



*Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools*  
Weekly Newsletter  
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Our overall attendance this week was

**96.8 %**

**Well done everyone for a fantastic attendance record this week.**

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**HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN:**

Another busy week in school as we near the Summer holidays, the time seems to be passing by so fast. The children have been working extremely hard both in class and during their outdoor activities, which take place daily. In the Summer 2 term the staff have amended their timetables to ensure they cover all aspects of the curriculum as well as the fun exciting end of year important events that the children really look forward to. Today you will receive a copy of your child's curriculum coverage for this term and you will be able to see a flavour of the activities the children will be taking part in. Teachers are also in the process of writing reports which you will receive on Friday 9th July. Following on from this there will be the opportunity to make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss any concerns.

With regards to my previous newsletter communications, I now want to confirm that the current arrangements for both pick-up and drop-off will definitely continue until the end of the school year. This also means that we won't be having parents or carers coming into school beyond the school gates before September. The current COVID situation in wider society is something that we don't want to take risks with and, as I've said before, the last thing that anyone wants in the final weeks of the year is a bubble closure. Also, all of you are completely familiar with the current arrangements and I feel that further change now, for just a few weeks, could lead to issues or confusion for you as parents and carers, which again we want to avoid. Obviously we are hoping to have a smooth end to the school year, all being well, and I know that I will have your support with this decision. We will ensure the children experience all the end of year activities that have been planned and Year 4 will also enjoy all the leavers celebrations in true Broomley tradition! Year 4 parents will receive a communication on Monday of next week, outlining what will be happening and also how parents will be able to be involved.

On a completely different subject, a few weeks ago we shared with you an online parent questionnaire in order to get your views about the school. These have been carried out with staff and with children across the

MAT. We would really appreciate it if as many of you as possible complete this as your opinions about our school are greatly valued. As a School Leadership Team, we are always looking to areas where we can improve further and this feedback is therefore a key component of this process. Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire.

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## **STARS OF THE WEEK:**

Reception

- Leo K for super reading

Year 1

- Dylan E for his absolutely brilliant reading

Year 2

- Cole S for persevering with his clay seaside work

Year 3

- Kitty K for her active involvement in class

Year 4

- Charlie D for his brilliant maths work!



Special Award of the Week goes to Mrs Phillipson and her husband for rescuing 3 baby hedgehogs from near certain death and reuniting them with their frantic mother. Job well done!

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## **SCHOOL UPDATES**

### **PTA Summer Events**

Our fantastic PTA are working on a number of fun events to take place later this term.

## **BROOMLEY PTA SUMMER EVENTS**

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support, especially during this uncertain time.

Some of the money raised recently has been spent on the new KS1 reading veranda, thank you gifts for school staff, seasonal treats for the children (Christmas & Easter) and a contribution to the Rainbow Orchard. We are also keen to support seeing our Year 4s off in style, as is a Broomley tradition!

See details opposite to find out about the summer events we are supporting this term. We wanted to make it easy for parents and carers (and avoid communication overload!) by requesting one voluntary donation to cover Break The Rules Day, Summer Fair & Raffle. Suggested donation is £10 per child but whatever you can give would be gratefully received (If you have more than one child, don't feel obliged to give £10 per child).

Payment can be made online (reference "summer") or by cash in a named envelope to the office.

Broomley First School Parent Teacher Association  
Barclays Bank  
Account No: 40396540  
Sort code: 20-40-09

### **BREAK THE RULES DAY - FRIDAY 25TH JUNE**

The ideas for this "leavers' edition" Break The Rules Day have been put forward by Year 4. They would also like to use some of the money to leave a gift for the rest of the school - watch this space!

See separate communication with the details of the rules which can be broken - the whole school is invited to participate.

### **SUMMER FAIR - FRIDAY 9TH JULY**

Traditional stalls such as hook-a-duck, splat the rat, face painting/mask making, tin can alley, pick n mix and much more!

Helpers on the day are required to man stalls and help children, please email us if you are free and can help.

Email: [broomley.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:broomley.school.pta@gmail.com)

### **RAFFLE**

Every child will be entered into a raffle draw which will be drawn live on our Broomley PTA facebook page after the summer fair on Friday 9th July. A list of winners will also be shared via parentmail.

Prizes (which include prizes for parents too) include bubbly, shopping vouchers, Usborne books, fitness class vouchers and much more!

Further donations are welcome, please email if you can help.

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# BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2021

Thank you to Year 4 who told us which rules they would like to break for this Leavers edition of Break the Rules Day. All children in the school are invited to take part in this special day.

This **Break the Rules Day** will include:

- **Picnic Lunch outside-provided by Mr Brennan**
- **Non-uniform - wear something bright and summery**
- **Coloured/crazy hair and/or nail varnish**
- **15 minutes extra break time**
- **Ice creams/ice lollies at school**

The children will receive a goody bag on the day which will include some surprises along with a snack.

Please click on the google forms link below to indicate whether your child would like to take part and if they have any special dietary requirements by Tuesday 22 June.

<https://forms.gle/eGjxTRXpfNGW3tiE9>

Please read the PTA Summer Events document to find out how to pay a voluntary donation to the PTA to support this event and others which are planned in the coming weeks.

*Special thanks to Year 4 for their amazing ideas for this break the rules day. Although we can't fit them all into one day the school are going to do their best to incorporate as many as they can into the end of term and leavers' celebrations over the coming weeks.*

Please follow the link below to complete the Break the Rules Day permission slip:

[Break the Rules Day Permission Form](#)



### **Picnic Lunch - Friday 25th June:**

To celebrate National Cream Tea day and also the Queen's official birthday, Mr Brennan will be providing a picnic lunch for the children. This will replace the usual school dinner that day. As part of Break the Rules day, the children will be allowed to eat their picnic outside on the grass - weather permitting, instead of in the dinner hall.



### **Sports' Day and Children's Cancer Run - Wednesday 7th July:**

As part of our Sports' day activities this year, the children and staff are taking part in the Gregg's Children's Cancer Run. Usually the Cancer Run would be a big outdoor event for all families and schools to take part in but due to Covid restrictions, the whole event had to be cancelled last year and is not able to run as normal this year. Instead the organisers have asked schools to incorporate the run into their sports' days which we are more than happy to do. The children will take part in a mile run to raise funds for this fantastic charity. We have set up a just giving page to make donating easy. If you would like to make a donation, please follow the link below and help us to reach our target of £200 which will be used to help children who have been diagnosed with cancer:

<https://childrenscancernorth.enthuse.com/pf/broomley-first-school-stocksfield>



### **Baltic Art Sessions:**

We are delighted to be welcoming 3 amazing artists from the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Arts into school during the week commencing 28th June. As the children are not able to go on the usual end of year trips this year, we thought that this would be a fun and exciting thing to do instead and the work they do will link into the creative curriculum.

We would like to request a voluntary contribution of £5 to help cover the cost of the artists coming into school. Payment can be made on parentmail or by sending cash or cheque (made payable to Tyne Community Learning Trust) into school in a named envelope.

Each class will have a half day session with the artists as follows:

#### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Megan Randall – Sculpture work  
Year 3 and 4 (Half a day each)

#### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Paul Merrick – Collage/drawing work  
EYFS (Half a day)

#### **Friday 2nd July 2021**

Isabella Carreras – Print/pattern work  
Year 1 and 2 (Half a day each)

## Things to do:

**County Show Art Competition:** Although the Northumberland County Show has sadly had to be cancelled again this year, they are still holding the annual art competition. Please see details on the flier of how to enter your little artists into the competition.



The flier is for the Northumberland County Show Children's Art Competition. It features a blue sky background with a green field at the bottom. At the top, there are two yellow stars: one on the left with the text 'Deadline Friday 20th August' and one on the right with 'Free Entry'. The title 'CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION' is written in large, bold, black letters, with 'JUDGED BY ALEX CLARK' below it. The slogan 'All Creatures Great & Small' is in a white banner with a black border. The flier is decorated with various animal illustrations: an owl, a horse, a rhinoceros, a chicken, a monkey, a dog, a toucan, and a pig. At the top center, the text 'Northumberland COUNTY SHOW' is written above four small icons representing different aspects of the show: a building, a horse, a tractor, and a sheep. The flier is divided into several sections with brown headers: 'Details', 'How To Enter', 'Prizes', 'Age Categories', and 'Display'. Each section contains specific information about the competition.

**Deadline**  
Friday  
20th August

Northumberland  
COUNTY SHOW

**Free Entry**

**CHILDREN'S ART  
COMPETITION**  
JUDGED BY ALEX CLARK

**All Creatures Great & Small**

**Details**  
Artwork can be created in any medium and can include painting, drawing, 3D model, diamond art, pottery etc. Images will be judged and printed A4 size to display.  
Please include the artists name, address, age and school with the entry.

**How To Enter**  
Entries to be emailed to [kerry@northcountyshow.co.uk](mailto:kerry@northcountyshow.co.uk) before Friday 20th August.

**Prizes**  
A Prize will be awarded for the winner in each age group, There will also be a grand prize for the overall best piece.

**Age Categories**  
5-7 Years 8-10 years  
11-13 years 14-16 years  
16-18 years

**Display**  
Entries to be displayed in St. Johns Church Hall on Sunday 29th August-Monday 30th August, Refreshments available from 1-4pm

## DIARY DATES

- Friday 25th June - Whole School Picnic Lunch to celebrate National Cream Tea Day and the Queen's official birthday
- Friday 25th June - PTA Break the Rules Day - see above for more information
- w/c 28th June - Baltic Artists in school running workshops for each class - see above for more information
- Friday 2nd July - 1.30 - 2.55 pm - Reception New Starters Meet and Greet Picnic
- Monday 5th July - TCLT Transition Day - Children to meet their new teachers - further information will be provided to Year 4 children about transition arrangements for their new schools
- Tuesday 6th July - New Starter Reception Children visit to school
- Wednesday 7th July - Sports' Day and Childrens' Cancer Run - unfortunately we are not able to invite parents to attend this event this year

- Friday 9th July - Reports home to parents
- Friday 9th July - Summer fair - to be held in school - children only. Unfortunately due to covid restrictions, we are not able to invite parents into school for the fair. More information will follow about how the fair will run
- Tuesday 13th July - Year 4 Leavers' Lunch - menu to be chosen by Y4
- Tuesday 13th July - Year 4 Leavers' Celebration Assembly
- Wednesday 14th July - Dukeshouse Wood Adventure Day - Y4 Leaver's Visit - more details to follow
- Friday 16th July - Whole School End of Year Celebration Event - more details to follow
- Friday 16th July - school closes for Summer holidays
- Monday 6th September - Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 7th September - school reopens for Autumn term

On behalf of staff and governors may I wish you all a lovely weekend, take care and stay safe.

*Mrs Barker*

Executive Head Teacher