



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

March's newsletter

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

An author visit

On Friday 9th February, EYFS and Class 1 had a special visit from a professional author and illustrator, Lucy Wraight. Lucy shared her new book with the class and talked about what it was like to be an author. Her new book, 'The Seals of St. Mary's' is based on true events at St Mary's Lighthouse in Whitley By. The children were all very engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Thanks to all the EYFS and KS1 staff for organising this to give the children first-hand experiences.



RE trip

Class 2 and Class 3 were fortunate enough to have a trip to the Newcastle Hindu Temple and the Newcastle Cathedral in their first week back into this half-term. Our first place of worship was the Hindu Temple.

After removing our shoes at the door of the Mandir, we had a talk from Pandit Ji who explained what Hinduism is and some of the different forms of God. We learnt about the importance of a bell in Hindu prayer and the significance of chanting 'Om'. We also got to look around the Hindu Temple and were told about how Hindus live their lives. Finally, Pandit Ji led a Hindu prayer.



At Newcastle Cathedral, we were met by Cathedral Education staff who took us on a guided tour. She explained about the history of different sections of the building as well as how the cathedral was used in different era of time. Different aspects of the church were explained too, including the coats of arms that could be seen, ledger stones, the font, the altar and the crypt. Class 3 also took part in a Eucharist service as the observation of this will link to future lessons.



Blackshaws nets a big thank you!

As stated in a recent message from Mrs Athey, it was a pleasure for Mrs Athey and I to attend the Alnwick & District Sports Awards presentation evening at Alnwick Playhouse on the 6th February. It was lovely to see the Whittingham Swimming Team from last year who had been nominated for an award as well as hear about the ongoing success that previous pupils of the school were having in the DCHS Equestrian Team. The talent from the region - despite being a very rural area - was astounding and bodes well for the opportunities and prospects that our children have for sport.

Following this evening, one of the awards sponsors was Blackshaws in Alnwick. Will Blackshaw was equally as impressed as we were regarding the attitude, effort and talent on display that he got in touch to donate a lot of brand-new footballs to school.

The school football squad received the footballs on behalf of the school and had some photos too (as seen below). From all of Whittingham C of E Primary School, thanks you Blackshaws for your generosity!



Open afternoon

As part of our engagement with parents and caregivers, we were delighted that many people were able to attend our open afternoon on Monday 12th February. This saw all the classes open their doors to parents and caregivers so that they can come and have a look at the children's learning and the school as a whole in action. This saw a variety of sessions and lessons take place, some of which are shown above as a snap-shot of the afternoon.

Thank you to many of the governors who were able to attend and join in with the engagement opportunity. We hope to put this on again in the future.

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

Mr Charlton – Deputy Headteacher