



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

Friday 29th April 2022.
Multiple page issue
(including keeping safe
at home and online)



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I hope you all managed to have some time together over the Easter Holidays and it has been lovely to see the children back, refreshed and ready to learn once more. It was a lovely start back to school with some very special visitors. Thank you to Susie who brought her litter of puppies into school for the children to see. More pictures of this and the other fun things your children get up to each day can be found on our school website and on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

It has also been marvellous to see how smart everyone looks now that we are back to full school uniform. I look forward to welcoming you into school during the Summer Term, we have Pop Uk, Sports Day, Jubilee Party, Stay and Play and so much more planned and will be letting you know full details very soon.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



Bailiffgate Art Competition.

Before Easter I shared with you that Tilly from Year 5 had been awarded 1st prize for her entry into the Bailiffgate Seaside Art Competition. However, I had not realised there was such strong competition and I wanted to share it with you. Nine schools participated, and 681 entries were received, of those entries Tilly was a winner!

All the entries are on display on the smart screen at Bailiffgate of the exhibition which is on until 30 August.

50p's in Lent for Ukraine.



Thank you for the returned jars for the Church appeal an amazing £213.57 was raised and the money has been given to the St Barts appeal and we will undoubtedly be hearing about how the money is being used and a combined total very shortly.

Reminders

Our annual consultation letter regarding wrap around care and so much more has gone out this week. Please help us to ensure we are providing as many opportunities as possible for our children and their families by completing it and returning it to me or letting me know while on Gate Duty
Clubs start next week

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>

European Festival of Languages and more opportunities for showcasing our singing

As you know, traditionally the opportunities we offer our children in The Arts has been excellent and as a school working towards an Arts Mark accreditation and we hope to develop it even further (for further information about what Arts Mark is please see <https://www.artsmark.org.uk>) Last month the children in Years 3-6 celebrated the diverse languages, cultures and communities in the North East and our connections with the world, with lots of free activities, events and resources from the North East Festival of Languages. On the Blog this week the children are pictured ready to sing, sign, play, perform and film the Festival song, culminating in a compilation video - a centrepiece of the Festival. We have sent our film to the organisers and as soon as it has been incorporated into a film with other schools we will hopefully share it with you.

Although there was insufficient interest to run a choir after school club last term, I have proposed this again for this term.

Pre pandemic, as a Big Sing School we attended the Big Sing at The Sage in Gateshead. We hope to do so again this year and are just waiting to see if our application has been successful.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE OFCOM CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES REPORT 2022

ONLINE LIFE

99% of children went online in 2021

Who owns a mobile phone?

24%

of 3 to 7-year-olds

60%

of 8 to 11-year-olds

98%

of 12 to 17-year-olds

ONLINE BULLYING

4 in 10 children were bullied. How many of them were bullied online?

74% of 8-11s

92% of 12-15s

84% of 16-17s

FAKE NEWS

NEWS

Save the Tree Octopus!

72% of teens said they could tell real from fake – but in tests, **only 11%** chose reliable identifiers that a post was genuine.



GAMING AMONG CHILDREN

18% of 3-4s **38%** of 5-7s **69%** of 8-11s

76% of 12-15s **73%** of 16-17s

ONLINE SAFETY

42%

of parents knew the minimum age requirement for using social media

13+

90%

of parents had high awareness of parental tools and controls, but only 70% use them

89%

of children got online safety guidance from parents

69%

of children got online safety guidance from teachers

PARENTAL CONCERNS

4 in 10

parents were concerned about their child's screen time

18

CENSORED

7 in 10

were concerned about age-inappropriate content

6 in 10

were concerned about content promoting self-harm

5 in 10

were concerned about extremist content online

POPULAR PLATFORMS

What percentage of children used ...



YouTube: 89%



Facebook: 40%



WhatsApp: 53%



FaceTime: 32%



TikTok: 50%



iMessage: 15%



Snapchat: 42%



Zoom: 14%



Instagram: 41%



Twitter: 13%

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/consult/condocs/children-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf>

SOCIAL MEDIA AND LIVE STREAMING



Age groups	Children who use live streaming apps	Children who use social media
3 to 4-year-olds	32%	21%
5 to 7-year-olds	39%	33%
8 to 11-year-olds	54%	64%
12 to 15-year-olds	73%	91%
16 to 17-year-olds	78%	97%



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Consultation work during Summer Term regarding exciting opportunities from September 2022

Pre-pandemic we always contacted our families at the start of Summer Term to see if there was sufficient interest to develop our wrap around care provision further. This has not been possible over the past 2 years but if there is interest we hope to re-instate it and we also have lots of new opportunities which we hope to introduce.

If there are any other suggestions you would like to see, please do not hesitate to contact me directly either at the school gate or by email, belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk

FOREST SCHOOLS PARENT AND TODDLER STAY AND PLAY SESSION

2 AND 3 YEAR OLD FOREST SCHOOL SESSION

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION UNTIL 5.30P.M.

WIDE VARIETY OF LUNCHTIME CLUBS

BREAKFAST CLUB

What is Findaway?



Findaway is a new project that recognises that families, friends and community members are usually the first to know, and best placed to support, if someone is being controlled, scared or hurt by their partner, ex-partner or family-member.



We want to equip families, friends and communities with the knowledge and skills they need to effectively support the people they care about.



We want to increase understanding of controlling behaviour and help people spot the early signs of abuse, identify dangerousness and respond helpfully.



Our trained Findaway Phoneline advisors offer practical information and signposting for people worried about someone else's relationship.

Who's it for?



Anyone worried about someone else's relationship or that someone they know is being controlled, scared, or hurt by their partner, ex-partner or family-member.

If you're worried, don't leave it, talk to us.

Controlling behaviour is not OK, and it can be dangerous. We can help you find the information and skills you need, if you're worried someone else's relationship. For more info or to speak to our trained advisors:

www.wefindaway.org.uk
hello@wefindaway.org.uk





Informing **you** and
your community



**NORTHUMBRIA
POLICE**



What is Northumbria Connected?

- Northumbria Connected is an easy way for you to send and receive messages from Northumbria Police
- You decide on the updates you want to receive
- A way for us to better understand your concerns directly



Why join?

- Northumbria Connected allows you to share your priorities, concerns and views with us directly
- You will receive information that you want to receive from us on those matters that affect you and your communities most
- Northumbria Connected makes Northumbria Police more accessible to you
- Northumbria Connected allows you to share your feedback with Northumbria Police on how you think we have tackled the problem
- Northumbria Connected allows you to create groups with other people in your area with the same interests

How to join

It could not be easier, simply visit:

www.northumbriaconnected.co.uk

register by clicking on the 'join' tab.

One of our staff will then register you on the system so that you can receive alerts and information for your area.

