

Monthly Newsletter

February 2025



Great Athlete Fundraising Event

We are thrilled to be able to share news of our upcoming Great Athletes event on Tuesday 18th March 2025. We are excited to announce that the athlete who will be visiting us will be Sean-Rose, a GB Paralympic Skier and Adventurer! Click the picture to see more information on Sean-Rose. We have written to you separately with details of the day and look forward to this exciting event!



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Ethos Committee

We were delighted to have our Ethos Committee deliver a collective worship this month. Our Christian value for the half term was compassion, and they chose to retell the parable of the lost sheep. The acting and role play demonstrated helped send clear messages to all pupils and allowed for some thought-provoking reflections at the end. Thank you to Mrs Milner for supporting them in delivering such an engaging session.



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Champions!

This month, we took a team of 8 Year 5/6 girls to the BSE School Benchball event at King Edwards Dome. We were competing against many teams with over 120 girls were participating! The team played every game exceptionally! They were fierce in defending and attacking, passed and caught the ball accurately, were strategic, and gutsy!! We convincingly won all four group matches to come top of our group to qualify for the semi-final. We continued to demonstrate resilience and perseverance and fantastic teamwork to win! We were in the final! This was an exciting but tense game; we held our nerve and came out on top against another exceptional side! The effort and determination demonstrated by the whole team is an absolute credit to them all!



3 Safeguarding Update

Following on from our Safer Internet Day in School this term, our safeguarding update this month is online advice for 6-10 year olds. It focuses on parental controls, safety tips, setting up child friendly devices and more. If you have any questions about online safety, please speak to Mr Varela who is our Online Safeguarding Lead. Alternatively, if you have any questions relating to any of our safeguarding features please do come and speak to Mr Varela or Mr Gilbert.





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NURTURE - GROW - SUCCEED TOGETHER

Dates for your Diary

- 4th March - BSE Netball Competition
- 6th March - World Book Day
- 8th March - PTFA Race Night fundraiser
- 11th March - Wonderdome Planetarium space show visit
- 18th March - Great Athlete - GB Paralympic Skier and Adventurer
- 12th March - Skateboard taster session
- 25th/26th March/ 27th(Larks only) - Parents Evening
- 28th March - PTFA - Coffee Morning + Non Uniform Day (Easter bingo - donate an egg)
- 28th March - Whole School Book Fair
- 31st March - Bikeability week starts for Year 5
- 4th April - Rocksteady Concert + Last day of term
- 30th April - Weekly Swimming for Years 4,5,6 begins

BEST WISHES
MR VARELA
HEAD OF SCHOOL



Mrs Masson



About Me

I worked for the Civil Service for far too many years before turning my dream to teach into a reality. I returned to education as a mature student and worked as a TA before having the courage to apply for my PGCE at Cambridge. Great Whelnetham was one of my placement schools...thirteen years on I haven't looked back! I live with my husband Rob, our daughter Kati and our cat Tigger! My son now lives and works in London. The achievement I have been most proud of was cycling from London to Brighton in 2023 raising funds for British Heart foundation. My second was in 2022 raising funds for Street Child and experiencing two weeks teaching in the poorest schools and refugee camps in Uganda, Africa.



How I Teach

It is important to me that my class are happy and relaxed before they learn so we start each day with our Yoga 'Tree' pose! My approach is very nurturing I try and ensure learning is delivered in an interesting, different, fun and memorable way creating an environment where I believe, and hope children will thrive and want to learn. I encourage outdoor learning; it is crucial for their development that children improve their gross and fine motor skills. Our Early Years setting gives children the building blocks to succeed and feel safe as they continue their learning journey through school.

My Role

I teach in Larks class (Reception & Year 1) My role in school as a class teacher is to inspire, challenge and support; I plan lessons carefully to excite and challenge all children. My passion is sport; I feel proud to lead and champion PE and PHSE across the school. I strongly encourage all children to be active taking part in our before and after school sports clubs, our Active lunchtime clubs, our Daily Mile and to represent our school in competitive and non-competitive competitions. I am incredibly proud of our offer for PE and in gaining the School Games 'Gold' award consecutively for the last 2 years. I monitor the teaching and learning of PE and ensure CPD is effective.