

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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February 2022

Welcome to our February edition of the newsletter. Thank you for your continuing support us as we battle with wild boar on the school site, very high numbers of covid cases in school and now a red weather warning on our doorstep! We are definitely over the worst of the covid cases now, and the fences have been strengthened and all the boar have now gone. Thank you all for your kindness, consideration and patience through the difficulties. We hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable and restful half term break. We are waiting for further guidance from the DfE about any ongoing covid restrictions, but at the time of writing we are expecting to be fully open and really hoping to go back to many of our usual activities for the Spring and Summer– see below for information about the first week back.

Happy birthday to the children (and staff) who celebrated birthdays this month: Amie, Nathan, Sam, Ashley, Riley, Holly, Chanse, Georgia, Cooper, Harry W, Tobias, Chester, Logan, Freddie, Arthur, Eva, Marnie, Miss Medhurst and Mrs Ruck.



World Book Day, Book Fair and Uniform Sale

Thursday 3rd March is world book day and we are inviting the children to wear pyjamas to school on the day as we will be reading lots of bedtime stories! We are really pleased to be holding the Scholastic Book Fair again this year – the fair will be available for four days after school, and we will be holding it in the undercover area of the lower playground. To try and make it fair for everyone and keep the numbers manageable, we are asking families whose Surname starts with A – J to come to the book fair on Thursday 3rd or Monday 7th March, and families whose surname starts from K-Z to

Diary Dates

February 2022

28th School starts. Second week of Readathon

March 2022

2nd Cheltenham Dance Festival

3rd World Book Day – wear pyjamas!

3rd & 4th Second-hand uniform sale

3rd – 8th Scholastic Book Fair

18th Red Nose Day

April 2022

4th Class Photographs

6th St White's Has Got Talent Final

8th Last day of term

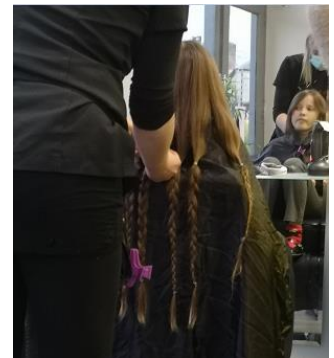
9th – 24th Easter Holidays

25th School Starts

come on Friday 4th or Tuesday 8th March. The fair will run from 3.20 until 3.45pm and the school gates will both stay open until 3.45 each day. All the children will be given their £1 world book day tokens on Thursday 3rd March. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or by pre-paid gift vouchers which are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair. On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th we will also be running the second-hand uniform sale. If you have any uniform to donate please bring it in to school on Monday 28th February.

Little Princess Trust

We want to say a massive well done to Abi in Woodpecker Class who last weekend cut off a whopping 42cms of her hair and donated it to the Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. Thank you Abi!



Photography Competition



The photography competition is running all the way up until October! Everyone can take part in this competition, including parents

and families, so please send us your photographs to photographs@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk. This is another fabulous picture from Mrs McDermott.

Charity Committee – Dress to Express!

Thank you to everyone who dressed to Express themselves last Friday – you all looked amazing and we raised a fabulous £215 for Place2Be mental health charity.

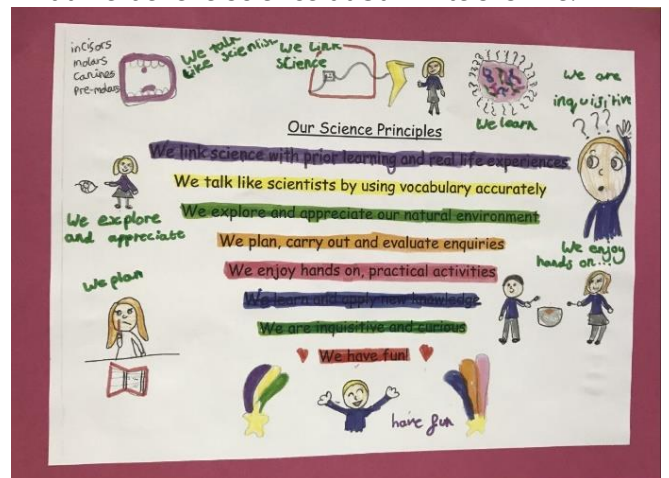


We even had a pair of matching unicorns in Wren class!



Science – a message from Miss Underwood

Thank you to everyone who entered the Science competition to design a border for our vision and principles poster. We had some great entries! Well done to Skyla for the winning entry. Her colourful poster is going to be displayed in every classroom to help remind us what we believe science at St White's is like.



Sports Competitions

We have had an incredibly busy half term for sporting activities and some really fabulous performances! On 4th February a group of Year



5 and 6 completed in the British Dodgeball Championship at Cirencester College – they were excellent dodgers and finished second in the County winning 5 games and losing 2 in which they showed great sportsmanship.



On 10th February a group of Year 5 and 6 children represented St White's at the Gloucester Rugby Festival at Berry Hill. They displayed excellent sportsmanship and determination on a cold winters day, scoring some amazing tries and outstanding tags.



Then on Friday 11th February a group of Year 3 and 4 took part in the next round of the Pro Stars football tournament at The Dean Academy, winning all of their games. They are currently second in the table closing the gap to St John's after winning this round of the tournament!



On the same day, our Year 5 and 6 competed and finished third. They played excellent football and earned many points to add to their overall

standing. St White's sit top of the table for the Forest of Dean as we go into the last 2 rounds of the tournament!



Beechenhurst Trips

We were thrilled to be able to take our Year 1 and 2 children to the sculpture trail at Beechenhurst last week. Huge thanks to all the parents who came along to help out and to Mr Greening for driving the minibus.



Half Term Activities

Attached with this newsletter is a poster for the Gloucestershire Play Rangers Day on Tuesday 22nd February at Ruspidge Recreation Ground

Finally a really important request - Local residents are increasingly concerned and unhappy about traffic using local roads to drop off and collect children from school. They are being inconvenienced by inconsiderate parking and a constant stream of parents' cars meaning they cannot get out of their driveways. We share their concern for the safety of children walking to school because of people driving too fast. Please, please, drive carefully.

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 1st April. If there are any achievements or any other celebrations you want to share with everyone, we will be very pleased to feature your child in the next newsletter. Please email admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk by Monday 28th March 2022.



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