



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024

Dear Families,

What a wonderful start to Spring 2 we have had!

On Wednesday we held our annual Rainbow Day, where we celebrate equality, diversity and inclusion, and everyone agreed it was such a magical day. Seeing the children come together on the playground really did encapsulate the wonder of a rainbow: we are all individually amazing but together we make something extraordinary!



This year we celebrated neurodiversity and made links to mental health and wellbeing. Very simply, neurodiversity refers to the different ways a person's brain processes information. Those who are neurodivergent make up a large percentage of our society and school communities. Research from the NHS states that up to 1 in 7 people in the U.K may be neurodivergent. Neurodiversity includes those with dyslexia, ASD, ADHD, OCD, Developmental coordination disorder (dyspraxia), dyscalculia, stammering and Tourette's Syndrome.

Throughout the day, the children took part in different activities and workshops to help them better understand the theme. Fiona Willis from the NCC ASD team came to read to the children in assembly and they loved the book, 'All Cats are on the Autistic Spectrum.' Miss. Storey visited classes with 'Winston Wallaby Can't Stop Bouncing,' another superb book all about ADHD. There were sessions on wellbeing, mindfulness and the Zones of Regulation as well as friendship-



based activities. The children also learnt about the history of the Pride Flag (as part of LGBTQ+ History Month) and designed their own flags to represent what makes them special and unique.

Finally, as if that wasn't enough, we also held the Great Rainbow Bake Off! As always, we were blown away by the cakes and biscuits made by the children and the standard of decoration. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised £115 for Tanga Club, which is going to make such a difference to the lives of those in our local community.

I am so proud of our children for their kindness, openness and empathy. We really are being the best we can be!

Have a lovely weekend.

S Hart & N Burton
Executive Head Teacher
Deputy Head Teacher



Attendance this week:

We are aiming for 97% across the whole school.

1 st	2 nd	
Year 1 99%	Year 2 & 3 98%	

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Tesco Blue Tokens

We are delighted to let you know that our application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week in April 2024 until the end of June 2024. The project is called, 'Broomhaugh Church of England First School: Community Gardening and Beekeeping' and is collecting money for the creation of a sensory garden to support children experiencing emotional difficulty as well as a place to grow food and produce honey for the school and wider community. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500 so please do get collecting and get voting when you visit the Tesco Extra store in Hexham.

Squirrels

There have been a number of occasions recently where Squirrels sessions have been full but children have not turned up when booked in. Please can we remind you that sessions will not be charged if the school is notified via email or telephone call **24 hours before the session begins** that the place is not needed.

The final collection time from squirrels is 5:45pm. Staff will always keep children safe if parents do not arrive on time and the school answering machine will be checked to see if a message has been left. A late collection fee will be charged at £5.00 for the first 15 minutes. If collection is after 6pm a further £5 for every 15 minutes will be billed.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping to ensure that all children who need a place at Squirrels can have one.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Notes
March 2024		
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day	Information sent out
Monday 11 th	Music Concert 1:30-2:15	St James Church
Friday 15 th	Red Nose Day Lunch	More Information to follow
Tuesday 19 th	KS2 Football Festival @ CFS School Choir Magic Flute Concert	More Information to follow Information sent out
Friday 22 nd	Cricket Day	Whole School Event
Wednesday 27 th	Easter Service St James Church 2:30pm	All Welcome
Thursday 28	Easter Lunch School closed for Easter 3:15	
April 2024		
Monday 15	School re-opens	
Thursday 18	Year 4 Residential Meeting 3:15 – 4:00	More Information to follow
May 2024		
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 7 May	Year 4 Residential Dukeshouse Wood	More Information to follow
Thursday 16	KS1 Rounders Festival @ BFS	More Information to follow
Friday 24	School Closes for half term 3:15	
June 2024		
Monday 3	School re-opens	
Tuesday 18	KS1 & KS2 Cricket Festival @ Corbridge Cricket Club	More Information to follow
Thursday 20	Textile Art Exhibition 9:30 – 9pm Year 4 Leavers Service	St Andrews Church, Corbridge Newcastle Cathedral
Friday 21	Textile Art Exhibition 9:30 – 4pm	St Andrews Church, Corbridge
Monday 24	Paralympian Swimmer Lyndon Longhorne visits BFS	Morning sessions

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July 2024		
Sunday 7 th	PTA Summer Fete	More Information to follow
Wednesday 17 th	Leavers Lunch	
Friday 19 th	School Closes for Summer holidays	
September 2024		
Tuesday 3	School Re-opens 2024	



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