

# Whalton School News

## Summer Term

### 24th May 2021



### Daily Mile 30th April 2021

The children completed this with schools all over the country. There were a lot of red smiling faces !

### Sun hats and sunscreen

Although the weather has taken a bit of a nose-dive recently, it is certainly set to improve and we are expecting lots of lovely sunny days. For your child's protection, please could they bring into school, a named sunhat and some named sun cream, to be applied by your child whenever necessary. Alternatively, you can buy products that offer all day protection, such as P20, which can be applied before the school day begins.



### Innocent Big Grow

We feel very fortunate to have been chosen to take part in the 'Innocent Big Grow'. We received biodegradable cups, compost disks and

a range of seeds to plant. We are enjoying watching them grow before we get to eat them!

We are not only getting better at planting and looking after our home grown produce, we're also developing our scientific skills in learning about what our plants need to grow. We are also recording measurements before plotting the data recorded into line graphs. Much discussion has been had whilst carrying out our weekly reviews.

As this month is Mental Health Awareness month, we are making use of this time to embrace the theme of nature. We will soon be moving our plants into planters outside, enabling them to grow to their full potential.

## Year 5 and 6 Hockey Virtual Games

The children participated in a virtual hockey tournament that involved a range of activities aimed at developing their hockey skills. They were really engaged and were fantastic at supporting each other and working as a collective team. As a result of all their hard work they played amazingly well and came 2nd place against schools from both the Morpeth and Ponteland Partnerships! Well done Years 5 & 6!



## PTA - Easy Fundraising

Just letting you know that we are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whaltoncoe/?q=Whalton&cat=cause-autosuggest>

Thank you so much!

## Bag2school: 9th July 2021

Bags2school is back! Time to have an early summer clear out!

PTA have booked a collection for 9th July at 9am. Bags2school are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. (No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets, bedding, curtains, soft toys or pieces of fabric please)

Please could you use your own black bin liners and leave the bags outside the front gate next to the black box by 9am on Friday 9th July.

## E-safety: Inappropriate or Explicit Content seen online

# NSPCC

Despite our best efforts in setting up parental controls and closely monitoring our children's use of the online world, sometimes inappropriate or explicit content can slip through. The following link is to the excellent NSPCC website which offers guidance and support to parents and children who have been affected by such content.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>

***Please do read it. The most important message for parents is to continue the important dialogue with their children about their online activity.***

Below is also a Go Compare guide to parental controls that may be useful.

<https://www.gocompare.com/broadband/parental-controls/>

Please speak to Mrs Elliott if there is anything worrying you about your child's use of the internet.

## Dates for your calendar

Half Term Holiday:  
Swimming for Years 5 & 6:  
Bags2school:

Friday 28th May - 7th June  
Tuesday 8th June 2:15-2:45pm  
Friday 9th July 9am

