



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

Friday 27th January
2023

Reading Challenge
Winners trip to Barter Books



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,
 Welcome to this weeks HT Blog as we head towards the end of another busy week and there are some more events planned for next week. Thank you if you have managed to find the time to complete Ofsted Parent View. If not, there is plenty time to do so. It can be found if you copy this link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>
 As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions on how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments. Staff are also happy to talk to you at the end of each day during collection time.
 Best wishes,
 Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Community Tree Planting

We are committed to working on our carbon footprint and part of that is following a tree planting plan for our school grounds. We have been given 200 small saplings which we are going to start and plant. We would love it if any family members would like to join us on Tuesday 31st January 1.30 - 3.30.
 Please let the office or me directly know on belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk if you would like to join us. Please bring a shovel if you can too!

Informal opening of our new library and intervention space

On Monday 30th January 2.45- 3.30p.m. There will be an informal opportunity to take a look at our new library and workspace.
 I had hoped for a more 'Grand Opening' with Councillor Steven Bridgett 'opening' the space as he was very helpful in ensuring a speedy planning process however I have been unable to get a date arranged so will open the space to families if they would like to on Monday 30th January before pick up at the end of the day. We will then be opening the space up as a warm hub and I will be sending a letter out about this early next week.

Keeping Safe Online

National Online Safety is a really good way to keep updated with tips about online safety. The Top Tips page is particularly good and can be found by copying this link into our browser <https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

What's On

Don't forget the easy way to keep up to date with all our events in school is to access our school website calendar <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>



Adventure Babies

The children in Nursery had a wonderful story time session all about the wonderful book Room on The Broom. The next session will be on Thursday 9th February from 9.30 and children over 18 months are invited too. Here are a couple photos of the morning. More on the school website and Tapestry.



The Big Sing

The children in KS 1 and 2 really enjoyed their Big Sing experiences last year and it was great to spot a photo of our school on their Twitter page.

Reminder -
 Reading Workshop led by Mrs Marsden and myself is on this Tuesday 3.30- 4.30. Please let the office know if you are coming and any changes to end of day arrangements.



10. And finally, Big Sing is back, and in 2023 we'll again have hundreds of school children sing their hearts out in Sage One.
 Join us online and in person or follow our stories on social media as we celebrate the power of music in 2023.