



Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
18th February 2022



Tel: W: 01207560325 B: 01661842271
Website: www.broomley.northumberland.sch.uk/website



Our overall attendance this week was

92.5%

Well done everyone for a much improved attendance figure!

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE: Well done everyone for another fantastic and busy half term. Despite some disruption with covid cases we have worked on through and have plenty to look back on with pride

The children have all been working very hard on the core subjects and have also enjoyed lots of fun stuff including a late Christmas pantomime down at Broomley and of course celebrating Valentine's day with our fantastic disco last week. Special mention to Miss Wilson for her amazing face painting skills!

We are excited to have elected our new school councillors this week and look forward to hearing them represent the views of all of the children in school, as they get to work on new projects. Have a peek further down the newsletter to see who has been elected!

We hope you all manage to avoid the worst of the storms this weekend, stay safe and have a wonderful half term break. You all deserve it and we will look forward to hearing about all your adventures when we return in a week's time.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:



Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week: Oliver Johnson for playing so well with his friends this week.

Reception: Logan King for real effort in his number work this week

Class 2: Monty Kerry for great perseverance this week, even with his bad finger!

Class 3: Zoe Brennan and Samuel Craig for their amazing aircraft building

Mrs Robinson's Lunchtime Awards:

Nursery- Harvey- for being a real gentleman to the ladies in the dining hall

Reception- Charlotte- for eating all of her lunch every day and for her lovely manners

Class 2- Harry - for always taking veg every day and for his lovely manners

Class 3- Zak - for having lovely manners in the dining hall

SCHOOL UPDATES

School Council Elections: Democracy has been in action at Whittonstall this week, as we held our elections for our new school councillors, who will be the representatives for their year group. Meetings will involve sharing the thoughts and ideas of classmates about how to make our school community even better! Congratulations to our new representatives, listed below -

Reception - Lucas Hope and Charlotte Turnbull

Year 1 - Francesca Reynaud and Joe Brickle

Year 2 - Esme Thurlow and Rowan Sempers

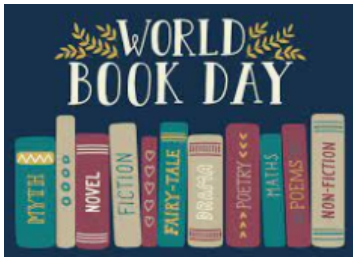
Year 3 - Henry Forster and Louis Brenen

Year 4 - Ollie Wilson and Dylan Curry



Parental Workshops: Over the summer term we are hoping to run some fun workshops for parents and carers around the curriculum, wellbeing and child development. In order for us to make this as successful as possible we would really appreciate your input. There is a link below to a google form with a few simple questions, it should only take 5 minutes to complete and your help is very much appreciated, thank you in advance.

<https://forms.gle/rorYEQiezQ9bwu5f>



WORLD BOOK DAY - FRIDAY 4th MARCH:

We are doing something a little bit different this world book day. Instead of asking the children to come dressed in fancy dress costumes, each child will have been given a plain white T-Shirt today which we would like them to decorate using the theme of ' My Favourite Book'. This might take the form of drawing the

front cover of the book or a scene or character from it. They can decorate the t-shirt using whatever medium they would like - pens, paint, material etc.

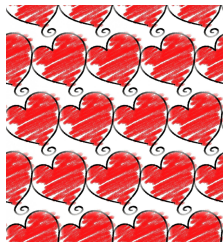


We would also like to have a book swap on the day. Children will be encouraged to bring in a book from home that they have enjoyed and which they would now like to donate to their friends. Each child will receive another book in

place of the one they have given. Books can be sent into school from Monday 28th February - please send just one book per child.



To round off the day, we will be having a buddy story telling afternoon including a buddy book quiz.



VALENTINE'S DISCO

We are pleased to let you know that we raised a fantastic £344.09 for the PTA after expenses from the Valentine's disco. Special thanks to Miss Wilson for her marathon face-painting session- all the children looked fabulous!



COOKERY CLUB NEXT HALF TERM

Cookery Club with Mrs Robinson next half term starts on Wednesday 2nd March from 3.15pm to 4.30pm for children in Class 2. The 8 places were allocated really quickly - the children who have places have been informed. Any who did not get places this time have been placed on the waiting list. Please remember to provide a named container for your child to bring home every week with the items they have made.



ART AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEXT HALF TERM

After school art club with Miss Wilson starts on Tuesday 1st March from 3.15 to 4.15pm for those children in class 3 who managed to get a place. You should have received an email confirming your child's place. If your child did not get a place this time they will have been placed on the waiting list.

THINGS TO DO IN HALF TERM:



Snowdrop Planting at Wallington: With the help of some willing volunteers, Wallington plans to plant 100,000 snowdrops this February half term! Bring your wellies (and this year your own gloves too please, gardening or other), head to the woods and join the Wallington gardeners getting hands on planting these pretty spring flowers. Then take a walk to enjoy the carpets of snowdrops in the woodlands.

Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 February, 11am to 3pm. There is no charge for this activity but normal admission charges apply.

Half Term Family Bike Rides 21 – 25 Feb

As much as we love teaching children to cycle with confidence, it doesn't stop there. If families don't cycle, children don't cycle. We are proud to be delivering Family cycle training for free with funding from our partners Cycle UK.

You will receive a [3 hour](#) package split down to a 1 hour session when we look at your skills and how to shepherd and snake. We will look at very basic mechanics to make sure the bike is serviceable and safe to ride on. Then we will take you on short journey around Cramlington using the various cycle trails and minor roads. This should last about 2 hours but [your](#) in charge and if the adults have had enough and get tired we can shorten the journey and get you back to the start in no time at all.

Cramlington Learning Village 0900 – 1200 or 1245 – 3.45

Each session has 1 instructor to a family of up to 6 Cost - FREE



To book a session contact us on marc@thecyclepartnership.co.uk or look at the website www.thecyclepartnership.co.uk

All instructors are fully DBS and First Aid Trained and fully insured

DIARY DATES

<u>Friday 18th February</u>	School Closes for half term
<u>Monday 28th February</u>	School reopens for Spring term 2
<u>Tuesday 1st March</u>	Music lessons resume for this term
<u>Friday 4th March</u>	World Book Day
<u>W/C 7th March</u>	STEM Week - more information to follow
<u>W/C 7th March</u>	Parents' Evenings - class dates and times to be confirmed and more information to follow shortly about booking appointment slots
<u>Friday 18th March</u>	Comic Relief Red Nose Day - more information to follow. We will be selling red noses in the run up to red nose day
<u>Mon 21st - Fri 27th March</u>	Neurodiversity Week - celebrating learning differences and the strengths and talents that come from thinking and perceiving the world differently
<u>Friday 8th April</u>	School closes for Easter holidays
<u>Monday 25th April</u>	School reopens for Summer term

On behalf of staff and governors may I wish you all a lovely weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher