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Newsletter

The latest news & updates from Whitley & Eggborough Primary School

As we move into the Easter break we would like to share some of the amazing things the children have experienced this half term. Despite the increased Covid rates we have battled hard to ensure life at Whitley has returned to normal. A big thanks to all our staff who have worked extremely hard to make all of this happen. Have a safe and relaxing Easter break.

Sports Fixtures

Year 5 & 6 took part in a high 5 netball tournament at Selby High school, and year 4 participated in quicksticks hockey. Both performed amazingly and both teams were great ambassadors for the school.

Book Club

Mrs Coventry has been successful in securing around 10 sets of books for school that will be used for whole class reading. Well done to the yr 5/6 book club quizzers - top primary school in Yorkshire & Humber region!

Ukraine Fundraiser

We raised a fantastic £580! Thanks to everyone who supported.

French Cafe - UKS2



A huge thanks to Sharon Barker at Greencore for donating the food for the event and Mrs Lightowler for her hard work in organizing a lovely morning.

Parliament Workshops

All of KS2 enjoyed Parliament workshops online this half term, with local MP Nigel Adams as special guest speaker at Oak and Maple classes.

KS1 Library visit

A lady from Selby Library visited in March to coincide with World Book Day, with many children taking up the opportunity of a free library card. KS2 will be rearranged later in the year.

Author workshops

We have been very lucky to have welcomed several virtual author visits during the term, from Aisling Fowler, John Kirk and Tamsin Mori, with more booked for the Summer term. This has really inspired the children and we have seen some lovely creative writing in school.

Chicks



We were very excited last week when we welcomed new chicks into school. They were looked after beautifully by Acorn class, who also did a lot of work around life cycles and Spring.

Science workshops

The whole school enjoyed a series of science workshops last week, where science came to life, children had the opportunity to take part in fully interactive lessons including UKS2 dissecting a lamb heart!

Year 5 & 6 Maths challenge

On Thursday a group of children represented the school in a maths challenge at Snaith High School. The team did us proud in what was quite a tricky afternoon. Well done!

Mission Workshops

In March KS1 were fascinated when they were visited by a TRex as part of this half terms mission. LKS2 also enjoyed a viking workshop to conclude their mission work. To celebrate Chinese New Year the whole school enjoyed a dance workshop where they got to dance with a Chinese dragon! These have all been fantastic opportunities for the children by bringing the curriculum to life and taking learning to a practical level.



Library

We have had a revamp of the school library this term and have invested in a wide selection of new books. All classes were asked to create a 'wish list' of books they would like to read and these were purchased for the children to borrow.

PTA Disco

A really big thank you to the PTA and Ludwell electrical for organising the first disco in over 2 years. The children were so excited leading up to it and had a great time on the night - bopping to music provided by the amazing DJ Paul! A massive £360 was raised.

Other Highlights

We celebrated Red nose day in March with mad hair and a talent show in the afternoon, it was lovely to get the whole school back together in hall after over 2 years!

World book Day again was another success and as always the children looked great in their outfits!

Year 5 & 6 introduction to First Aid training within the PSHE curriculum.

Safer Internet day

Shakespeare Week.

School Lead Tutoring

We are delighted that the impact of this has been significant with children making some excellent progress in targeted areas. A huge thank you to all the staff who were involved in this.

Local Authority Visits

As staff we have also had visits from the Local Authority to help review our areas of development both across the core areas of English, maths, reading, safeguarding but also many of the foundation subjects. Our children helped showcase the school in a brilliant light and it made us very proud to hear that they demonstrated excellent behaviour and a super attitude and enthusiasm towards their learning during discussions with the advisors.

Our children continue to work hard and have completed the ongoing termly assessments alongside learning new content of the curriculum.

Teaching Students

This term sees us coming to the end of placements for our many students that we have been delighted to host. As a school we are committed to investing in the future of our children by also helping to create and develop the teachers of the future. We have been especially delighted when some have returned to complete a second placement with us having specifically requested to come back to us. Good luck all with your future careers!

Wellbeing garden

We are underway with the wellbeing garden but there is still a long way to go. We would really appreciate any help to get this to the finish line. If anyone would like to be involved please let us know! Thank you.

Looking forward to the Summer term...

Eggborough Village Fair - 9th April

Young Voices - 28th April

SATs week

Robinwood

Bogglehole

Sports Day

Possible KS1 visit to the Railway museum

Farewell treat for our lovely Year 6's

Transition Days

Summer Fayre

Year 6 production

Don't Forget...!

KS2 Easter writing competition

Easter Stem Challenge

Details on the website and Google Classroom

All that is left to say again a huge thank you to all the staff for their continued hard work and may we wish you all a safe and happy Easter. School reopens on Monday 25th April.

