



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

92.7%

Keep up the good work everyone!



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

A huge thank you to everyone for all the hard work that went into making sports days happen this year. I am sure that you enjoyed attending and watching your children doing their best in all of the activities. It was wonderful to see parents in school again for sports days for the first time since 2019! The weather was mainly on our side, not too hot or cold. I hope all the children wore their medals with pride as it was so important to mark such a special memory for all.

The children enjoyed a whole day on Monday meeting their new class teachers. They produced some fantastic art work all linked to the topic of Summer in the Tyne Valley which will be displayed ready for them on their return in September.

To confirm, the staffing arrangements for September are as follows:

- Reception: Ms Shepherd and Ms Richardson
- Year 1: Miss Swan
- Year 2: Miss Mansfield
- Year 3: Mr Moore
- Year 4: Miss Endacott.

The teachers will look forward to meeting you in September at the curriculum evenings where they will update you on the year's curriculum plans and also specifics for your child linked to homework, reading books and planned trips for the year. We will continue to attend school on PE days in September wearing PE

kit. The timetables for each class will be confirmed on the first day back. We ask that all children come to school in normal school uniform for the first day in September (Tuesday 6th September).

Your child will be arriving home this evening with a copy of this year's school report. The children have worked really hard this academic year and I am sure you will all be as proud of them as we are. There is also information regarding end of year assessments and attendance. If there is anything you wish to discuss once you have received the report, please email the school office and they will direct your query to the class teacher who will endeavour to get back to you before the end of the academic year.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:



Reception

- The whole class for their excellent skills on sports' day

Year 1

- The whole class for their fantastic participation in sports day! We're very proud of you all!

Year 2

- The whole class for their amazing attitude towards sports day and understanding that we may not always win but it is the taking part that counts

Year 3

- Willa R for her excellent attitude during sports day!

Year 4

- The whole class for being such good sports yesterday

Headteacher award

"To the whole school" for your amazing achievements, team spirit and glorious smiles on sports day, you all make me so proud!

SCHOOL UPDATES

Sports' Day - Thursday 7th July from 9.30am - 11.30am

We had a lovely day for sports' day. Have a look on MarvellousMe for more photos of the day but here are a couple of action shots of some of the races.





We would also like to say a big thank you to members of our PTA who provided refreshments for parents before the races started, and ice pops for the children when sports' day finished - these were very popular on such a warm day! A total of £27.52 was raised from the sale of refreshments, which will go towards the school library service fund.



Y1 – Y4 MUSIC CONCERT REMINDER- MONDAY 11th JULY FROM 2PM:

We would just like to remind everyone that some of the children will be performing in our Music concert on Monday. The concert will begin at 2pm and will feature Y3 and 4 playing their flutes and recorders, Y1 and 2 playing their ukuleles and some of our small group music children playing their instruments.

Could we remind all Year 1 and 2 children that they will need to bring their ukuleles into school on Monday for the concert as well as Tuesday next week.



PTA RAFFLE:

If you would like to join in with the PTA raffle, and haven't already done so, the deadline for returning tickets and payment is Monday 11th July. Please drop your tickets into the school office.



Y4 LEAVERS' CONCERT - THURSDAY 14th JULY - 2PM - PARENTS WELCOME

We are sure your children have already told you lots about it, but just to remind Y4 parents that the leavers' concert will be held in the hall at 2pm on Thursday 14th July. It is always good fun, if tinged with a little sadness that the children will be saying goodbye to us all so we hope you are able to come along and join us.



RECEPTION CLASS GRADUATION ASSEMBLY - MONDAY 18th JULY - 2PM

We would like to invite all our Reception class parents and carers to come into school for their child's graduation assembly. Please come to the main school office at 2pm where you will be shown into the school hall. We hope you are able to come along and help us celebrate all the achievements of our Reception children this year.



PTA School Disco - Friday 15th July

The Year 4 Leavers Disco (which is open to all years) is taking place between 5pm and 6.30pm on Friday 15th July. This year's disco has a Hollywood theme, so come dressed to impress!

There is a £2 entrance fee for the disco and we will have stalls where children can buy hot dogs, drinks, snacks etc. We will also have face painting and other activities available. Please bring change for food and the stalls.

There will also be a VIP area for the Year 4 children - so they get an extra special send off!!

Please note that all children attending the disco must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



MILK FOR AUTUMN TERM:

A parentmail was sent this week to parents with children in Reception class and Years 1,2 & 3, asking you to let us know whether your child will require milk when they return to school in September. Parents of new Reception class starters will have been sent a milk order form in their new starter pack.

Please could you complete the google form [Autumn Term Milk](#) by next Tuesday 12th July at the latest.

The cost of milk for the full term is £18.25 per child, which is approximately 25p per carton per day. If your child receives benefit related free school meals they are also entitled to free school milk. Please note that you still need to complete the google form to place an order for your child, even if they are entitled to free milk.



SMALL GROUP MUSIC LESSONS - AUTUMN TERM FOR CHILDREN IN Y2, Y3 and Y4

Just a reminder that if your child would like to continue with, or start, music lessons with Mrs Lynch in September, we offer ½ hr lessons in the following instruments:

- **Keyboard**
- **Guitar**
- **Ukulele**
- **Recorder**

Please complete the link below to sign your child up for lessons:

[Invitation to Music Lessons - Autumn 2022](#)

As Mrs Lynch is going to be having a baby in the latter half of the autumn term, we are only going to offer lessons, initially, during the first autumn half term. We are currently looking in to different provision options during Mrs Lynch's maternity leave and will let you know as soon as we have something sorted.

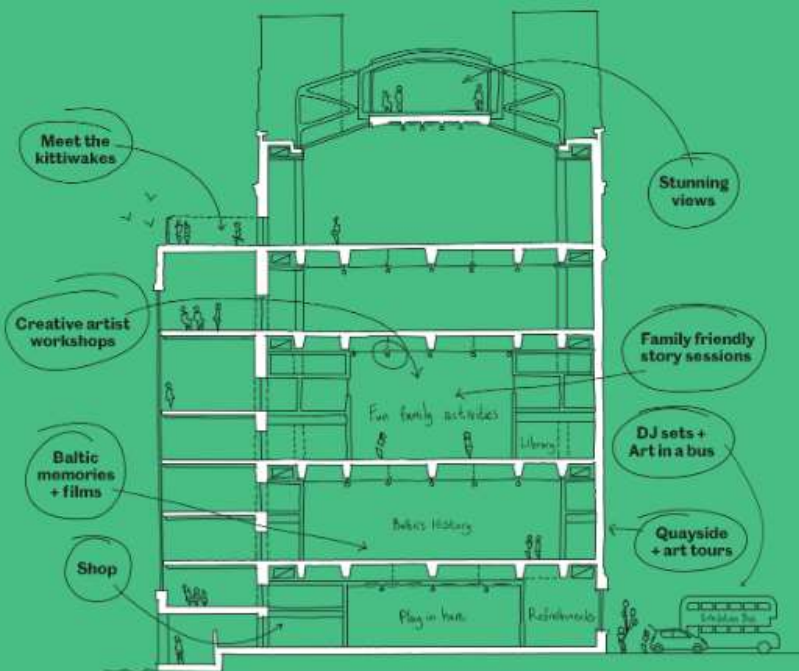
There will be 6 lessons in Autumn 1. The cost of the lessons is dependent upon the number of children who would like to take lessons but we would expect it to work out at approximately £5 - £6 per lesson (for 6 lessons - £30-£36). No payment is required at this stage.

Children will need to have their own guitar, ukulele or recorder which they will need to bring into school on the day of their lesson. Keyboards are provided within school; however a keyboard is required for practice at home.

THINGS TO DO:

Celebrate Baltic's 20th Birthday

A weekend of special events
on 16 & 17 July



The iconic Baltic, beloved across the region and beyond, will be open from 10am-6pm with celebrations and activities taking place across its five main floors and spilling outside of the gallery.

There'll be four exhibitions, Family Days activities, our first ever **Art Car Boot Fair** plus the stunning views and our resident kittiwakes – as seen on BBC2's Springwatch – plus tours, music, food+drink and more.

For more information, follow the link below:

<https://bit.ly/3uajQgK>

DIARY DATES

- Monday 11th July Y1 - Y4 Music Concert with Mrs Lynch - 2-3pm Parents welcome
- Tuesday 12th July Corbridge Middle School Transition Day
- Tuesday 12th July Y1 - Y4 Lego Programming Day
- Thursday 14th July Y4 Leavers' Assembly -2pm - Y4 parents and carers welcome
- Friday 15th July PTA End of Year Leavers' Disco
- Monday 18th July Reception Graduation Ceremony 2pm - Reception parents welcome
- Thursday 21 July End of term parties - more information to follow
- 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