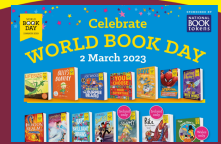




Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog



Don't forget, it is World Book Day on March 2nd. Dressing up as your favourite book character is optional.

Friday 17th February 2023
Multiple page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to this weeks HT Blog. It has been a very busy half term and we hope you have enjoyed being involved in all the activities and events. A special well done to Mrs Thomsen and Class 2 for a very interactive and informative class assembly this week. All of the children and staff have all worked extremely hard and I hope everyone manages some relaxation over the half term holiday. As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments. Staff are also happy to talk to you at the end of each day during collection time.

Looking forwards to seeing the children back in school on Monday 27th February.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



Continuing to develop and improve our school

A good spring clean has started taking place around the school grounds this week. Thank you very much to Mel, Harley's Mum who single handedly spent hours this week power washing and cleaning our climbing wall safety surface which had become slippy and unsafe to use. Pictured below are before and after pictures. Also, some of our Class 3 pupils gave up time over lunch break to brighten up the front of school with some new plants.

Following the success of the new library and group work space we will be having another build installed in April which will enable more space for group work and a quiet space for mental health and well being activities.

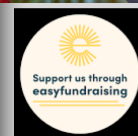
Thank you PTA

Lots of children had great fun at the disco last week. Thanks to the PTA for organising it. There will be an Easter Bingo next half term and we hope to see lots of you there.

Whittingham Gymnastics team

Gymnastics has been a focus across Class 1 and 2 this half term.

Our gymnastics team took part in a local gymnastics competition this week. Successful teams and individuals will be invited to a regional competition later on in the term so we will keep our fingers crossed!



Costume Swap Shop

Thank you to everyone who brought in costumes or books for our Swap Shop. There were a lovely selection of costumes for younger children. If any older children have costumes they would like to bring in to be swapped after the half term holiday this can be done from Monday 27th February and we can have another Swap Shop.



We are expecting building improvements to be carried out in school, on the playground and also on the field. Therefore school is unsafe and children / young people must not enter the school grounds from Friday 17th February until further notice. Thank you for your support.



'Hand in hand together we will become resilient, respectful and responsible citizens of our community and the wider world.'



On average tickets purchased from Your School Lottery raise around £800 per year for school while giving each player the chance to win each week. If you would like to buy a ticket please head to:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/whittingham-c-of-e-primary-school>

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Reminders:

Clubs resume after the half term holiday. We can confirm after school clubs are Multiskills and Forensics Fun. Lunchtime clubs for KS2 are MFL, Sumdog/ Timetables Rock Stars and Choir. As part of the children in KS 2's Pupil Voice time yesterday we will also look to introducing some more clubs so watch this space.

On 1st March we will welcome back 'Bear' and his team from Newcastle Thunder. He will be delivering Tag Rugby sessions as part of PE for some of the children across the school.

2nd March we will celebrate World Book Day.

3rd March Cuthbert House will have their half term winners reward - Non Uniform Day.

6th March we will hopefully welcome more visitors during our Careers Week and the following week there will be all sorts of scientific fun as part of British Science Week.

6th March - PTA meeting in our new library 3.30pm. (Childcare available for school aged children).

7th March the girls in Y3,4 and 5 have been invited to attend a football festival at Alnwick Town Juniors Club. A letter has been sent out.

15th March - Year 5 Puberty Talk in school time. Details to follow from Mr Charlton.

15th March 3.30pm - Anti Bullying Parents and Carers Workshop. (Childcare provided for school aged children).

21st March 3.30pm - Homework Parent Consultation Workshop. (Childcare provided for school aged children).

24th March Coffee and Chat, followed by Class 1 Assembly from 1.30pm.

24th March Easter Bingo in the village hall. 5.30 pm- 6.30pm. Donations of Easter Eggs for prizes are most welcome and we will also be having a non uniform day on that day. Suggested donation is an Easter Egg or raffle prize. Adventure Babies Storytime Adventure - 24th March - see poster.

Parent/ Carers Evenings 28th and 29th March 3.30pm onwards.

March 31st Easter Service - 1.30pm in Church.

Events and activities may be added across the term so please keep up to date with any changes by using our calendar on the school website which can be found:

<https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

Visits and Visitors to school

As part of our curriculum intent we place great importance on bringing the curriculum alive to our pupil through drama, exploration and first hand experiences. Part of this is by involving visitors to school and visits where possible. Thank you very much to Laurence's Dad who visited Class 1 yesterday afternoon to tell the children all about his job as a barrister. The children asked some interesting questions and learnt a lot from their visit. Photos should be on the class page of the website shortly.

If anyone would like to come into school during National Careers Week from Monday 6th March to talk to our children about their job it would be really appreciated. If you can pop me a message and I will make the arrangements.

Competitions

One of our suggested ways for which to improve during our recent Pupil Voice with KS2 was to enter more competitions. We are proud of how creative our children are so will be entering some art competitions over the next half term. One of the competitions is Show Racism the Red Card. Pupils will be encouraged to create a piece of artwork that clearly states the anti racism message. If your child is at a loss as to what to do they may like to produce something creative at home which can then form part of our school entry.

School Competition

Show Racism the Red Card Competitions encourage young people from schools and other educational settings to produce creative work with an original anti-racism theme.





SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

SCHOOL COMPETITION 2023



Register at info@theredcard.org

The Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) School Competition is free to enter, open to young people of all ages and abilities and is a great follow-on activity to educational work about racism. We want to encourage participants to think about racism and produce their own work about this serious issue. Young people are welcome to produce work in any medium – **artwork, creative writing, song, film** and **T Shirt designs**. If it's about racism, we want to see it!

Each year, the entries received by Show Racism the Red Card highlight both the standard of young people's own work and how the competition is an inspirational way of spreading a **really** positive anti-racism message.

Schools have until
24th February 2023
to register to take part
in the competition!

RULES

- **Artwork** must not exceed **A3 size** (297 x 420mm)
- **Film entries** must not exceed **6 minutes** & must be playable in **Windows Media Player**
- **Group entries** are permitted but limited to a **maximum number of 6 young people per group**
- **Please do not send more than one entry, per category, per school**

CATEGORIES

Year 1-4 Artwork & Creative Writing

Year 5-6 Artwork

Year 5-6 Creative Writing

Year 7-9 Artwork

Year 7-9 Creative Writing

Year 10+ Artwork & Creative Writing

Additional Support for Learning
Artwork & Creative Writing

All Ages & Abilities Multimedia

All Ages T Shirt Design
Category

An independent panel of judges select the winning entries and winners are invited to a special Awards Ceremony at a Premier League stadium. Prizes are presented by special guests including current and former professional footballers.

This is a unique opportunity for schools to proactively demonstrate their commitment to equality and tackling racism by taking part in the **UK's largest equalities themed school competition.**

Register at info@theredcard.org



HOW TO ENTER

Register your school by filling in the slip provided (page 4) or e-mail the required details to **info@theredcard.org** by **24th February 2023**.

Participants should work with SRtRC resources before producing entries.

The brand-new SRtRC Education Hub is now available online and free to access. The hub consists of dynamic and hard-hitting educational resources, exploring various forms of racism and how to tackle stereotypes and misconceptions. Created specifically for teachers and educators, the Education Hub provides access to step-by-step, guided lessons and activities so that you can promote anti-racism amongst the young people in your school/organisation.

You can access the Hub at: **<https://theredcardhub.org/>**

All entries to SRtRC by **10th March 2023**.

Please supply the following information on the reverse of each entry:

Name of entrant

Year group

Name of school

Number of participants in school

Register at info@theredcard.org

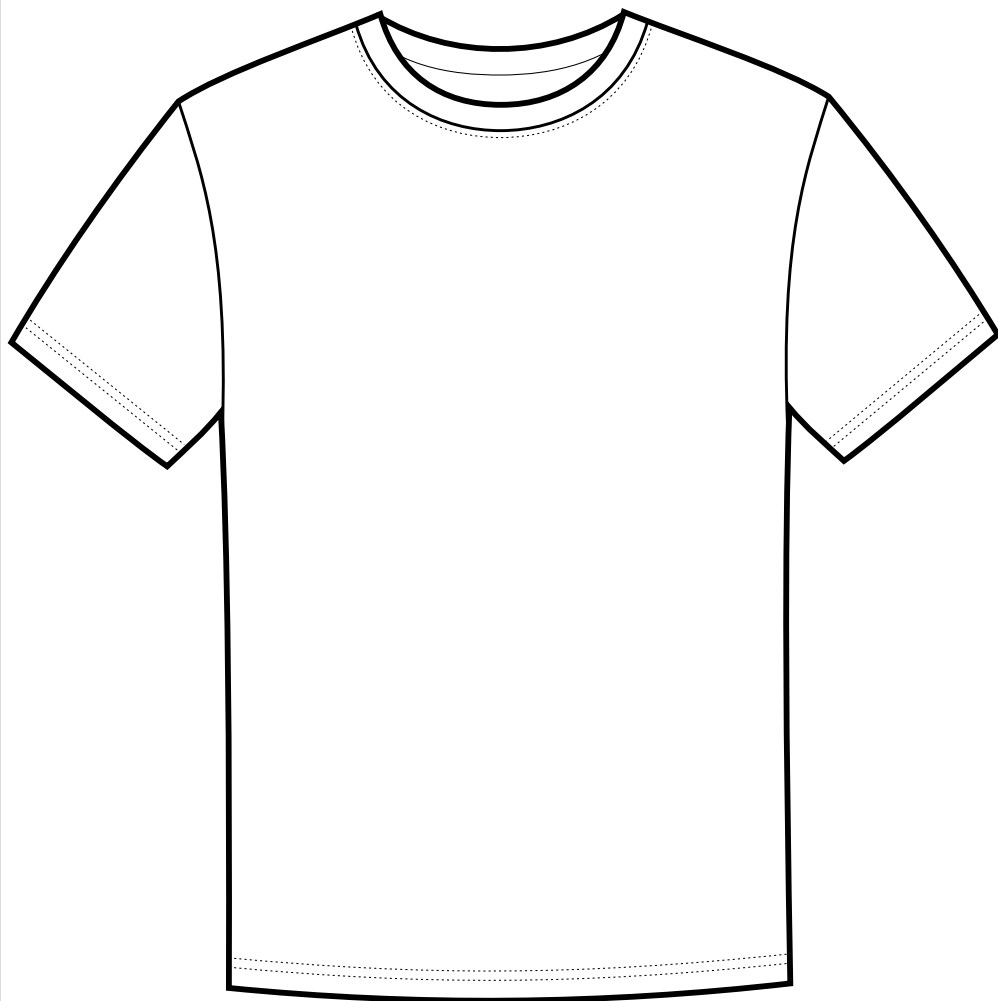


T-SHIRT DESIGN CATEGORY TEMPLATES

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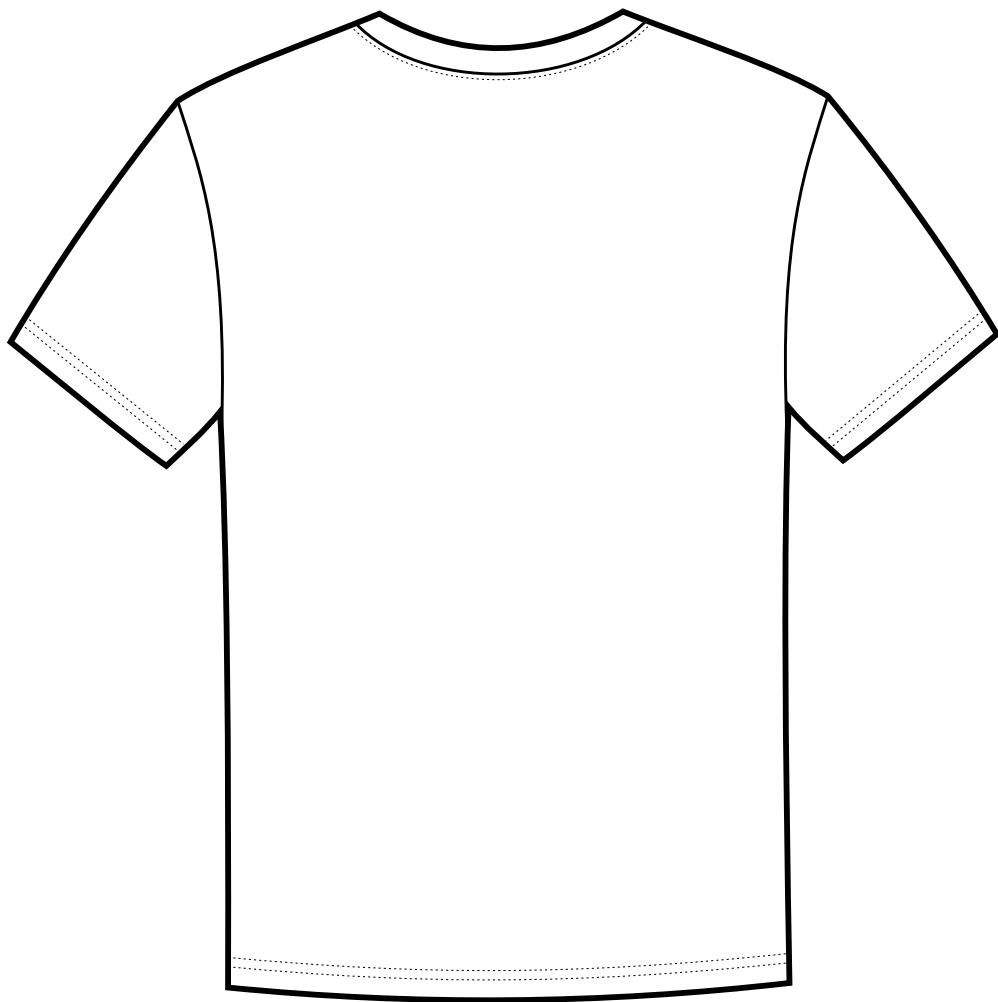
T-SHIRT TEMPLATE

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T-SHIRT TEMPLATE

(BACK)



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

REGISTRATION FORM

1. To register your school click here - <https://www.theredcard.org/competitions> or alternatively complete the slip below and return to info@theredcard.org
2. Register by **24th February 2023**
3. Entries to SRtRC by **10th March 2023**
4. One entry, per category, per school
5. Group entries limited to **6 pupils**

Contact name

School name

Address

Tel

E-mail

Send entries to:

Show Racism the Red Card, Linskill Centre, North Shields, NE30 2AY

Please contact info@theredcard.org
with any questions about the competition

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The Tiger Who Came to Tea

JUDITH KERR
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YEARS



Our toddler and nursery sessions of Adventure Babies are extremely successful and the children loved their Whatever Next adventure last month.

March's session is the wonderful story, The Tiger Who Came to Tea.

There are a limited number of places left for the toddler part (18 months to 3 years) of our session.

This month the session will return to Fridays and will be on Friday 24th March 9.30 a.m.- 10.15 a.m. £2.50 per child. Please contact the office 01665574222 to book a place.