

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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### Amnesty Project with Clyst Vale Community College

Some of the pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 created some possible mural designs based upon our human rights.

We talked about what several of those rights are (equality, education, food, water, shelter, healthcare, safety from persecution, and personal freedom). Then the pupils were inspired to create these bold and colourful images.

Many of the finished designs have now been entered into a mural competition being run by staff at Clyst Vale Community College. We now wait to hear if we have any winners.





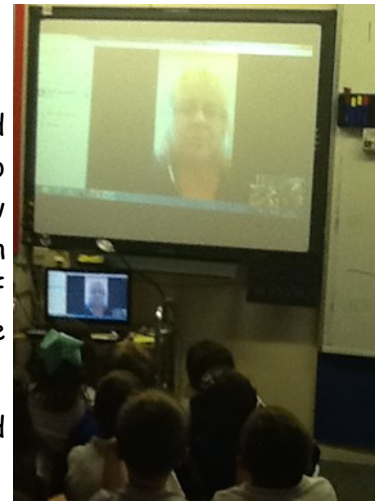
## And what did you do on Wednesday afternoon?

Well...

Oak Class were lucky enough to speak to an Icelandic contact, called Sigrun via a Skype call. The children had thought of lots of questions to ask Sigrun and her answers provided the children with lots of new information about Iceland. We showed her some of their Northern lights drawings that they had made in an Art lesson and at the end of the call an Icelandic traditional Christmas story was read to the children, which included 13 cheeky Yule lads.

Sigrun was very impressed with all the interesting questions and said Oak class had been very sensible and polite.

Well done Oak class. Great work.



Year 2 and Year 5 children had a visit from the Fire Brigade. They were given lots of information about not playing with matches, identifying whether something is hot or cold and therefore safe to touch, the importance of having smoke alarms and using the technique 'Stop, Drop and Roll' if any part of your clothing is on fire. Of course, they also got to dress up and discuss the uniform and apparatus used by firefighters.



And some children continued having their music lessons with Mrs Carter. They are coming on really well but must remember to keep practising little and often.

Keep it up!

## Mrs Jessop's Celebration Event



Through songs and drama the children celebrated some of the achievements of the school whilst under the headship of Mrs Jessop. Everyone was entertained and in fine voice.

Mrs Jessop was presented with her gifts and cards at the end of the assembly prior to the tea party. All children and staff of the school wish her well in her retirement.



Dear Mrs Shilston and the children of Whimble School,

Thank you so much for inviting me in to assembly. I really enjoyed seeing your performances and am glad that you are still thinking about how to learn and keeping the environment safe for future generations. I loved the songs that you had chosen, definitely amongst my favourites, and you sang them beautifully. I would also like to say a really big thank you for the presents you gave me and to everyone who came along with their parents for tea and cake afterwards.

If you see me out and about don't be shy, say hello and tell me about all the exciting things you have been doing at school. You are very lucky to have such lovely teachers and staff to help you, remember to make the most of everyday and work hard at your learning.

With love

From Mrs Jessop



## Open Evenings

The school will be open between 3.30pm and 5.30pm for parents to drop in and have a walk around to see any work displayed around the school, (including the ICT suite and corridors) and looking at your child's books. Books will be in their trays for you to peruse. We look forward to seeing you all to celebrate your child's achievements.

## Remembrance



The vicar is coming in for a special Remembrance assembly on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. As always we try to collect as much money as we can for the British Legion to support those in need. This year there is a wide range of items to collect - we are suggesting a minimum donation of £1 per item (wristbands and bracelets), and for a smaller donation a traditional poppy or reflector can be obtained.

## French Club—Parent and Child French Sessions

Mrs Mel Ironside (French teacher, mum of William in reception) is setting up a French club for parents and their children. Initially, it is being offered to children in Reception and Year 1. Parents would accompany their child/children so that they can share the learning experience. Sessions would run on a Friday from 3.45pm to 4.30pm in the computer suite in the main building. Cost would be £4 per session (£16 for a four week block—payable in advance).

Activities will include role play and drama, stories, singing and games to develop French vocabulary in a fun way.

Next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, a taster session is being held from 3.45pm to 4.15pm. If you are interested in attending please let the office know (this does **not** mean you are committing yourself to the four sessions).

Please come along and see.



## After School Clubs



Please remember to inform the person running the club if your child is not attending if they have been present at school. Ideally, a snack, and essentially a drink must be provided. The water bottles provided by the school are for use during the school day only. Many children have been saying they have mislaid their bottles and we have found some in the most peculiar of places! Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.



Craft Fair, next Saturday 1-4pm, as always I am after cakes for this, please drop them into the school office or pass to myself, Cathy Culshaw or Gaby Sweet.

But most importantly please come along, there's going to be some fabulous things to buy, perfect for Christmas Shopping!

Christmas Fair, Friday 8th December. We will be sending out more info on this, but please start getting together any unwanted, good condition, toys and games (school age children's items only please), and adult gifts.

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Dear all,

FoWS would just like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the children and parents who made this year's Halloween disco another resounding success.

The children had a fantastic time and were so well behaved. Top marks for costumes and dancing and in particular to the winners of the best dressed and best dancers competitions. The entries for the pumpkin competition were amazing and our judges had a very difficult time in choosing the winners. Well done all!

We hope the children enjoyed the tuck shop and games on offer. If there is a particular game that the children would like to have at their discos going forward please let us or a member of the School Council know.

We would like to give a special mention to all of our volunteers for the evening. Thank you for all of your help - we could not have done it without you.

The final figures are not yet in but we believe that nearly £300.00 was raised for our wonderful school, which is great news.

Thank you all again. See you next year!

Donna Woolston



IN SUPPORT OF WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WHIMPLE CRAFT FAIR

CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

TEAS AND CAKES

1pm - 4pm

Saturday 11th  
November 2017

Contact: Cathy Culshaw - 07789553251



# Dates for your diary

Wednesday November 8th	Open evening to view pupils books and school displays
Thursday November 9th	Open evening to view pupils books and school displays
Friday November 10th	French taster session 3.45pm - 4.15pm
Wednesday November 15th	Theatre Alibi visit 'Apple John'
Thursday November 22nd	Nasal Flu Vaccinations pm
Monday December 11th	Carol Service at the church by Key Stage 2 (including choir/recorders)
Wednesday December 13th	Nativity by Ash and Elm class
Thursday December 14th	Nativity by Ash and Elm class

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – School finishes at 1.30 pm**

Start of Spring term    Thursday 4th January 2018

***School tours for children starting in September 2018***

*Tuesday 14th November 10am*

*Thursday 16th November 11am*

*Monday 20th November 2.15pm*

*Wednesday 22nd November 10am*

*Please call the office to book a visit.*

**More dates will be added. Whilst we try and give as much notice as possible we occasionally get last minute opportunities which are too good to miss!**

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