



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

96.2%



Well done everyone

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

I hope you all enjoyed Monday with your families and welcome some nicer weather hopefully heading our way. We have had such a super busy week this week trying to get the diary organised for the remainder of the Summer term. We have added our all-important sport days and some end of year exciting activities for the children to enjoy. It will be great to be able to invite parents to our events again this year so we can celebrate the successes of the children altogether.

As you will be aware we will all be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in the next few weeks and school has been planning a celebration for all, we really hope you can join us for singing, crown making and dancing. Further details have been sent out today. We have a few items in school of lost property so we are hoping to have some tables in the school yard at the end of the day next week. We will organise and leave them for parents to have a look through, there is a huge amount of unnamed school jumpers so hopefully they will be returned to their owners. Singing and giggling has been filling the hall at Broomley with the start of the Broomley Bellowers, our first official choir performance is planned for the Jubilee celebration.

You will have noticed a few changes on the yard at Broomley as we are working on our outdoor classroom for KS1 and improving the main school yard. Over the coming weeks you will see lots of exciting changes and developments which we hope will make a positive difference to the learning environment for the children.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



Reception

- Tabby Green for always trying her best and making her teachers smile

Year 1

- Ossie McVeigh for his amazing arrays in maths

Year 2

- Ethan Grey for his brilliant new report when a Chronicle reporter visited our class.

Year 3

- Poppy Straughan for her fantastic fraction work

Year 4

- To all of Year 4 for their brilliant enthusiasm, effort and engagement at the OMS Quad kids sports event today. Well done for representing our school so well!

Headteacher's Awards:

- Sophie Brown in Year 4 for always being so helpful and polite
- Thomas Lowes in Year 4 for his fantastic imagination and questioning skills

SCHOOL UPDATES



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND APPEAL FOR RESOURCES:

A parentmail has been sent today sharing with you the details of our Jubilee Celebrations in school. We would like to invite you to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with us on the afternoon of **Wednesday 25th May from 2.00pm.**

The children will be taking part in various activities in the run up to the celebrations and throughout the day itself, to help them learn and understand about this significant cultural event and its role within our community and wider British history.

On the day, children are invited to attend school dressed ready for a royal celebration/ in 1950's style dress. Staff will also be dressing up in 1950's style fashion. For lunch, the children and staff will be having a buffet style lunch with a nod to the 1950's.

Then at 2pm, we would like to invite parents / carers to come along to school to collect their children and make their way on to the yard where they can set up their picnic blankets. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on offer but we would like to ask parents to bring their own mugs/reusable cups (as part of our push to be an eco-friendly school). There will also be juice available for the children.

In the run up to the day, the children will all be creating their own portrait of the Queen, and their pictures will then be displayed in our Jubilee Art Gallery for parents to view.

The Broomley Bellowers will sing some songs for us all, and we are hoping to be able to teach everyone some dance moves too.

The afternoon will then finish with the School Council launching our Community Library.

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 could you complete the google form below to let us know if you are able to attend the event:

[Platinum Jubilee Celebration Arrangements](#)

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.

In the meantime, we would like to put out an appeal 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.



YEAR 4 PARENTS MEETING FORD CASTLE THURSDAY 12 MAY 4.30PM: Just a reminder to our Year 4 parents that a meeting will be held in school next Thursday 12th May at 4.30 pm about the Ford Castle residential trip in June. This meeting will give more detail about what the children will be up to and the kit they will need to bring with them. Parents will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the trip. If you are unable to attend we can send home the relevant information. Payment for the trip should now have been made in full. If you have any problems or queries regarding payment, please do contact the school office.



ENCANTO MOVIE NIGHT TUESDAY 10th MAY 3.15 -5.15 PM: Our Encanto Movie night for Years 1 - 4 is next Tuesday 10th May. The evening is now fully booked and all parents have been informed if their child has a place. Please collect your child from the school yard afterwards at 5.15 pm.



NHS DENTAL SURVEY OF 5 YEAR OLDS:

On Thursday 12th May, the NHS Dental team will be coming into school to do a dental survey of a sample of 5-year-old children. These children have been selected at random by the NHS team and the relevant parents have been informed. If you have not received a parentmail about this, then your child has not been selected to take part this time. For those parents whose child has been selected, please could you return the permission slip to the school office if you are happy for them to take part. This needs to be returned by **Thursday 5th May**. Hard copies of the form will be sent home with your child tonight.

YEAR 4 QUAD KIDS EVENT AT OvingHAM MIDDLE: A big well done to our Year 4 children who visited Ovingham Middle today to take part in a Quad Kids Sports event. They represented our school really well, we will let you know when we hear whether they will progress to the next round. As you can see from the pictures below, they really threw themselves into proceedings!





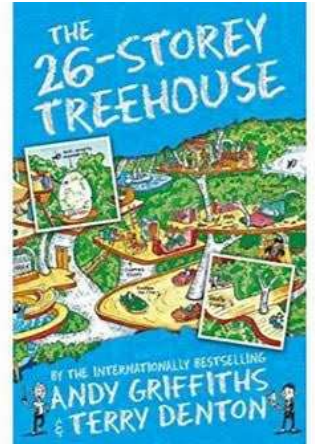
BOOK REVIEW CORNER:

Sophie in Year 4 has written a review of 'The 26 Storey Treehouse' by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.

Andy Griffiths lives in a 26-storey treehouse with his friend Terry and together they make funny books.

This was an amazing book. It has adventure, humour, and a gigantic treehouse. I recommend this book because it's funny and full of illustrations. If you enjoy it there's loads more!

Thanks Sophie, it sounds like a great read! Don't forget to send your reviews into school for the newsletter. All our reviewers will again be entered into a prize draw this term.



THINGS TO DO:

ROTHBURY TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS

Songs | Tunes | Dialect Poetry
Solos | Duets | Choirs | Ensembles

Saturday July 16th 9am

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH | ROTHBURY

For more details visit rothburymusicfestival.co.uk

An illustration at the bottom of the poster shows five children performing. From left to right: a boy playing a violin, a girl playing a flute, a boy holding a music stand with sheet music, a girl singing into a microphone, and a girl playing a white instrument, possibly a harp or a similar stringed instrument.

AN EVENING AT KYNREN



Friday 3th June – every Saturday from 6th
August to 10th September 2022 – Tickets
on sale now

FINA AND THE PLATINUM STREET PARTY



Saturday 4th June 2022 - Tickets on sale
now

TRAVEL THROUGH TIME AND WATCH LEGENDS COME TO LIFE

11Arches is proud to present a season of spectacular shows in 2022: join us and watch legends come to life with amazing performances and epic adventures for all the family.

Spend the evening with us and travel through time in the award-winning live action, open-air spectacular, '**Kynren - an Epic Tale of England**'. Enjoyed by over 300,000 visitors since its opening in 2016!

Celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with **Fina and the Golden Cape**, an atmospheric combination of spine-tingling score and epic live show on our main stage, followed by a giant street party and live entertainment. Join in making history!

Our **Pyromusical**, the UK's largest show of its kind, with fireworks set to an original themed soundtrack sells out every year, book early!

Whichever you choose, we are sure you will be blown away by these spellbinding experiences.

For more information:

<https://www.11arches.com/>

DIARY DATES

- Thursday 12th May Dental Screening Survey - sample of children only
- Thursday 12th May Y4 Ford Castle Residential Parents Meeting 4.30pm
- Thurs 19th and Fri 20th May Y4 Bikeability Training - more information to follow soon
- Wednesday 25th May Platinum Jubilee Celebration Afternoon - see above for more information
- 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 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 and stay safe.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher