# Whalton C of E Primary School



March/April Newsletter

### **Spring Term 2**

We are not quite sure where the time has gone, but all of our children have settled into the school routine with ease again this half term and we are very much enjoying seeing their progress in school and enjoyment of our curriculum and enrichment activities ......we hope you enjoy the photos too! Please remember to follow us on our school twitter account: Whalton C of E Primary@Cofeschool – we currently have 239 followers!

#### **Pupil Progress Updates for Parents**

We are looking forward to seeing you all in school tonight or tomorrow night at your appointed times. Please remember that staff will come and collect you from the main entrance. Please kindly respect the 10 minute time slots – if you need further time, please arrange an additional meeting at a separate time.

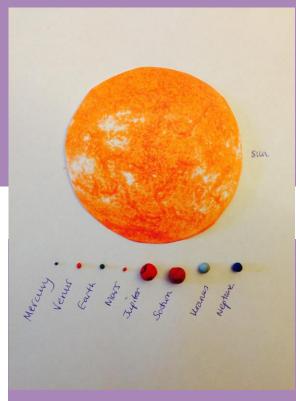
#### Year 4, Dukeshouse Wood Residential

We are looking forward to hearing how our Year 4 children enjoy their upcoming residential, which has now been reorganised to take place at Dukes Wood this Wednesday. All relevant information has been sent out, but if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



#### **Swimming**

It will be Classes 2 and 3's turn again for swimming after the Easter holidays. Their sessions will begin on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.



## **British Science Week**

11th - 20th March

#### **Kielder Observatory**

The children were excited to participate in workshops facilitated by Kielder observatory. They investigated Light and the Solar System as well as taking part in workshops to design and make a spacecraft to land an egg safely on the ground!

#### **World Book Day**

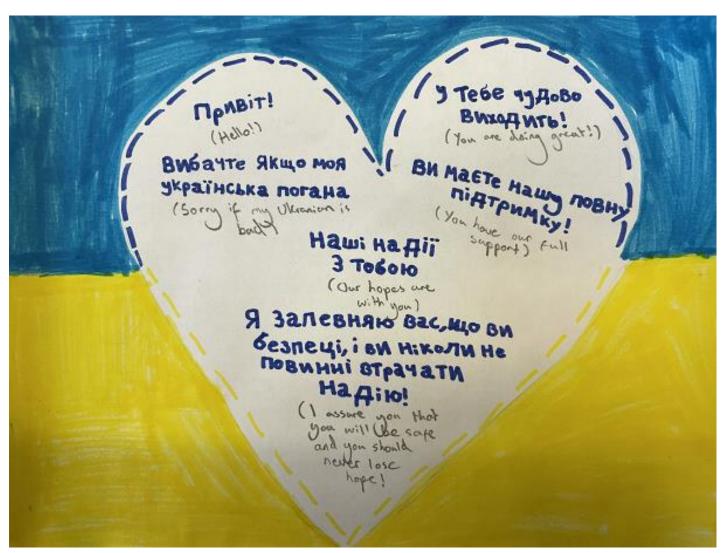
On the 3rd of March, we celebrated World Book Day! The children looked fantastic celebrating their individuality. Class 1 were able to complete a reading challenge on the day by reading a huge variety of books - they even earned themselves a certificate!

Continuing on the theme of books, we have an update on our Ready Steady Read challenge. As a federation, we have raised over £1000 to spend on books. A remarkable amount! We will be organising prizes for participants as soon as we finalise our total. A huge thank you for taking part everyone!



#### **Red Nose Day & The Ukraine**

The world has been shocked by the current events in Ukraine. The Whalton family pulled together wonderfully to raise money to support the DEC's Ukraine appeal and Red Nose Day. We have raised £70.58 for Red Nose Day and £82.33 for The Ukraine on the day. The children were amazing in their blue, yellow, and all other outfits on the day. Thank you again for all of your generous donations.



### **Passover Meal**

As part of their Easter studies, Class1 have been looking at the meal Jesus travelled to Jerusalem for and how the Jewish Passover, for Christian's has now become known as the last supper. They also had their own Passover Meal, the children were not so keen on the horseradish and parsley with salt water!



## Axel Scheffler Live Boradcast

This term, the children in Class 2 watched a live broadcast with the illustrator Axel Scheffler. They learnt about how he creates pictures both for other authors and for his own stories. They listened to a tutorial about how to make miniature books and then made their own. We had lots of funny and creative ideas, including stories about princesses, dragons, squirrels and even Mr. Reilly! The books are now proudly on display in our classroom and the children are looking forward to taking them home!





## **Sports Leaders**

The children in Class 3 have trained to become Sports Leaders. Our Year 5 and 6 children showed passion and teamwork, whilst working with Mrs Robson, on Friday afternoon. Their hard work payed off as they are now qualified! They will be helping teachers run PE lessons, as well as leading games at playtimes and helping to plan and run Sports Day. Look out for all of their hard work. Again a huge congratulations to these children!











## **Morpeth Book Festival**

You may have heard that Northumberland Libraries have been working with Greater Morpeth Development Trust on establishing a book festival for Morpeth. We are pleased to announce Morpeth Book Festival will be taking place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. The events take place at Morpeth Library and Pleased to Meet You Morpeth, with events for all ages, and including an accessibility event.

## **Mother's Day**

For Mother's Day, Class1 had great fun outside doing flower arranging and here are their beautiful results;



## Dates for your diary -

Eco Warrior's 'Walking Bus' – Every Tuesday staring 1st February

Dukeshouse Wood (Year 4): is rescheduled for the 6th-8th April

Swimming Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Tuesday 26th April - Tuesday 24th May

Break up for the Easter Holidays, Friday 8th April

Morpeth Book Festival Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April

Return for Summer Term 1 – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – May Bank Holiday

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Class 1 Hoopstars

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for half term

