

Headteacher's Blog

Friday 25th March 2022.
Multiple page issue.



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It has been a lovely week for outdoor learning and the children have certainly enjoyed the sunshine. However, I am not sure I would quite agree with it being too hot on Wednesday as was voiced by some children at lunchtime that day!

I am always very proud of the children in school, but this week has been one of those weeks where I have been even more proud than usual.

Class 2 and 3 entered Bailiffgate Museum in Alnwick's 'Beside the Seaside' art competition and despite competition from lots of schools in the area Tilly Wilson became the overall winner and I believe her artwork will be displayed in the museum while this exhibition is on over the summer.

Class 2 took part in Bikeability Level 1 on Friday. Usually, this is a course that lasts all day but the staff assessing the children were so impressed with the overall ability that the level 1 criteria was reached by lunchtime. All of the children who took part will receive badges and certificates in the next few weeks.

Mrs Marsden organised a Design a Lab Coat Competition for all the children to take part in. It was hard to judge a winner for each class but Penny, Lydia, Freddie and Tilly were finally chosen as winners and have a prize of a science experiment kit to take home.

Our Year 5 and 6 football team travelled to Belford after school for another convincing win. Their day was made extra long by technical issues with their bus. The children took this in their stride and tanks to Belford Primary who provided biscuits while they waited for a replacement bus. Thank you to families too who had a longer wait than usual to pick them up. Next weeks match is away to Shilbottle and pick up is from Shilbottle Primary School. Please note there will be NO Little Strikers on Wednesday.

Looking forward to some more sunshine and seeing some fantastic work across the school over the next two weeks of term. As always, if you have any comments, concerns, suggestions or would like us to know what you feel is working well please do not hesitate to speak to staff on gate duty or give school a ring 01665574222.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



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School Uniform

Our uniform policy has been greatly relaxed over the past two years and as the weather gets warmer, the ventilated classrooms will feel that little bit warmer so on warmer days in the first instance I would like to see the children return to their full school uniform and only wear their PE kit on PE days.

After Easter, full school uniform will be expected. A copy of the uniform list can be found in the Parents Information section of the school website and in the school brochure which is also on the website.

Full school uniform will be expected on our return from the Easter Holidays. In the meantime, a good selection of nearly new school uniform will be available and out to view and collect every Friday from 8.40 - 3.30 (weather permitting). Any donations of larger sized school uniform are greatly appreciated.

Attendance

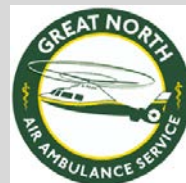
We have not had any classes with 100% attendance over the past 2 weeks. However, this week both Year 2 and Year 3 children had full attendance in their year groups so well done to them. The class with the most attendance across the weeks will be rewarded with 'Hot chocolate Friday'!

A lovely surprise!

I called into Barter Books this week to bring some books in to 'barter' and was told that we have recently had donations of £20 and £75 to our school account. Thank you to the staff that suggested to a member of the public who wanted to donate their 'credit' to a charity and our schools was mentioned. We are looking to re-open our school library and also in the Easter holidays we are having repairs and a much needed coat of paint on our 'outdoor classroom' as I intend this to become an outdoor library so the credit will come in very handy. If you have donations of books to take either to Barter Books for our account or bring into school they are very welcome!

School Improvements

During the Easter Holidays the school grounds will remain closed as we are having external paintwork being completed and we also have the construction of our new climbing and adventure frame. I will be discussing whether the school grounds can be open after school in the first instance in my next meeting and will let families know what is happening in my first Headteacher's Blog after the Easter Holidays.



Air Ambulance Bag Collection - 29th April - 1pm . Bags will go out to families soon. This is a great way of families clearing some space and for the clothes and fabrics to be re-used. School get money from the bags brought in and also money is raised for the Air Ambulance. This is particularly good timing as the need for additional funds has been in the news recently as fuel costs continue to rise.

Reminders

The dates for this half term are all on our school website calendar which can be found - <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

Easter Service

The children will be going to Church to celebrate Easter. The service will be filmed and a link sent out to you all. I am hoping that this will be the last time we have to have a virtual celebration as I am looking forward to welcoming you all back into school life on a face to face basis.

Welcome to our
Big Bike Revival
pop up Dr Bike event

Free health checks on your bike
to keep you cycling safely



Friday 25th March

Funded by Cycling UK's Big Bike Revival our school has been invited to take part in a free Dr Bike Event on Friday 25th March.

Children, adults, friends and families are encouraged to support this event by bringing their bikes to school for a free safety check and service which will be carried out by trained professionals throughout the day 9.00 - 3.00. Appointments not necessary.

Please contact the office for further details.

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MON 4th April 2022
19:45 KO | KINGSTON PARK

Parking

In order to keep our children safe, please do not use the village hall carpark at the start and end of the school day.