

## **BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2023**

Dear Families,

I have so many wonderful things to share with you today that I can't believe it's only been a week!

On Wednesday, we were visited by Kema Kay. Kema is a rapper and actor who visits schools to inspire young people to achieve their dreams and fight prejudice. Kema shared the story of his life: leaving Zambia at the age of three to move to Newcastle where he was, "The only black skinned child in the school." He explained that, at primary school, he was just another child. However, when he went to secondary school, people bullied him because of the colour of his skin. He said that, through music, he was able to share his experiences and make others understand who he was. Kema involved the children in a forum theatre workshop where they acted out and resolved a bullying problem. He was absolutely blown away by the kindness and mature attitude of the children at BFS and commented that we were one of the best schools he has ever worked with at resolving conflict. The stand out quote of the day was from Robyn who said, "A bully's strength is in their power over others," as we discussed standing up for what is right and being respectful and kind.

World Book Day was a resounding success with so many wonderful costumes on display. Thank you for your tremendous effort in preparing for this. The book sale was so popular with the children and we appreciate everyone's generous contributions.

Finally, I would like to mention that Mr Reed – our guitar, music and ukulele teacher – received an award in school this week. We nominated him for MPN Team Member of the Month and the Lead Officer from NCC came to school on Thursday to present the award. At Broomhaugh First School, we love having Mr Reed in school. The children are always so engaged and excited by his sessions and develop a sheer love of music, playing and singing. Mr Reed has also gone above and beyond by helping us prepare for our Spring Music Concert and he's even volunteered to play guitar to accompany our choir! No job is too big or small for Mr Reed and we really do feel very lucky to have him. **Please save the date for our Spring Music Concert in school on Thursday 23**<sup>rd</sup> **March at 1.30pm.** 

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

S Hart & N Burton Executive Head Teacher Deputy Head Teacher



## Attendance this week:

We are aiming for 97% across the whole school.

| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Year 3 & 4      | Year 2          | Reception       |
| 100%            | 95.3%           | 94.8%           |

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## **Dates for Your Diary:**

| Date            | Event                              | Notes                      |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| March           |                                    |                            |
| Saturday 11     | Adults Bingo Disco                 | More information to follow |
| Tuesday 14      | Tag Rugby Tournament Yrs 3 & 4     | At Corbridge First School  |
| Friday 17       | Comic Relief                       |                            |
| Thursday 23     | Music Concert 1:30                 | More Information to follow |
| Monday 27       | Parent Consultation Meetings       | Reception 3:20 - 4:30      |
|                 |                                    | Year 1 & 2 3:30 - 5:00     |
| Tuesday 28      | Parent Consultation Meetings       | Year 1 & 2 3:30 - 5:00     |
| Wednesday 29    | Parent Consultation Meetings       | Year 1 & 2 3:30 - 5:00     |
|                 |                                    | Year 3 & 4 3:20 - 5:20     |
| Thursday 30     | Parent Consultation Meetings       | Reception 3:20 - 4:30      |
| Wednesday 29    | Easter Carousel in school          | Morning activity           |
|                 | Easter Stay & Play Reception Class | Parents Welcome 1:30-3:00  |
| Friday 31 March | Easter Service @ St James' Church  | Parents Welcome 9:10       |
|                 | Easter Lunch                       |                            |
| April           |                                    |                            |
| Friday 5        | Coronation Lunch                   |                            |
| Мау             |                                    |                            |
| Thursday 25     | Year 3 & 4 visit to Roman Fort     | More Information to follow |
| June            |                                    |                            |
| Wednesday 21    | Teddy Bears Picnic                 |                            |
| July            |                                    |                            |
| Tuesday 4       | Transfer Day                       | More Information to follow |
| Wednesday 19    | Leavers Lunch                      |                            |

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