

# February's newsletter

Welcome to this month's newsletter - a round-up of all the wonderful achievements, events and developments across our school recently.



## **RHS awards**

Over the course of several years, our school garden and forest school area has developed through the hard work of the children and staff. This was taken further with sessions such as Mrs Manners' 'Babes In The Woods' for children that are 12 months to 4 years old to experience and explore Forest School at our setting, and Mrs Chisholm's Gardening Club which expanded to include Community Gardeners. We are very grateful and impressed for all the hard work that has been put in over the years!

However, we weren't the only ones that were impressed as the RHS (The Royal Horticultural Society) has awarded us Level 2, 3, 4 and a very rare Level 5 award! The school has also received as an award several gardening books, seeds and an awards plaque that will be displayed at school to recognise our achievements. Well done everyone involved!

### **Christingle**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christingle Service on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January and to Reverend Rich and his congregation for organising it. We are really pleased to involve families and the wider community into our new style services so please do join us for our Easter Service which will be at 1.30pm on the last Friday before we break up for Easter ( details to follow soon).



## **Recent sport at Whittingham**

### **Girls Central Football Competition**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January saw girls who had been selected to play for two Whittingham football teams compete against multiple schools from the area. This was held at Alnwick Town Juniors. (Where it was absolutely freezing too!)

Both our girls teams put in great effort and showed real determination and we are very pleased and proud of them. Now that we have re-established girls football at our school, we hope to see this go from strength to strength.





## **Regional Multi-skills Competition finals**

After competing against 121 other schools, our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children all made it into the regional finals, which is a fantastic achievement. Year 4s will be competing on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at school whilst both Year 5 and Year 6 were involved in their separate competitions on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. This saw both year groups do 4 separate challenges whilst on a live Zoom call with 11 other schools. The children worked hard and should be commended for their grit and determination. And the results?

- > Year 6 came 2nd out of 121 Year 6 classes!
- ➤ Meanwhile... Year 5s are the champions out of all 121 Year 5 classes as they won!

Amazing results everyone! Well done!

Year 4s, we'll be rooting for you on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

From all the staff at Whittingham C of E Primary School, thank you for your continued support.

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