



Whittlefield Primary and Nursery School

Spring Newsletter 6
Friday 11th February



Apologies this is later than normal, we were unable to get this to you on Friday 11th February due to having no electricity! Thank you for your understanding as we tried to get our power outage sorted.

The week before half term was **#Children's Mental Health Week**. The theme was 'Growing Together.'

On Monday we started the week with a special whole school assembly and we thought about who supports us. We created bubble balloons showing who we go to when we need some help.



Thanks to our partnerships with Youth Sport Trust and Burnley School Sport, we met Rachel McKenzie on the Thursday, a former professional boxer and Thai boxer who is ABA England Boxing Silver Medallist and World Thai Boxing Champion. Using her story of resilience and her expertise in movement, nutrition and psychology, she helped us to grow our

understanding of what emotional wellbeing and resilience are. She was inspiring and helped us to learn about how important being physically active is, not only for our physical health but also our mental health. She also worked with Year 6 on how to prepare for their SATS this summer.



We finished the week by taking part in Wear your Scarf to School day (which really helped us to stay warm when our power went off): we all chose a scarf that says something special about us and the different scarves reflected the SCARF values.

- SAFETY - some scarves keep us warm and are comforting, helping to keep someone snug and safe in very cold weather (and when we have no power and heating!)
- CARING - some scarves might have been a present from a special person; these make us

feel cared for. Wearing a scarf as part of religious faith can also help someone to feel cared for.

- **ACHIEVEMENT** - some scarves might be part of a club, perhaps a sports team. These are waved when a club achieves (e.g. when a football team scores a goal!) They also show when someone belongs to something. We saw many Burnley supporter scarves in school today.
- **RESILIENCE** - a football team's scarf can also help someone to remember that they can still support a team even if it is not doing well; they can show resilience when bouncing back from defeat or disappointment.
- **FRIENDSHIP** - some scarves were a gift from a friend and this makes them extra special.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Check out the **free resources** for families at

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



On Thursday after school, our footballers played in the Johnson's Trophy tournament at Hameldon. They played two matches: the first against Stoneyholme Primary and the second, against St Stephen's CE Primary. I am delighted to announce that Whittlefield won both, 1-0 and we are now through to the next league. A special well done goes to all our footballers: JJ, Ryley, Thomas, Dalton, Jacob, Oliver, Olliver, Adam and Matthew. I am a very proud Headteacher given the e-mail I received the following day:

*"Just wanted to send a quick email to say how proud I was tonight watching Whittlefield playing football yesterday. Considering they don't train together regularly, they really worked so well as a team. The amount of passing and effort between them all was fantastic to watch and everyone played as a team not by themselves. Two well deserved wins by them all despite the brutal weather conditions. They definitely did the school proud. I certainly was very proud to be supporting them."
(With permission) Lesley Lomas*



Our Spotlight on Our Governors: part 5

This week our Y6 School Council children interviewed Mr Martin.

How long have you been a governor?

I have been a governor for about 5 months. I started in September 2021.

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

I am responsible for PE and Sports Premium and linked to Year 2. I work closely with Mr Booth to look at Sport and PE and the school.

What made you volunteer to be a governor?

Mrs. Vent is very persuasive! Being able to help the school as much as I can and try to improve education of the children is something I really like to do. Hopefully I can contribute to that.

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

I have a good knowledge of PE and Sport and can help with anything associated with that. I have worked in education for a long while and understand how it works. I can also offer great karaoke singing, but this hasn't been of much use yet!

What are your hobbies?

I play cricket for Lowerhouse Cricket Club in the summers, and in the winter, I play football and golf. My hobbies are all based around sport, and I really enjoy doing it. I also enjoy reading and watching Harry Potter.

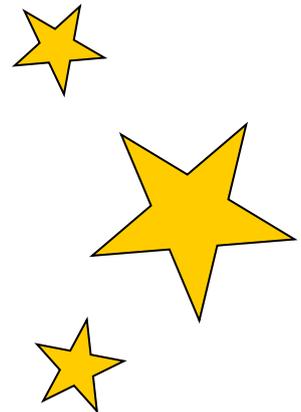
Do you ever see yourself being chair of governors?

Definitely not! There is too much paperwork.

What do you think about Whittlefield primary school?

It is a great school to visit and come into. The children are always really polite and try their best, particular at the sport competitions we deliver when I am at work. I always enjoy seeing Mrs Tipping on reception!

Thank you to Eden and Adam for this report.



Attendance

Well done to Year 2 who take the lead with this week's attendance:

Reception	94.3%	Year 3	97.3%
Year 1	96%	Year 4	93.8%
Year 2	98%	Year 5	91.4%
		Year 6	93.4%

Learners of the Week

Nursery	Caleb and Lottie	Year 3	Conner
Reception	Emilia	Year 4	Archie
Year 1	Ava	Year 5	Dalton
Year 2	Stephanie	Year 6	Adam P.
Skills builder Award	Jensen KS1	KS2	Sam



Well done to all of our learners this week, who have been recognised for their hard work and going above and beyond.

Our Celebration Tea unfortunately had to be postponed due to the power outage and we could not make 'hot' chocolate. We WILL enjoy sharing a celebration afternoon tea together after half term. So, so sorry children ☹️



Happy Birthday this week to Eva in Reception, Maggie in Year 1, Ethan and Mia in Year 2, Tyler in Year 4, Grace, Matilda and Amelia in Year 5. We hope you had a lovely day celebrating and that it was filled with special moments.



Diary Dates

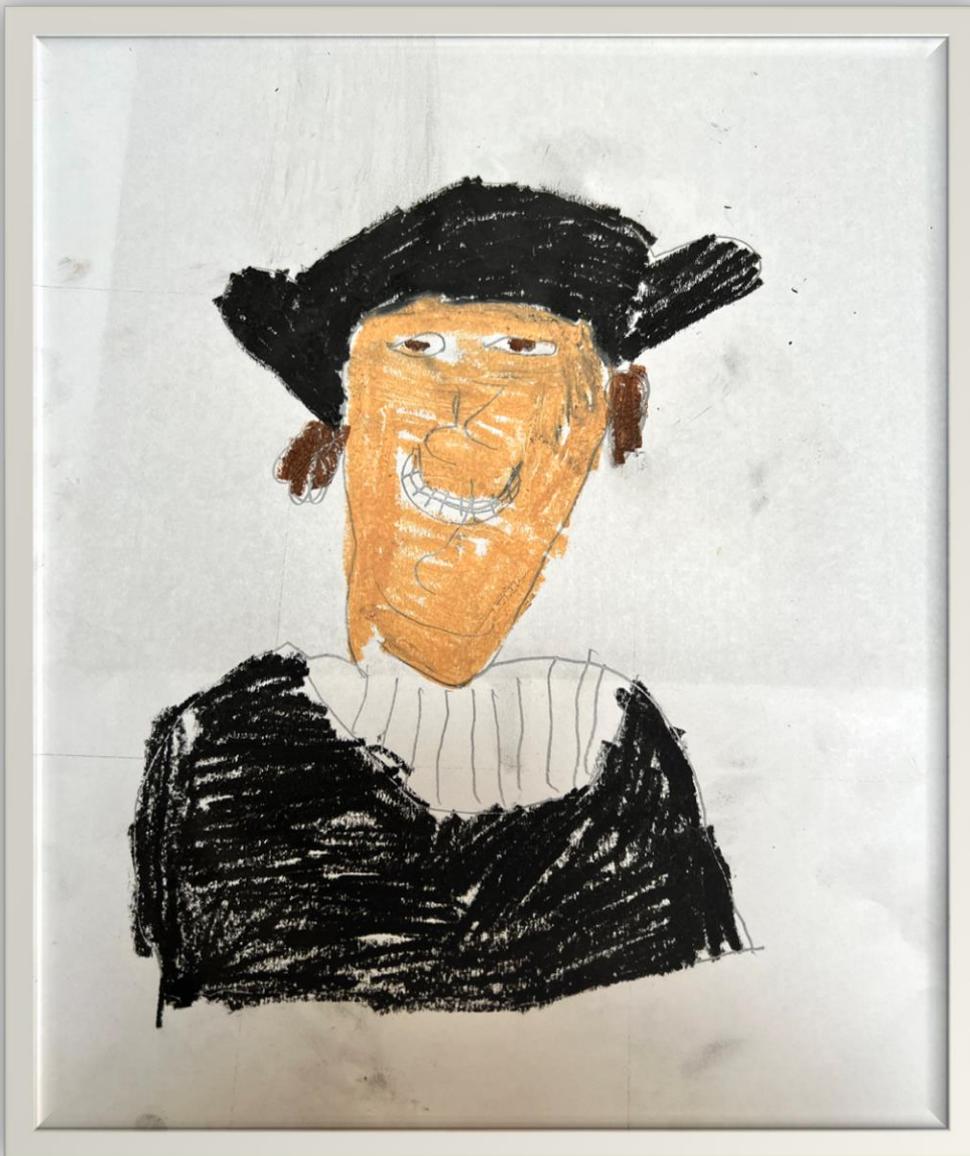
Just a reminder school reopens on Monday 21st February and gates open at 8:45am. Looking forward to seeing you all then with our power fully restored and working ☺️

A CHANGE FOR YEAR 2

After the holidays, Year 2 will be moving one of their PE lessons to Tuesdays. The second PE lesson on Friday remains unchanged. Therefore, **Year 2 children will need their PE kit in school on Tuesday NOT Wednesday please.**



Year	PE day
Nursery	Thursday
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Tuesday & Friday
CHANGE FOR Year 2	Tuesday & Friday
Year 3	Monday & Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday & Swimming Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday & Swimming Friday
Year 6	Monday & Thursday



This is a portrait of Christopher Columbus, drawn by Jensen in Year 2 as part of their work on Explorers. We were all so impressed with his artistic skill. We can all understand why he was awarded the Skills Builder Award this week! WOW!