

# November's newsletter

Welcome to this month's newsletter - a round-up of all the wonderful achievements, events and developments across our school recently.

## Open afternoon

Once again, we opened our doors for our families to engage with some of the children's teaching and learning. This time we focused on science as a subject across school. This included a practical to demonstrate evolution and inheritance in Class 3; an experiment with sound in Class 2; a series of experiments in Class 1; making potions and parachutes in EYFS. Thank you to all those that could make it and supported the children - it is very much appreciated and we hope you enjoyed your time in the sessions too.

#### **Rugby festival**

Sport has been a strong point and something that is highly enjoyed at Whittingham. And so, when we're invited to take part in a rugby festival through Northumberland County Council's School Games Team, we were delighted to take part. This saw Year 5 & 6 children attend Alnwick RFC where they were joined by two other local schools. Coaches from Newcastle Falcons were running the session, which saw the children work in mixed teams. They worked on throwing and catching skills as well as moving as a unit. We didn't mind getting a little muddy and enjoyed our day.





### A visit from Northumbria Police for Class 3

Class 3 had a special visit from Vicki Brown from Northumbria Police who came to speak to the children about the topic 'Internet & Us'. This session focused on online and social media use where the children discussed and considered the positives, negatives and practicalities of using online devices. The children represented themselves brilliantly as ever and asked some interesting and thoughtful questions. Some information that Vicki Brown shared really got us thinking yet the children's knowledge of E-safety was brilliant.

(All our classes have planned visits and visitors across the year and we look forward to sharing more of these updates from across school in upcoming newsletters.)





## <u>Harvest</u>

It was lovely to have Rev Townend lead this year's Harvest Service. We have had some great feedback from the service in terms of the whole feel of the service as well as the singing – as ever, we appreciate your support and always enjoy when we share the children's teaching and learning along with events such as this where we can be together as a whole school community. We are already preparing and planning for our next service for Christmas. Thank you again for all the donations of food that went to Alnwick Food Bank.

From all the staff at Whittingham C of E Primary School, thank you for your continued support.

Mr Charlton – Deputy Headteacher