



Whittlefield Primary and Nursery School

Spring Newsletter 6

Tuesday 28th February 2023

Number Day 2023

On Friday 3rd February, we all enjoyed spending the whole day doing maths! There were lots of fun activities going on throughout the day including number hunts and bingo!

We also trialled our first curriculum café following our successful Care 'n' Share event for parents. Our Year 2 children held the first

Maths Café and we had a fantastic turn out- thank you to all our Mums, Dads and other family members who came into school to enjoy a cuppa and find out how our children are becoming mathematicians. The feedback we have had from our parents and carers has been very positive; you told us that you especially enjoyed seeing the children doing maths and the resources we use in class. We do hope to have more cafés in the future... our next one will be a reading café which Year 4 will be trialling. Watch this space! We also raised around £190 for the NSPCC 😊

A special thank you to Mrs Brindle, our Maths Leader in school for all her hard work in making this happen.



In February, our Year 6 children adventured in the Lake District for their annual residential experience. This year, the residential took place at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre, on the edge of Lake Windermere. The children participated in a range of activities including: kayaking, caving and climbing which pushed them out of their comfort zones into their stretch zones...

The children also enjoyed



spending some quality time together dining, playing games and other team building challenges...





A huge thank you to all our staff who made this possible, for giving so freely and generously of their time: to Mr Booth, Miss Clark, Mr Peyton and Mrs Targett.

February's Learners of the Week

And our Whittlefield WONDERS



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10th February

24th February

Nursery	Wynter	Archie	Archie	Teddy
Reception	Timmy	Lottie	Libbie	Jessica
Year 1	Zara	Tommy	Freddie	Annabelle
Year 2	Freddy	Sahar	Harry	Toby
Year 3	Ethan	Henry	Riley	Connie
Year 4	Mason	Ayla	Rafiha	Lillie
Year 5	Sonny	Hattie	Sophie	Luke
Year 6	Mia	Scarlett	Out of school	Out of school



Well done to all of our learners this week, who have been recognised for their hard work and going above and beyond AND to those children who have stood out for being kind. We enjoyed sharing a celebration afternoon tea together, especially the hot chocolate and jammy dodgers.

As always our families are more than welcome to come into our main entrance to see your child's certificate and photograph proudly displayed there!



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this month to:

- Finley and Evie in Reception
- Eva and Emilia in Year 1
- Abigail, Phoebe, Daleia and Maggie in Year 2
- Mia, Ethan in Year 3
- Oliver and Robin in Year 4
- Tyler, in Year 5
- Amelia H, Matilda, Dalton and Rogue in Year 6

We hope you had a lovely day celebrating and that it was filled with special moments. You all share a birthday month with me ☺

Holidays in term time: a reminder

In our inspection report the inspector found that "the majority of children and pupils attend school regularly. Leaders work closely with parents and carers to remove any barriers that may affect pupils' rates of attendance. However, despite leaders' efforts, a minority of children and pupils do not attend school as regularly as they should. This affects how well these children and pupils learn."

Please help us to help your child be the best they can be by bringing your child to school every day when they are well, on time and taking holidays during school holidays not in term time. Well done to our Early Years Foundation Stage who take the lead with this week's attendance:

EYFS	97%	Year 3	94.3%
Year 1	89.3%	Year 4	93.3%
Year 2	89.1%	Year 5	91.6%
		Year 6	92.5%



IMPORTANT REMINDER

May I remind our parents and carers that dogs are not permitted on school premises and any parent with a dog will be asked to wait at the perimeter fence.

Please do not be offended when any member of staff reminds you of this should you come into school with a dog.

In doing this, we are minimising any potential risk to the safety of all our children and adults.

Thank you for your cooperation with this as we all work together to keep our children safe.

We are currently looking for and recruiting other types of volunteer to help us with developing our library bus and school gardens. If you are an avid reader or gardener AND can and are willing to give some of your time and skills on a voluntary basis, please let Mrs Bolt and Mrs Vent in our school office know.





This month sees the return of **Our Spotlight on Our Governors** when our School Councillors interviewed our Staff Governor, Mr Simpson.

How long have you been a governor?

I have been a teacher here at Whittlefield for just over a year, but I have only been a governor for about 6 months. I started in October 2022.

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

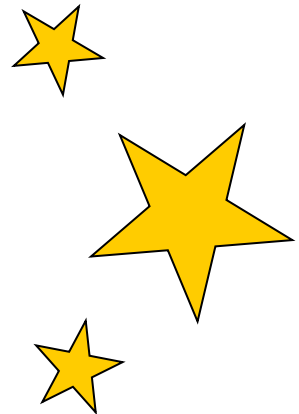
I am what is called a Staff Governor because I am a teacher in the school. I have responsibilities for wellbeing and support the Governors with our Curriculum.

What made you volunteer to be a governor?

I had never been a governor before, and it is something that I have always wanted to do. Governors play an important role in the life of our school and help make big decisions and that is something that I wanted to be a part of and support.

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

Governors are not always teachers so it is really important for one of us to be a teacher. We get to pass on information from a class perspective and give my opinions. Our decisions will impact on the day to day running of the school so it is helpful that I get to share my experience. While I have only been at Whittlefield for a year, I have been teaching for almost 10 years in lots of different schools both in Lancashire and abroad.



What are your hobbies?

When I'm not in school I love to be in the outdoors with my dog Dexter! This summer I completed my first triathlon! So I spend lots of time open water swimming, cycling and running. I've also completed quite a few marathons too!

Do you ever see yourself being chair of governors?

I want to be a Headteacher one day, so will work really closely with lots of chair of governors but I don't think I will ever have that role. Not unless I become one when I retire.

What do you think about Whittlefield primary school?

I absolutely love Whittlefield. I love how well all the teachers and children work well together, show lots of respect for one another and really work hard. I also love how hard everyone works to make the school the best place that it can be, and I am proud to be a part of that.

Thank you to Corey Leyland for this report.