molly Grey - **there is no dance club on Monday 16th May** as Molly is away. The club will be on as normal on Monday 23rd May.

Y4 BIKEABILITY TRAINING:

Next Thursday and Friday, Year 4 are taking part in Bikeability training. This will take place in the school yard. The Bikeability team will be coming into school to help both confident cyclists and non-confident / non-riders. The children will be split into small groups of similar ability.

We are just waiting to get a bit more information of how the event will run across the 2 days so will let parents know as soon as we have that information.



SALTO UNIFORM ORDER DEADLINE AND NEW PE KIT:



We sent a parentmail this week letting you know 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](#)

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - WELL DONE:

We would like to say well done to some of our Y2 boys who took part in a football tournament, with their club, Stocksfield FC U7s and won the cup at the first leg of the tournament. The tournament was in aid of a local legend, Ivor Gray, MBE, who passed away aged 86 last summer.



Congratulations to Sam, Louie, Harrison, Robbie and Ethan in Y2 together with the rest of their teammates. Brilliant football boys!

Have a look in this week's Hexham Courant for a fantastic photo of them all celebrating.



WELL DONE MRS COLLINS!:

We would like to send a huge Broomley CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Collins on successfully completing her training as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. All of her hard work has certainly paid off.

CHANGES TO WEEK 4 MENU:

Mr Brennan has made a few changes to the menu next week. Please see below for more details:



Federation of Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools

Summer 2022



WEEK 4 - 16/05/22, 20/06/22, 18/07/22				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Minced Beef & Dumplings with New Potatoes	Meat Balls in a Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Chicken Fajitas with Oven Baked Spicy Wedges	Pasta Carbonara with Garlic Bread	Pork Sausage
Cod Fish Cake	Sweet and Sour Quorn With Fluffy White Rice	Cauliflower and Leek Bake with Crusty Bread	Quorn Veggie Nuggets	Cod Fish Fingers
Green Beans	Vegetable Cous Cous	Carrots Cauliflower	Sweetcorn	Oven Chips Garden Peas
Baked Jacket Potato With Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans	Baked Jacket Potato With Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans	Baked Jacket Potato With Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans	Baked Jacket Potato With Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans	Baked Jacket Potato With Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit Selection Assorted Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Selection Assorted yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Selection Assorted Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Selection Assorted Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Selection Assorted Yoghurts
Sugared Doughnut	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	Viennese Biscuit	Iced Sponge Cake	Chocolate Cornflake Crispy Cake

Also available daily selection of salad from the salad bar



Y4 CAKE SALE MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS:

Some of our Y4 girls have set up a cake sale initiative to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund and will be selling cakes every Monday and Wednesday at break time. The cakes cost £1 each and we ask that children bring money for one cake only as numbers are limited.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the Year 4 parents who are supporting the children in making and providing the cakes. **Could we just remind everyone that we are a nut free school and so no donations sent in should contain nuts as an ingredient.**

Thank you again for supporting our brilliant Year 4 children with this initiative and just a reminder that there will not be a cake stall on Wednesday 25th May as this is when our Jubilee celebrations will be taking place.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND APPEAL FOR RESOURCES:

Just a reminder that we are holding our Jubilee celebrations on the afternoon of **Wednesday 25th May from 2.00pm.**

Could we ask any parent who has not yet done so, to 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 are asking that no more than 2 parents/carers per family attend – just in case we have to move the event inside if the weather is unkind. Please don't worry if you are not able to come along, any child without a family member will take part in the afternoon festivities with their teacher instead.

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

We are still appealing for any red, white and blue fabric or wool that you may be able to donate for making bunting and pom poms to help decorate the front of school and school yard. If anyone is a dab hand with the sewing machine and would like to volunteer to sew some bunting triangles together nearer the time please do let the school office know.

THINGS TO DO:



SQUASH STARS HEXHAM:

Squash stars is a six-week programme for 5 to 11 years olds and will be running from 11th June 2022 at Hexham Squash Club (NE46 3RZ). The programme encourages your child to collect stardust in skills such as hand eye coordination, racket work, movement, balance and match play. For just £42 your child will get six sessions and a kit bag which includes a racket, ball, t-shirt and goggles. Each session will be led by our trained leader and will give

your child the chance to explore, play and make friends in a fun and safe setting. We want to help them soar in every aspect of their life and that starts with a positive experience in sport. If you would like to sign your child up visit squashstars.co.uk or contact Paul Satow (paul.satow@yahoo.co.uk) for further details.

HALF TERM JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

at MATFEN HALL with
PGA PROFESSIONAL JJ VALLEY

MONDAY 30TH MAY – 10AM – 3PM
TUESDAY 31ST MAY – 10AM – 3PM

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR JUNIOR GOLF CAMPS WITH FIRST CLASS COACHING DELIVERED IN A FUN ENVIRONMENT. SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE LOTS OF SKILLS CHALLENGES, GAMES AND COMPETITIONS. WE WILL COVER DRIVING, IRON PLAY, SHORT GAME, PUTTING AND ON-COURSE TUITION.
10.00AM - 15.00PM EACH DAY (PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED).

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP CONTACT:
JJ Valley on 07899090777 or email jvalley@yahoo.co.uk

SINGLE DAY: £35.00 TWO DAYS: £65.00

VALLEY **MATFEN HALL**

'GUARANTEED FUN FOR ALL'

DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 17th May Y2 Hoopstaz visit to the Wentworth Centre in Hexham
- Thurs 19th and Fri 20th May Y4 Bikeability Training
- 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 PTA Break the Rules Day - More information to follow
- 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 Corbridge Middle School Transition Day - more info will be provided to relevant pupils
- 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