



# Worlingworth CEVC Primary School Parish Council Report April 2023







## Annual Report for Worlingworth Parish Council AGM –April 2023

### A Year of Near-Normality!



April 2022-April 2023 has been a time of establishing all the wonderful routines, events and productions that we enjoyed before the pandemic hit. The Sumer 2022 saw some Covid-19 disruption, but since then we have been able to get more or less back to normal! We are all very pleased to do so!

There is always so much going on in school, from sporting events, to book weeks, nativities and visitors. Here is a taster of our year!

We do suggest you visit the gallery section to see what we're up to!

<https://worlingworthschool.co.uk/suffolk/primary/worlingworth/site/pages/gallery>

### School Updates



This year our class names have a Musical theme- Elgar, Vivaldi, Britten and Chopin. We spent the first week of term learning about our composer and the country they are from. Our 4 class structure, introduced in September 2020 is allowing us to provide even better learning opportunities for the children in our school. The aim of our musical theme is to:

- \* Take the children to a concert
- \* Expand our music curriculum, through the use of the model music curriculum
- \* Continue with our instrumental teaching
- \* Increase opportunities for pupils to sing and perform

At Worlingworth School, every child has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument- Year 3/4 learn the Clarinet, and Year 5/6 learn brass. Thanks to a very generous donation, we have been able to restock our music trolley, with a class set of glockenspiels and other percussion instruments. I wonder how many budding Virtuosos we have in school?

This year has brought a number of staffing changes, and has enabled us to be even more innovative in our practice. Mrs Brokovic along with Mrs Cater teaches our Nursery and Reception Class (Elgar), Mrs A Tapscott teaches in Key Stage 1 (Vivaldi) Miss Owen and Mrs Havers teach Britten Class (Year 3/4) and Miss Kenny and Mrs Gourlay work with Year 5/6 (Chopin). Mrs Wendy Lawrence is our Finance and Administration Officer. Our dedicated teachers, teaching assistants and volunteers ensure that lessons are carefully planned to consider the needs and interests of every child.

Breakfast club runs daily from 8:15am and we have a number of after school clubs each week, including cooking, football, craft, construction, singing, line dancing, fashion and gardening!

Numbers at the school continue to be healthy, with a total of 78 children on roll, from Nursery to Year 6.

### School Support

Our fantastic staff are in demand! The Department for Education recognise our success as a school and we continue to utilise the skills and talents of our staff to support and improve other schools. Rest assured, we do not let this work impact on the children at Worlingworth, but it does help us to recruit and retain talented staff. We also have the opportunity to visit other schools and 'magpie' all the best ideas! This work supports our drive to 'Cherish All, Achieve Together'!

### Nursery

We have an Outstanding Nursery at the school, offering an exciting educational environment, and highly trained and dedicated staff. Our numbers have grown this year, as parents have been keen to take up more hours. We currently have spaces and hold a waiting list too. If there are any families in the village, with children under 3, please do get in touch.

### Website

Do take a look: [www.worlingworthschool.co.uk](http://www.worlingworthschool.co.uk) as there are lots of photographs showing some of the things we have been doing! We are also on Twitter @WorlingworthSch and Facebook: Worlingworth School

### Friends

A big thank you to the Friends for all their hard work and fundraising. This year they have managed an Easter Egg hunt, Pumpkin competition and a very successful quiz. All the money the Friends raise give the children additional opportunities at school.

### Pupil Voice Groups



We have a number of democratically elected Pupil Voice Groups: Collective Worship Ambassadors, Sports Ambassadors, Language Ambassadors, School Council. These groups help to develop our school provision, organising activities, clubs, awarding certificates and ensuring that the pupils have their voices heard! Democracy in action. Some of our Year 6s lead Collective Worship, whilst the Sports Ambassadors run lunch time clubs. The Language Ambassadors have helped to run our language events and the School Council have been writing to parents to help with our fundraising activities.

### Challenges

We have faced a number of challenges this year. We are a growing school, and space is tight. We could really do with an additional space for clubs, interventions, meetings and support groups. Budgets are getting tighter and tighter. We work very hard to seek out best value for money, seek additional funding opportunities and consultancy work, but Worlingworth is not immune from the funding crisis in English schools.



### Rainbow Values Day

Central to our Curriculum are our regular 'Rainbow Values Days'. These vary in their delivery, but they are designed to challenge all our children, whatever their ability! The Rainbow Values days celebrate our curriculum cogs and our Rainbow values, bringing the two together in an interesting and exciting way! They promote creative thinking, problem solving and give an excellent opportunity for our pupils to use their 'Growth Mindset' in different settings.

### Courage & Co-operation- January 2023

Each class learnt about an amazing and diverse explorer, and the courage and co-operation it took them to succeed.

### Responsibility & Perseverance- December 2022

We worked in mixed age groups to learn about Perseverance through the Nativity Story. We learnt how Mary & Joseph had to persevere on their journey to Bethlehem; the Donkey when carrying Mary, the Angels, bringing their important messages from God; the Magi, following the star to find Jesus and the Shepherds, overcoming their fears to visit the new born King.



### Care and the Community & Responsibility- September 2022

Our Rainbow Value day focussed on Harvest. We spent the day learning about the importance of Harvest, baking harvest treats and finally making food boxes to take to St Mary's, as part of their Harvest Festival Celebrations.

### Friendship- The Jubilee- May 202

We enjoyed a super Jubilee Day, icing crown biscuits, making crowns, finding lost Corgi's and learning to sing the National Anthem.

The children worked in Jewel groups and demonstrated wonderful friendship, kindness and co-operation- So many of our Rainbow Values! We cheered the Jubilee torch as it travelled through Worlingworth. The day culminated in a special Jubilee Collective Worship and the singing of our Jubilee Song.

### Other exciting Events!

#### Prayer Day- May 2022

Our special Prayer was a success, with all the children learning the actions for the Lord's Prayer and engaging in different activities to help understand the meaning of lines in the prayer. The Year 6s worked hard to rejuvenate the Reflective Garden and after four wheelbarrows of weeds, the erection of a mirror, displaying of prayers written by the children and the planting of some kindly donated plants it has become a wonderful prayer and quiet space for the children to use.



#### Sports Day 2022- July 2022

Congratulations to the magnificent Jet team, winning the Sports Day cup!

The children demonstrated their Rainbow Values, of perseverance, co-operation and kindness throughout the day, whilst showing their competitive nature too! It was wonderful to have parents watching! Well done to the adults taking part in the parents' race!

#### Year 6 Residential- July 2022

Year 6 enjoyed an amazing weekend of water sports, orienteering, climbing and team work at Manor Adventure in Norfolk. The children demonstrated all our Rainbow Values and really challenged themselves! Well done all!



#### Language Day- October 2022

To celebrate our love of languages here at Worlingworth Primary School, we recently travelled to 5 different countries in 1 day! Our theme this term included learning about stories that different communities around the world enjoy. We heard stories from China, Wales, Hungary, Brazil, Germany, Spain and Italy! It was a day full of exploring new cultures, learning about new foods, dance & arts, & most importantly trying out new languages! We also loved wearing different colours to represent flags from all around the world, including the South Korean, South African and French flag. At lunchtime, pupils delved into stories from France, Spain and Malaysia, asking lots of sensible questions about the differences between English and other languages. We can't wait for our next Language Day already! Did you know that learning languages is so fun?!



#### Curiosity- November 2022

We set the children a challenge to be CURIOUS! Our learning cog was curiosity, so we gave the children the freedom to be curious about something that interested them. We obviously have very curious children and families, as the response was fantastic! We had posters, news reports, power points, models, talks and much more.

#### Be Bright, Be Seen! November 2022

The children came to school in their brightest clothes to think about road safety and the importance of being seen. PC Simon Green came into school to help us learn more about keeping safe!





### **Diversity Week- October 2022**

We all wore odd socks to represent the diversity around us and celebrated all that makes us unique! We learnt about the importance of 'reaching out' if something makes us uncomfortable.

### **Pirate Ship- October 2022**

A brand new pirate ship has docked on the playground! What a wonderful piece of equipment for the children to play with! Thank you to the Friends for their contribution to the ship. It's made out of recycled plastic bottles, so it fits in with our eco-friendly aims!



### **Nativity 2022- Born in a Barn!**

There was much singing in the run up to Christmas- with the children learning their songs, dances and lines to Born in a Barn. Sadly, illness meant that a number of our children had to swap and change parts at the last minute. But in true Worlingworth fashion, the children took this in their stride and demonstrated their flexibility and fantastic talent!

### **World Book Day- March 2023**

A wonderful week of fantasy themed activities to inspire reading! We dressed up as fantasy characters, enjoyed a book and bake sale and even wrote our own book. The Jibberhog is a tale of a great beast that visits the school... there is a twist in the tale- is the Jibberhog the creature we think it is?

### **Reading Café - March 2023**

Dinosaurs wearing underpants visited Elgar Class. With the help of our wonderful parents and grandparents we spent an afternoon just enjoying reading and taking part in roar-some book related activities. With a Dinosaurs Love Underpants theme, children and parents created books, sequenced the story, made dinosaur masks, fished for words and designed new pants for the dinosaurs!



### **Snape Celebration- March 2023**

Chopin and Britten Class made the most of the fantastic opportunity to perform in the Snape Celebration event at Snape Maltings. The children learnt to perform two songs, and worked with a group of musicians to finalise their performance before taking to the stage at Snape Maltings. What a wonderful show the children put on, we are so proud of them!

### **Sporting Success**

**April 2022-** Well done to our fantastic Hockey Players- coming 2nd overall in the Suffolk Hockey tournament! Well done Worly!

**November 2022-** Well done Chopin Class for participating in the Orienteering Competition today. You all showed excellent co-operation and perseverance to complete the tasks. Our Rainbow Values superstars!

**October 2022-** Britten & Chopin class were so inspired by Mrs Lawrence's son, Alex's success in the London Marathon, they took part in their own mini marathon. The children ran 2.6 miles around the Community Centre field, showing a fantastic growth mindset to complete the challenge!



**June 2022-** Our amazing cricket team demonstrated all their skills and team work and winning the cricket tournament. This was a real achievement, beating schools much larger than us! Fantastic work!

**March 2023-** Well done to the Boccia team- learning the game and coming 3rd all in one afternoon! The children showed fantastic co-operation and kindness throughout the event. Well done all!

### **Excursions**

It has been wonderful to take the children out and about on visits this year. The recent increases in cost of travel means that we are having to really think carefully about the trips we do choose to go on. We all enjoyed a trip to the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds to see the Panto at Christmas.



We visited the Ipswich Regent for 'Demon Dentist', Vivaldi had a pirate day at the Time and Tide Museum and Chopin Class enjoyed a trip to London, the Natural History Museum and Houses of Parliament!

### **Fundraising**

We supported 'Save the Children' through our Christmas Jumper day. The school council organised our Comic Relief (joke) day, spotty day for Children in Need. We enjoyed a book and bake sale for the Book Aid and at Christmas we joined with the Salvation Army for their 'Give a Present' Campaign.

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