



Whittlefield Primary and Nursery School

Spring Newsletter 2

Friday 14th January



Viking warriors raid Whittlefield!

As part of their learning in history, Year 5 and 6 had a special visitor last Friday.

Two of our Year 6 children have prepared this report telling us all about it:

On Friday, an Anglo-Saxon warrior came to visit year 5 and a Viking warrior came to visit year 6.

The Vikings came from Denmark, Sweden and Norway, they came to different parts of the UK to raid,

settle down, farm new land, populate and some even wanted to kill. We did a lot of learning all about the Anglo Saxon and Viking way of life. We learnt about how they decided who would be their leaders by playing two games called knuckle bones and skittles, knuckle bones was where you have one, two or even three small light objects and catch them in your hand. Skittles is where you had to throw three wooden sticks to knock blocks over without knocking the king over who was in the middle of the blocks. We also learnt that the most common known weapon to a Viking warrior is a hand axe, which is light and easy to use. Did you know that some Vikings carry a shield and use it as an umbrella, table and to keep a shelter sturdy? At the start of a battle between an enemy and Vikings, a Viking warrior would throw a spear to represent the god Odin and ask for his power to win the battle.

We learnt a lot of interesting facts on Friday and interesting stuff; this was a memorable day and was an incredible experience for us all. Year 5 also had a wonderful time with the Anglo Saxon warrior.

By Connor and Oscar -Year 6



Year 3 go back in time

On Tuesday, Year 3 became Historians too and visited Queen

Street Mill to find out about life in the mills during the Industrial Revolution. "We saw some of the old machines at work; we even did some

of our own weaving!" Year 3 have been learning about our local history here in Burnley and all about the cotton industry. Did you know that Queen Street Mill is the last surviving steam powered weaving mill in the world! It was a very exciting morning and was interesting thinking about what it might have been like working there many years ago. Year 3 represented our school wonderfully and asked some super questions; we were all so proud of them!





Spotlight on Our Governors

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, our School Council children interviewed our Chair of Governors, Mrs Lucarz, so we can all get to know more about her and ask her why she is our Chair of Governors. They asked her the following questions:

How long have you been a governor?

I have been a governor for seven and a half years; I have been a governor for five years at Whittlefield and two and a half years at Park Secondary school.

What type of governor are you? Do you play a particular role on the Governing Board?

I am a Co-opted Governor. I am also the Chair of Governors and lead the Governing Board.

What made you volunteer to be a governor?

The previous Headteacher, Mrs. Kershaw, asked me.

What skills do you bring to the role? And have you ever been a teacher?

I have never been a teacher but I have taught teachers how to teach. I have worked at Burnley College where I had a variety of different roles. I have many skills that I bring to the governing board. One of the most important parts of what I do is making sure everyone at Whittlefield follows the correct rules and regulations so that the Whittlefield family is safe and can be the best it can be.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy all sorts of different things; some of my favourites are swimming, knitting and training racehorses to race.

Thank you to Eden and Adam for taking the notes.



This week we held our first celebration assembly of the New Year 2022.



Our Learners the Week are

Well done to all of our learners this week, who have been recognised for their hard work and going above and beyond. I enjoyed sharing a celebration tea with them over a hot chocolate.

Nursery	Ollie & Chester	Year 3	Ayla
Reception	Louie	Year 4	Millie
Year 1	Ella	Year 5	Taylor
Year 2	Mia	Year 6	Jack
Skills builder Award	KS1 Theo	KS2	Corben



What a busy week of sport it has been too over this last week. It has been so lovely to get safely involved in local sporting events once again. The children have absolutely loved it.



This week saw the start of the Couch to 5K Running Club. Mr Booth and Mrs Murphy were out and about with some of our children before school on Tuesday and Thursday getting active and fit.

Our children have also been enjoying getting active in some of our other clubs- baseball, dance, multi skills as well as all their indoor and outdoor PE and swimming.

Mr P and ten children attended a sporting event at Shuttleworth on Tuesday where they took part in a rugby competition. Well done to you all. We are extremely proud of your efforts.



Attendance



Well done to Year 3 who take the lead with this week's attendance:

Reception	94.2%	Year 3	98%
Year 1	93.7%	Year 4	95.9%
Year 2	97.7%	Year 5	96.4%
		Year 6	95.8%

Happy Birthday this week to Mrs Maddock and all these children:



Ava-Mae (Y2)
Jenson (Y2)
Stephanie (Y2)
Brodie (Y2)

Rubie (Y3)
Harley (Y3)
Corben (Y3)
Jack (Y3)
Deacon (Y5)

We hope you had a lovely day celebrating and that it was filled with special moments.