



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week.....

Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely it has been to see lots of signs of Spring here at Whittle this week! Our assembly on Tuesday explored how the world around us wakes up in the Spring. The children talked about warmer weather with jumpers off; lambs and other baby animals; plants and leaves growing and, our personal favourite, lighter nights. Don't forget the clocks go forward one hour this weekend!



Teaching and Learning Review

We are so thrilled with the report from Paul Weston, Independent School Improvement Advisor, after last week's review.

Here's a few quotes for you - you will see why we are so proud of our school:

"Children enjoy a variety of lessons, particularly those that are practical and active."

"Children play well together at break times and enter the school in a calm and orderly fashion."

"The learning environment is bright, attractive and promotes many aspects of the school's work and life."

"Children are very proud of their school and told me about how caring and supportive their teachers are."

Well done to everyone!

KS2 Morning of Music

It was Year 5's turn this week! Mr Ashbridge, Mrs Cornfoot and Mrs Barhey thoroughly enjoyed taking our wonderful Year 5 children to Clifford Bridge for this year's KS2 Morning of Music event. As with Year 1 last week, the children sang superbly and behaved impeccably. What fabulous representatives of our school they are! Well done Year 5, and thank you to all adults who made this happen.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

We were delighted to welcome over mums, grandmas and other special ladies to school yesterday afternoon for Nursery and Reception's Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. It was a really special occasion where the children so enjoyed sharing the cakes they had baked, showing their super pictures and giving a daffodil to all our thank you to all who came - we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Enjoy the weekend!
Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

School Meals - New menus will be served after the Easter Break - copies will be available from the school foyer during the last week before the holiday. Prices will also increase to £2.20 per day (£11 per week).



Upcoming Dates:



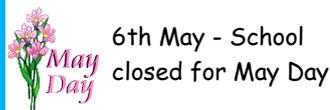
5th April
- Come and Share

10th April - Gold Merit Assembly

12th April - School breaks up for Easter



29th April - Summer Term starts



6th May - School closed for May Day

Class attendance for last week (22nd-28th).....

Class	%
Nursery	81.7
Reception	95.0
R/1K	97.2
1/2A	98.8
2M	100%
3/4H	98.5
3/4S	95.7
5/6TA	98.5
5/6C	98.5
5/6JA	98.4
Whole School	96.6

Congratulations to 2M who can come in non-uniform next Friday, 5th April, to celebrate their class attendance of 100%



News from around the School



EYFS

In Nursery this week we have been super busy preparing for Mother's Day. The children have painted beautiful pictures of their mummies. Nursery have been looking at the changes outside and learning about the season of Spring.



Reception have been reading the story 'Supertato' and had a go at making their own 'super veg' using carrots, pears and potatoes. They used their amazing imagination and came up with some wonderful designs.



In Numeracy the children have been learning about repeated patterns and used these skills to make their own repeated patterns.

Thank you to all 'the special ladies' who came to our first Mothers Day Afternoon Tea. We all had a lovely time.



YEARS 1 / 2

This week in our theme lessons we have been learning about the Diary of Samuel Pepys and what happened to him during the Great Fire of London. The children have really enjoyed learning about this and will be following this up by writing their own diaries.



Next week the children will be designing and making their own Tudor houses! **Please can we ask that all children bring in medium/large sized cardboard box by Thursday 4th April** at the latest.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our SATs Information meetings for Year 2 parents on Tuesday and our Phonics Workshop for Year 1 parents on Thursday. If you were not able to attend these meetings, your child will have now have been given an information pack with suggestions of how you can support them at home.

Reminder: All Power Project homework books and models are due in on **Monday 1st April**.

YEARS 3 / 4

This week has been a time for us to showcase what we have learnt so far in Maths and English. We have been busy doing assessments some mornings and then in the afternoon, working on designing a shield based on Roman shields. It has been great to see how creative the children have been. In English we



have been re-enacting Boudicca's Iceni tribe versus the Romans. This is preparing us for writing Newspaper reports involving reported speech.



YEARS 5 / 6

The atmosphere this week in 5/6 has been lovely! We've been completing assessments and the children have really stepped up to the challenge, demonstrating fantastic resilience when the questions got tricky. Well done children!



Year 5 have had an exciting trip to their Morning of Music, singing all about saving the planet. Their enthusiasm and beautiful singing voices carried down the corridor as they practised and we were very proud of them for representing Whittle. Thank you Year 5!



KS1 - Benaiah

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Kartiae



Awarded by the dinner ladies to children who have shown excellent manners and impeccable behaviour during lunchtimes.

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Alfie "...has shown fantastic attitude in the classroom this week. He is really enjoying our story..."
R/1K	Leighton "...has worked so hard at home and produced an amazing Big Ben!..."
1/2A	Aaron "...has really impressed all the adults during our Morning of Music performance..."
2M	Akshit "...for his hard work and dedication in all lessons this term, especially English..."
3/4H	Lily "...for her wonderful efforts towards homework recently..."
3/4S	Tate "...for his amazing effort in maths. Tate has absolutely grasped it!..."
5/6C	Semfon "...it is fantastic to see Semfon maturing into Year 6. We are proud of you..."
5/6JA	Elisha "...has begun to BELIEVE in herself, there is a real improvement in the quality of her work..."
5/6TA	Pranav "...is amazing and I couldn't be prouder to be his teacher. His progress is incredible..."

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