



## Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

# Newsletter

Headteacher: Kath Parkin Chair of Governors: Ben Sear

Tel: 01284 386203 Email: [gtwhelnetham.school@googlemail.com](mailto:gtwhelnetham.school@googlemail.com)

10th March 2017

Dear Parents

It's been quite a hectic time for our children in Upper Key Stage 2 this week. All pupils in Year 5 have received and thoroughly enjoyed their **Bikeability tuition**. Congratulations and well done everyone!

On Wednesday all pupils in Years 5 and 6 participated in a **Bury Schools Partnership Art Project** where they worked collaboratively to create a textile wall hanging which will be on display and available to view at the Summer Exhibition at the Apex. More details to follow.

In addition 8 of our Year 5 pupils competed in a **Swimming Gala** on Thursday at the Bury Leisure Centre. This was the first time that the school had taken part in such an event and I very pleased to report that they all enjoyed themselves and really benefited from the experience.

### **Science Road Show - A report from Mrs Claire Masson, Science Co-ordinator**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Jay Abu a Senior Science Technician at King Edward Upper School along with some students from West Suffolk College put on an amazing 90 minute Science Road Show for Years 4, 5 and 6.

The children were treated to an assortment of fantastic experiments covering various elements of the Science curriculum including static electricity using a Van der Graff generator and plasma ball, a whoosh bottle demo using large polycarbonate bottles primed with propan2ol, ethanol and methanol, dust explosions using cornflour and air to create a fireball and a demo that shows exothermic reaction (creating fire!) using concentrated sulfuric acid and potassium permanganate to ignite mineral wool soaked in alcohol with different salt minerals to create

different coloured flames. The children were also allowed to experiment with sound using air cannons filled with smoke.

The science show finished with some very impressive alcohol rockets and hydrogen balloons which made an enormous bang! A huge thank you to Jay and his team for providing such a fantastic afternoon!



School Website <http://www.greatwhelnetham.suffolk.sch.uk>

Although it is still under construction, our website is a really good source of information about our school—please put it in your favourites and check it out so you don't miss out!

### E-Safety Competition

Miss Kiddy was so pleased with the efforts made by many children to design and produce an E-Safety poster. We were looking for posters which got a very important message across in a clear and effective way. Judging was hard but two winners were chosen; Luke Budgen from Key Stage 1 and Lottie Shipperley from Key Stage 2. The winning posters will be copied and displayed around school.

Well done to all those who entered!

### School Mobile Phone

The recent windy weather experienced as Storm Doris passed through, rendered the school temporarily without electricity and phones. We therefore thought that you should be aware of the number of the school mobile phone which will be available at school to receive incoming calls, in the event of a similar situation. The number is:

**07585 153 155**

Please record this number and use it to contact us should you need to but ONLY if the main school lines are not working.

### Menu Changes

Please note the following changes:

Monday 13th March-the main choice will be cheese and tomato pizza with the rest of the menu unchanged.

Wednesday 15th March-the main choice will be chicken topped with cheese and bacon (plain chicken may also be requested) with the rest of the menu unchanged.

### Bike Shelter

We continue to work hard to make improvements to the safety of the school site. We are hoping that the bike shelter will be moved from its location in the car park to just inside the pedestrian entrance to school during the week commencing 20th March, but will let you know if the date changes. Work will be scheduled to start after 9.30am and finish before 3.00pm each day. Access to the site will still be possible during these times, but we ask that you exercise extreme caution when doing so, ensuring that younger ones are close to you at all times. This work will compliment the bikeability initiative and additional safety signs will be erected to further improve on-site safety. We have the PTFA to thank for funding the cost of these improvements.

Kath Parkin

Headteacher



Website: [www.greatwhelnetham.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.greatwhelnetham.suffolk.sch.uk)