



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog



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2 page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,
Thank you very much for the lovely messages regarding our Christian Aid Assembly. We are really proud to be one of the few Primary Schools in Northumberland to be regularly including families in virtual assemblies and we are glad you enjoy them as much as the children do. I was in Class 1 yesterday and some children did not think the link had been sent to their families. I have checked the email report and it appears that all of the emails have been delivered so if this is still not the case for you please let Mrs Kennedy know.
As always, if you have any questions, queries, suggestions or concerns please do not hesitate to send us a message or catch either myself or Mr Charlton after Gate Duty.
Best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

School Staff 'Pen Portrait' Week 3

We continue our series of pen portraits this week. Tilly and Harley in Year 4 have asked the questions. The 'pen portraits' will continue to be copied onto our school website in the 'Meet the Staff' section.

Pen Portrait - Mrs Chisholm - Higher Level Teaching Assistant currently working in KS 2.

Q - What is your favourite movie?

A - I like the film Cars. Mater is my favourite character.

Q- Why did you pick this job and how long have you worked here?

A - I enjoy working with children helping them to flourish and grow. I have worked at Whittingham for 19 years.

Q- What is your favourite sport?

A - Oh, that's a hard one as I like a variety of sports and can get a little competitive! My favourite two sports to watch are

Athletics and Formula One and I like to play Rounders and Netball.

Q- What do you do at weekends?

A- Go walking with my family and my dog Luna to the beach or the woods and watch Oscar play football matches.

Q - What are your favourite foods?

A - CHOCOLATE and homemade curry and chips!

Pen Portrait - Miss Donkin - Year 3 and 4 Teacher.

Q- What is your favourite sport?

A- enjoy a lot of sports but I'd have to say surfing, which I took up last year. I just love it!

Q - What days of the week do you do it?

A- It's weather dependent! When the waves are good, I like going after school (when it's light nights!) and on the weekends.

Q- What is your favourite subject to teach?

A- I love teaching geography because I think the world is so incredible and interesting, but I also love teaching art as I think it's fun to get messy and creative in the classroom!

Q - What do you like doing on the weekends?

A - Lots of things! I like spending time with friends and family, surfing and running.

Q- Who is your favourite sports person?

A- I love Simone Biles, the gymnast. I just remember seeing her in the Olympics a few years ago and she was a similar age to me, and I just thought she was amazing and so skilful.



Next week Miss Trafford and Miss Clark will be interviewed.

National Numeracy Day - a great big THANK YOU.

It was wonderful to see the amazing excitement surrounding our National Numeracy Day in school on Wednesday. It is really great to see what a positive attitude the children have to their learning and the hard work that staff have put in to raise standards in maths is really paying off. Please see a small selection of photos here. Many more will soon be on the Whole School Gallery and Class pages of our school website. Thank you for enabling the children to have a wonderful day by helping them have such amazing costumes.



E Safety Reminder

Every so often I share links with you that may be helpful to ensure your children are kept safe online. Here are links to websites and also sections within our own school website for your information. E Safety is also taught as an integral part of our school curriculum throughout the school. I am the person responsible for E Safety so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries and concerns.

<https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/e-safety/222084>

https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/workshops_and_information_prior_to_2020/542473

https://www.onlinesafetyuk.com/parents-lp-v2/?utm_source=ads.google.com&utm_medium=ppc&utm_campaign=google-parent-ads-may-2021&utm_content=V2&gclid=EAlaIqobChMI3rmgi_7X8AIVdBoGAB2DigvBEAAYAiAAEgJ4ZPD_BwE

and Digital Parenting from Vodafone - <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

Online Safety Uk

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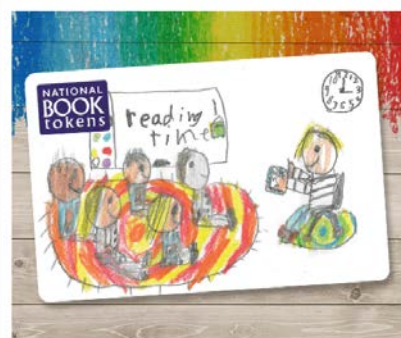
and Digital Parenting from Vodafone - <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>



Creative talents!

We have entered a good number of art competitions recently and the entries were really imaginative and skilful so why not try this competition at home as we have had a pupil win in the past!

Calling creative young booklovers



We've asked children to send us their dazzling National Book Token designs to **win a £10/£10 National Book Token for each of their classmates!**

[Send us artwork](#)

Keeping each other safe

Thank you to everyone for continuing to keep each other safe and following the safety precautions that we have recently changed around vehicles and pick up and drop off times. I do appreciate that this may have a few initial teething problems and thank you in advance for your support if this happens.

Also, please continue to wear your face covering and stand well distanced during school pick up and drop off times. If you are exempt it would be useful if you could let staff know, an email is sufficient so that we do not cause unnecessary embarrassment.