



Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
25th March 2022



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Our overall attendance this week was

95.4 %



Well done everyone - we have had a really good week for attendance!

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

I hope you have been enjoying the sunshine this week. It is lovely for it to finally feel like Spring. We have only got two weeks left before a well-deserved two week holiday, hopefully the sun will come out and we will be able to enjoy some more time outdoors!

We are so grateful for your generosity and support for the Ukraine Disaster Collection fund. We received such a huge donation of cakes which have been enjoyed by all the children and staff. We hope you managed to grab an extra one at the end of the school day. Today we have focused on 'kindness' and how we all hold the power to make a positive difference for others. Many thanks to our Year 4 children for designing the fantastic banner to display outside of school. The children will all be arriving home this evening with a kindness stone they have decorated themselves. We have encouraged the children to hide the stone over the weekend in hope that someone will spot it and make them smile.

Along with many schools across the U.K we celebrated 'World's Maths Day' on Wednesday. All the classes enjoyed a morning of completing some investigations into endangered animals. From a polar bear investigation in Reception to bats in Year 4, the children were buzzing with information and keen to discuss all the exciting findings from their investigations. Please ask your child about what animal they were investigating and what facts they found out!

There is currently a vacancy for a parent governor on the governing body and I am writing to encourage you to put your name forward. Being a governor can be very rewarding, do not worry if you have no experience in education matters as full training and support are available. Becoming a Parent Governor offers you the

opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of our school. Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and work together with the Head Teacher, staff and other governors to ensure that our school provides a challenging and supportive environment for its pupils. If you are interested please complete the nomination form which was sent to parents via ParentMail last week.

We hope all our Mums received their special gift on Thursday and we send 'Happy Mother's Day' wishes to all our families!

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



Reception

- Luke W for his amazing teamwork this week

Year 1

- Joe T for his excellent teamwork skills during PE

Year 2

- Harrison A for his super ICT work creating out of shapes

Year 3

- Willa R for her excellent vocabulary choices in English lessons.

Year 4

- Abi Meddings for super teamwork during World Maths Day

Headteacher's Awards:

- Eva G for being an excellent role model and friend to classmates
- William B for his super investigation skills on our World's Maths Day

SCHOOL UPDATES



UKRAINE KINDNESS FUNDRAISING DAY- THANK YOU:

Wow - thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes to our bake sale and for all the cash donations we received. So far we have raised a really amazing £471.45, including £28 donated by Broomley Pre- School. We have had some very generous donations including birthday money (a big thank you to Walt and Ted for that - what stars you are, a truly kind gesture!). All the funds raised today will go to the DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - so thank you.

The children have also spent the day thinking about kindness and how our kind acts can help others. Each child has decorated a pebble and added kind words. These will then be hidden around the village for others to find in the hope that they will pass on the kind messages to others.

Thank you also to the children in Year 4 who have decorated our Kindness Banner - we have attached it to the railings and hopefully it will brighten your day as you pass by.

Below are some photographs to celebrate the day:





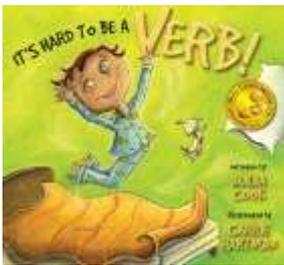
COMIC RELIEF - RED NOSE DAY:

Thank you also to everyone who bought a red nose or made a donation last week for our Red Nose Day fundraiser. We made a brilliant £303.86. Another fantastic amount of money for a great cause.

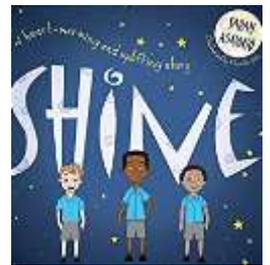


NEURODIVERSITY WEEK:

Throughout the week, the children have been thinking about kindness to others and how we can celebrate our differences as well as our similarities. Earlier in the week, we had a whole school assembly on the theme of diversity and autism. Each class has also looked at the theme throughout the week including reading stories and discussing how we can celebrate all our talents and special qualities. Here are a couple of good books that we have read this week which you might find interesting:



'It's Hard to be a Verb' is all about Louis who finds it hard to be a verb especially when he can't control himself and gets the urge to move at all the wrong times and in all the wrong situations.



'Shine' is a book about Kai who gets laughed at for being different but who learns to be proud of his unique qualities. Even though the moon and stars are different, they both shine

beautifully in the sky.

We would also like to let you know about a support group for autistic children which may be of interest to some of our parents. For more information follow please email the address below:

Northumberland
Recovery College

SUPPORT GROUP FOR
PARENTS OF AUTISTIC
CHILDREN

Wed 30th March
10-11.30am
Online

To register email
nrc@mentalhealthconcern.org

The poster features a young girl with curly hair, wearing a blue superhero mask and a red cape over a white t-shirt and light blue pants. She is smiling and has her right arm raised. The background is light grey with orange wavy lines.



SCHOOL COUNCIL EASTER EGG RAFFLE:

The school council will be holding an Easter egg raffle for each class during the final week of this half-term. Next week, every child will be able to purchase a raffle ticket for this from Miss Swan - tickets will be on sale between Monday and Thursday and each class will have an opportunity to purchase them. Raffle tickets are 50p each and children can purchase a maximum of 5. There will be three prizes per class to win and a big surprise egg for one lucky pupil. Good luck! All money raised will go into our school Eco fund.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:

We would like to wish everyone a happy Mother's Day on Sunday and hope you all enjoyed your cakes and scones that came home yesterday. A very big thank you to Mr Brennan and Mrs Finch for making the cakes and getting them into the beautifully decorated boxes that the children made.

BOOK REVIEW CORNER:

We have 2 amazing reviews for you today. First up is:



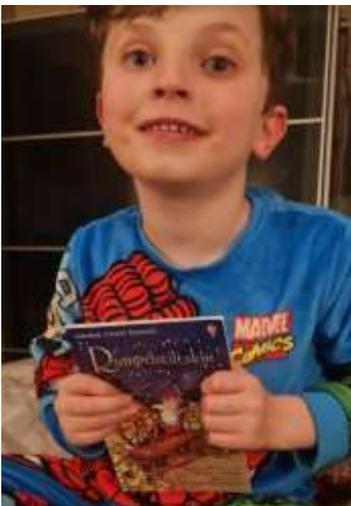
Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Meltdown By Jeff Kinney

By Spencer Year 3

Spencer loves these books by Jeff Kinney.

This book is good for people his age and above because it has lots of pages and cartoons in it.

Spencer says he likes this story because it's about winter and snow and having snow days, it's about what Greg and his friend gets up to on a snow day, he thinks it's funny and has all other books in the series.



Rumpelstiltskin. Based on the story by the Brothers Grimm...Usborne young reader.

By Oran Year 1

Oran really likes this book. He enjoys the story. This version he says is the best, he was happy about the ending and how the Queen found out his name!!!

He is enjoying this series of books and especially likes the ones with witches and bad guys, like in Rumpelstiltskin!

Thank you boys - very different books but both brilliant choices!

ARTVENTURERS CLUB FOR Y1 AND Y2:

We are delighted that our new art club for Year 1 and 2 children will start the first Wednesday back after Easter. The club will be run by Becky Mac, one of our Y1 parents. Spaces are limited to 16 children and are only available to Y1 and Y2 children. If your child would like a space at the club, please follow the link in the information below to book a slot. It is first come first served but if the club proves to be very popular, we will open a reserves list so that those children who miss out this time round, can hopefully be offered a space for the next block.



After School Club

Open to pupils in
Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm
Starting 27th April

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!

Book Now

5 week block = £25

Bookings can be made via website

www.artventurers.co.uk/tynevalley/book-a-class/

Password - Broomleyfirst



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS:

The closing date for the Parent Governor Election is today but you still have time to send in your application if you are interested in becoming a governor. A copy of the letter and nomination form can be found on the school website homepage.



The period of office for service is 4 years and anyone wishing to apply must have a child in school. Governors meetings are usually held half termly and last for approximately 2 hours. There may also be additional committee meetings for areas such as property or financial decisions etc.

We will be in touch next week with more information about what happens next..



E-SAFETY INFORMATION:

This week's e-safety information is all about watching videos on line and what parents need to know:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-watching-videos-online/>

FOREST SCHOOL AND OUTDOOR DAYS:

Next Friday we are having a whole school outdoor day. Year 3 and 4 will be heading off to the woods for their first Forest School day (they are also in the woods on Tuesday 5th April and have an outdoor day on Thursday 7th April). Year 2, Year 1 and Reception class will stay in school for their outdoor day and will be working in mixed groups in our outdoor area. Please can you ensure that the children come dressed appropriately to be outside all day.

THINGS TO DO:

Churches Together in Stocksfield and Mickley are co-ordinating an

APPEAL FOR THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Let us unite as a Community to raise
urgent cash funds on

SATURDAY 26th MARCH 10am- 1pm
Stocksfield Community Centre

REFRESHMENTS

GRAND RAFFLE (including generous prizes from local businesses)
CAKE STALL **TOMBOLA** plus other attractions

**Donations in advance from individual residents or businesses,
for any of the above stalls would be hugely appreciated.**

Please contact: Anne Davison, Mobile: 07754156099 or
Beth Gascoigne, SICA Manager, on stocksfieldca@gmail.com

MORPETH BOOK FESTIVAL 2022

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL **SUNDAY 10TH APRIL**

11am to Noon	A Conversation with Ann Cleeves Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £10*	11.15am to Noon	Adventure Babies with Ashleigh Dale Morpeth Library—tickets £5* (Session 2 starts at 1pm—1.45)
1pm to 2.30pm	Memoirs With Bridget Gubbins, Barbara Fox, Miles Hewitt, Scott Weightman Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £10*	1pm to 3pm	RNIB & Borrow Box Morpeth Library—Free Drop In
3.30pm to 4.30pm	Murder & Mayhem Helen Bridgett, Trevor Wood, Fiona Erskine, Robert Scragg Fiona Veitch Smith, Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £10*	2.30pm to 3.30pm	The Adventures of Pennie With Penny Claire McAndrews Morpeth Library—Free
7pm to 9pm	An Evening with Mari Hannah Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £10*	Noon to 1pm	Biography With Greg Christie Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £10*
	Postcards From Space with Miles Hudson	1.30pm to 2.30pm	Historical Fiction With Alan Wilkinson Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £10*
2pm to 3.20pm	Session 1 Our Solar System/(Building telescopes)	3pm to 4pm	A Conversation with Glenda Young Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £10*
2.40pm to 5pm	Session 2 : Deep Space (looking for aliens) Morpeth Library— Tickets £5*	2.30pm to 6.30pm	Dystopian Fiction With Chuck Hogan (recorded interview Mark Iveson, Amy Lord & Sarah Elliott Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £10*
12 Noon	Poetry Afternoon With Catherine Ayres, Eileen Beers (12.20 pm), Roy Heath (12.40pm) Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £5*	12 Noon	Poetry Afternoon With Pippa Lee, Gene Groves (12.30pm) Jean Laurie (2pm) Verna Gorman (2.20pm) Jan Clark (2.40pm) Roy Heath (3pm) David Roe (3.20) Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £5*
1.45pm	Barbara Pringle Ellen Pethean (2.05pm) Catherine Graham (2.30pm) Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £5*		
3.20pm	Elaine Cusack, David Roe, (3.40pm) Harry Gallagher (4pm) Jan Clark (4.25pm) Pleased to Meet You— Tickets £5*		

Tickets Available Now From www.gmdtevents.eventbrite.co.uk * excludes booking fee

Sponsors



DIARY DATES

- Mon - Thurs 28th - 31st Mar Easter Raffle Tickets on Sale - see above for details
- Tuesday 29th March Author Jenny Pearson to visit Years 3 & 4
- Friday 1st April Reception, Years 1 & 2 Outdoor day
- Friday 1st April Years 3 & 4 Woods trip
- Tuesday 5th April Years 3 & 4 Woods trip
- Thursday 7th April Year 3 & 4 Outdoor day
- Friday 8th April Family Easter Egg Decoration Competition - more details to follow
- Friday 8th April School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 25th April School reopens for Summer term 1

- 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
- Thursday 21 July School Closes for Summer holidays
- Friday 22nd July Additional holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- 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 and stay safe.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher