



Whittlefield Primary and Nursery School

Spring Newsletter 12:
Friday 1st April 2022

I can't quite believe we have reached the end of the spring term... how quickly the time has flown by since I started in January. I would just like to take this opportunity to say a BIG "thank you" to all the children, our families, staff and governors for your warm Whitty welcome. I feel so very much part of the Whitty family already and so privileged to be serving you as your Head teacher.



On Monday, the sun was shining again for Mr Peyton, Mrs Murphy and our Year 3 and 4 girls' football team who took part in a tournament at Burnley College. The children played extremely well, winning one match, drawing one and losing one. We are so very proud of them! Well done to each and every one of you. It was good to see so many of our families, Mrs Lucarz and Mr Martin cheering on from the side-lines!

On Tuesday, our cross country runners took part in a mass cross country event with over 100 other children at Towneley and performed exceptionally well as you can see below.

Our girls:

Matilda 5	Mia P - 36
Ocean - 8	Phoenix - 52
Jasmine - 20	Ellise - 54
Mia. S - 22	Ruby - 71
Eden - 24	Evie - 81
Elisha - 25	Louise - 96

Our boys:

Connor - 2
Oliver H - 4
Matthew - 9
Dalton - 11
Jacob - 23
Harvey - 26
Jack - 67

A special thank you to Mr Booth, Mr Peyton and Mrs Murphy for making this possible and to all our Mums, Dads and carers for your support.



Towneley Hall Bug Hunt

On Thursday, our Year 2 children also visited Towneley Hall and thoroughly enjoyed a morning there; this was their first educational visit since the pandemic started! They loved revisiting learning about animals and their habitats.



Do you know what kind of animal this is?

They also enjoyed a picnic together in the grounds.

Mike, the Curator, was extremely impressed with how well behaved our children were.

Well done, Year 2 ☺





Today we have been thinking about Ukraine and supporting the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. So many of our staff and children came to school wearing blue and yellow- the colours of the Ukrainian flag. All the children tied a

ribbon on our railings and have been reflecting on what is happening there. Our children have also learned that the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine and the children have planted a sunflower each. Growing plants and gardening has been proven to be beneficial and gives us hope.



This shared experience enabled the children to talk in a more direct way about what is happening and share any worries they have.

Thank you all for you donations: we will let you know how much we raised as soon as we can... so far we have raised around £280! Mrs Root's hand knitted bears raised over £70 alone! WOW!

Attendance Well done to Year 6 this week.

Year 6 take the lead with this week's attendance:

Reception	93%	Year 3	89.7%
Year 1	87.3%	Year 4	93%
Year 2	91%	Year 5	87.4%
		Year 6	93.1%



Stars of the Term

We celebrated our Stars of the Term on Friday in our celebration assembly.

Nursery	Timmy	Year 3	Magda
Reception	Emilia	Year 4	Alesha
Year 1	Ella	Year 5	Rogue
Year 2	Harry	Year 6	Mariam

Skills builder Award: Year 1

Well done to all of our Stars of the Term who have been recognised for their hard work and going above and beyond since the start of January.

We all enjoyed our Celebration Tea together as usual with an 'eggs-tra' special Easter treat to take home.



Year 3 Palaeontologists

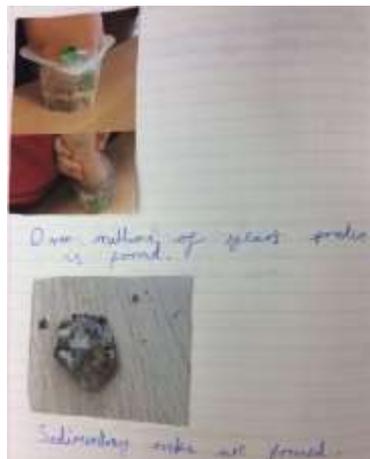
The Year 3 children became palaeontologists this week, excavating some real fossils this morning as part of their work learning about rocks. After excavating them, they used pictures and written descriptions to identify the type of fossil they had discovered. We have made our very own fossil imprints this afternoon using salt dough and plaster of Paris.



The children created a (much more delicious!) alternative of the rock cycle using chocolate 'sediments'!



Miss Nowell is really proud of Louix's work in science on the rock cycle. Louix's explanation of each stage of the process is excellent.



Happy Birthday this week and over the Easter holidays to Jude and Lucas in Nursery, Sierra, Harlen, Theo and Edith in Year 1, Kingsley in Year 3, Lola in Year 4, Dawid in Year 6. A special belated wish to Elisha. We hope you had a lovely day celebrating and that it was filled with special moments.



Goodbye

Today we say "goodbye" to Mr Weald and Mrs Muir who are moving onto pastures new. I'm sure you would like to join us in wishing them well and to thank them for all their work with us here at Whittlefield.



Our Spotlight on Our Governors

We are fundraising to buy a defibrillator...

The Governing Board wish to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator for the school to use in an emergency for our children, staff or parents who are present at the school. The funds are to cover the purchase of the defibrillator as well as the training of a sufficient number of staff in its use.

Please support us and help to save a life. All proceeds will go to the school.

Thank you, Pauline Lucarz

https://www.facebook.com/donate/1213835132483322/?fundraiser_source=external_url



REMINDER School reopens on **Tuesday** 19th April

Thursday 21st April **SPECIAL** themed school dinner

Why not let your child join us for this special lunch? Just sign up on ParentPay.

