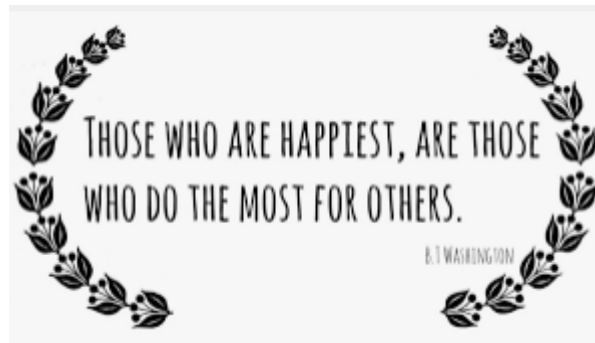




Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
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Our overall attendance this week was

97.5%



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 two 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.

A Parentmail has been sent today with further information and a nomination form. If there are more candidates than places available there will be a digital vote where parents are able to select from the candidates. I look forward to welcoming a new Governor to our school.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:



Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week: Harvey Stokoe for marvellous rhyming

Reception: Harry Crabtree for fabulous phonics this week!

Class 2: Emily Higgs for skillful work with the bow saw when cutting willow branches
Isobel Palmer for her brilliant knowledge of native trees

Class 3: Oliver Child for his excellent story writing.

Aurelia Justice for her caring attitude and fantastic levels of hard work.

Mrs Robinson's lunchtime awards:

Toppin Pollard and James Williamson for always having a clean plate!

Isabella Hewson for always eating her lunch and having lovely manners

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 nomination form parentmailed out along with further information today. If anyone has any further questions, please contact Mrs Barker via the school office.



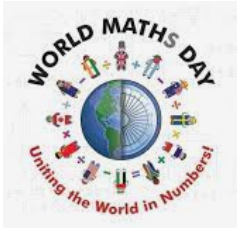
CLASS 1 SPONSORED WELLY WALK: Next Wednesday 23rd March Class 1 will be taking part in a sponsored 'Welly Walk' around Whittonstall village. They will be looking for some hidden wellies on the way and we are asking if they can be sponsored a small amount for each welly they spot! A sponsorship form has been sent home with the children. The money raised will be used for a much needed welly rack for the EYFS outdoor area. We are pleased to say that the PTA has kindly agreed to match fund any money raised to help with the cost of the rack. Happy spotting Class 1, we think you will do a brilliant job!



COOKERY CLUB WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH: We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Robinson's Cookery Club re-starts this Wednesday 23rd March



ADDITIONAL MUSIC LESSONS: Miss Humble will start delivering the 3 extra music lessons this term, for those children who have booked them, next Tuesday 22nd March.



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.

1950's DANCE CLUB FOR YEARS 2,3 & 4: As part of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations we have been meeting with Whittonstall Community Group to co-ordinate events.

One of the new Community Group members is a dance teacher who has offered to teach some of the children some 1950's themed dances. She would attend school to take lessons every week, so if your child is interested they would have to commit to attending regularly. Due to space restrictions lessons will have to be held in the church hall after school one night. (possibly a Monday.) This will be confirmed once we have details of the number of children interested in taking part.

Whittonstall Community Group would like the children to perform their dance at the village celebration on the afternoon of **Thursday 2nd June**. This date is in half term week so we realise many families may have booked a holiday then, so before submitting your child's name we need you to confirm you are able to bring and stay with them at the event. The Community Group will be sending a flyer shortly which will be added to the school newsletter detailing all of the lovely events they have planned. They are keen to involve children and parents from the school to help them celebrate this special event as a community.

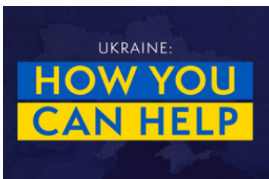
A letter has been sent home with the children in Years 2,3 & 4. Can you please complete the slip below if you child is interested in attending the dance club and return to school by **WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH**. The dance teacher is visiting school next week so hopefully by then we will have definite dates for the dance lessons.



COMIC RELIEF - RED NOSE DAY: What a brilliant day we have had for red nose day today! The school was a sea of lovely bright red clothes as the children really got into the spirit of the day, wearing red to support comic relief. So far we have raised a fantastic £123.00 from the sale of red noses and non uniform day donations, thank you to everyone who has supported the day. We will give a final total raised in next week's newsletter.



Next week is 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!



UKRAINE FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE - FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

As part of a Tyne Community Learning Trust fundraising event to help the Ukraine Appeal, Whittonstall First are planning to hold a Bake Sale next Friday 25th March. We will be asking families and staff to donate cakes (either homemade or shop bought, please ensure the cakes do not contain nuts) which we will sell at the end of the day. All money raised will go towards the Department for Education's Ukraine Appeal which will help families and children whose lives have been devastated by the events in their country. We are also asking the children to wear yellow and blue on the day for a small donation and will theme the day around kindness and thinking of other children less fortunate than ourselves.

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.

THINGS TO DO:

Our class timetable

April - May Term

Monday
CONSETT - Scout HQ, Constance Street
Baby ARTventurers 9.45am
Little ARTventurers 11.15am

Tuesday Fully booked
HEXHAM - West End Church Hall
Family ARTventurers 1pm

Wednesday
STOCKSFIELD - SICA
Baby ARTventurers 9.45am
Little ARTventurers 11.15am

To book contact :
www.artventurers.co.uk/tynevalley/
becky@artventurers.co.uk
Becky : 07902520496

BABY ARTventurers 6-18 months
LITTLE ARTventurers 18 months - 4 years
FAMILY ARTventurers for all ages!

Fundraiser for the crisis in Ukraine at SICA (Stocksfield Community Centre) 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 stocksfieldca@gmail.com All donations gratefully received.

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 Class 1 Sponsored Welly Walk
- Wednesday 23rd March World Maths Day
- Friday 25th March Ukraine Fundraising Bake Sale and Wear Blue and Yellow
- Friday 25th March Closing date for nomination forms for Parent Governor role
- Tuesday 29th March Author Jenny Pearson to visit Y3 and Y4
- 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