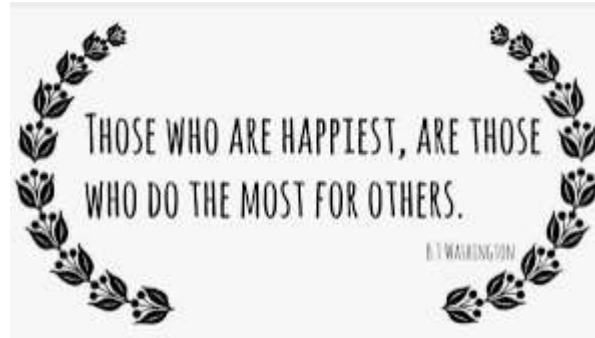




Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
18th March 2022



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Our overall attendance this week was

97.0%



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

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

What a fantastic day the children have had celebrating comic relief. So many happy faces full of excitement for the fun activities in each class. The office will update you all next week on the total for all the generous donations made. This week we are advertising an exciting opportunity for parents to join our governing body here at Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools. It will be a great chance to work alongside our current skilled governors to gain insight into the overall development of our 2 schools. We have half termly meetings which discuss elements of finance, curriculum development, school inspection reports and offer specific training on safeguarding and operational elements of school life. If you would like to join us please do complete the attached application. After receiving applications we will go out to a digital vote where parents are able to select from the candidates. I look forward to welcoming a new governor to our school.

Over the last few weeks we have had a small number of COVID cases in school. As guidance has changed we are extremely grateful to families who are still being cautious and keeping our community safe. We please ask if your child is feeling unwell or displaying any symptoms to contact school for advice. From 24th February it was announced that you will not be legally required to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19. Although suggested that you stay at home if you can and avoid contact with other people. If staff test positive we are asking that they follow the guidance and remain at home until they receive results from the 5th and 6th day LFT. As a staff we are still routinely testing and following increased cleaning regimes throughout the school day.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



Reception

- Flossie L for being super creative and kind

Year 1

- Ben B for his fantastic attitude to learning

Year 2

- Beth R for amazing statement writing

Year 3

- Lexi W for her great ideas in English

Year 4

- Finley C for trying hard to improve his listening skills

Headteacher's Awards:

- Georgia H for her outstanding progress in reading
- Hugo J for his excellent PE
- Harry B for being a super impressive role model to all
- Natty G for being kind and thoughtful towards her classmates

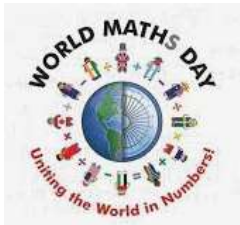
SCHOOL UPDATES



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS:

We have an opening at both Broomley and Whittonstall for a parent academy governor. 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.

If we receive more than one nomination, then we will hold a ballot for parents to vote on their preferred candidate. Each candidate would need to submit an election statement at this point. Anyone wishing to put themselves forward should complete the attached nomination form and return it to school by Friday 25th March. More information has been parentmailed out today so please look out for that. If anyone has any further questions, please contact Mrs Barker via the school office.



WORLD MATHS DAY - WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH:

Next Wednesday is World Maths Day and to celebrate this the children will be performing some special investigations into endangered animals in their classes. Each class will look at a different animal and their work will then be displayed in school.



COMIC RELIEF - RED NOSE DAY:

What a brilliant day we have had for red nose day today! As you can see from the pictures below, the school was a sea of lovely bright red clothing as the children really got into the spirit of the day, wearing red to support comic relief. The children took part in various activities this afternoon including decorating biscuits and making super hero masks. Thank you to everyone who has bought a red nose or made a donation. We will let you know how much we raised in next week's newsletter.





UKRAINE FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE - FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

Don't forget that next week, as part of the TCLT fundraising event for the Ukraine Appeal, we are holding a Bake Sale / Cake Stall.

We would like to ask you to donate cakes (either homemade or shop bought - please ensure the cakes do not contain nuts) which the children will be able to buy at breaktime. Any remaining cakes will be put out at the end of the day for families to purchase for a donation. All money raised will go towards the DEC's' Ukraine Appeal which will help families and children whose lives have been devastated by the events in their country.

As part of the day, we are also asking the children to wear yellow and blue for a small donation. Our theme for the day will focus on kindness and thinking of other children less fortunate than ourselves.



NEURODIVERSITY WEEK:

Next week is also Neurodiversity week - which aims to raise awareness of neurodiverse conditions e.g. autism and ADHD and to celebrate learning differences and the strengths and talents that come from thinking and perceiving the world differently. The focus is often on the challenges faced by children who have neurodiverse conditions but we also want to celebrate the advantages and positives. Throughout the week we will be celebrating inclusivity and the different ways that we all approach learning and how by looking at things differently, we can sometimes create amazing things!

BOOK REVIEW CORNER:

Well done to Frazer H in Y2 who won the £10 book token in our book review prize draw this week. We look forward to hearing what exciting book you have bought with your voucher.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a book review to date. We will have another prize draw before the end of the summer term so keep the reviews coming!



This week's book review is by Tom H in Y1 who has chosen 'Mr Perfect by Roger Hargreaves' as one of his favourite books to introduce to everyone.

Tom says that he particularly likes Mr Perfect as he is always kind, smiling, and polite even when some of the other characters in the story who he comes in contact with are rude or grumpy. Nothing seems to faze him.

Mr Perfect is perfect!

Thanks Tom - we love the Mister Men books too!



E-SAFETY INFORMATION:

We are starting a new section to the newsletter which will give a weekly e-safety tip or website that has information to help you to stay safe. Here is this week's information from Mr Moore:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-cyber-security/>

JOBS WITHIN OUR MAT CENTRAL FINANCE TEAM:

We have been asked by TCLT to let you know that there are currently 2 vacancies within our MAT Central Finance team as follows. The roles are also being advertised on the TCLT website and North East jobs if anyone would like further information. You can also follow the links below:

<https://www.tcltrust.org/2022/03/10/vacancy-finance-and-administration-assistant/>

<https://www.tcltrust.org/2022/03/10/vacancy-senior-finance-officer/>

Mickley First School Message:

We have also been asked by Mickley to let you know that one of their staff members, Miss Briddock, is retiring. Miss Briddock has supported so many children, members of staff, past and present, students who have gone on to become teachers and other members of our community. She has touched so many families during her 10 years at Mickley First School and is held in high regard within all the schools within the TCLT.

Mickley would like to create a scrapbook of memories for her and would like anyone in our community who knows her or has been helped by her in the past, to get in touch using the following email address:

year1@mickley.northumberland.sch.uk by 18th March 2022.

NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB COMING SOON:



After Easter, we are hoping to start a new after school art club for our Y1 and 2 children. The club will be run by Becky Mack, one of our parents. We are finalising details at the moment so should have more information next week on how to join etc.

THINGS TO DO:

Fundraiser for the crisis in Ukraine at SICA Saturday 26th March 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Refreshments - Raffle - Tombola - Cake Stall & more!

All are welcome, please spread the word and come along to support this community event.

If any local business or individuals would like to donate a raffle prize or anything for any of the stalls please contact either Anne Davison - 07754 156099 or Beth Gascoigne SICA Manager stocksfildca@gmail.com All donations gratefully received.



Looking for stall holders for a jubilee fair

Contact Jess Hosking for more information

Jesshosking386@gmail.com

PIC-COLLAGE

LAING
ART GALLERY

Tickets on sale 10am, Sunday 20 March
The Lindisfarne Gospels



The Lindisfarne Gospels

Laing Art Gallery, 17 September – 3 December 2022

Tickets price range £7 - £14

[Book your tickets from 10am, Sunday 20 March](#)

DIARY DATES

- Mon 21st - Fri 25th March Neurodiversity Week - celebrating learning differences and the strengths and talents that come from thinking and perceiving the world differently
- Wednesday 23rd March World Maths Day
- Friday 25th March Ukraine Fundraising Bake Sale and Wear Blue and Yellow
- Tuesday 29th March Author Jenny Pearson to visit Y3 and Y4
- 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
- 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