



Excellence at Whittle



# Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week once again this week at Whittle!

### Magnificent Seven sporting event

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Souster, Ryan (our sports coach) and eighteen Year 3/4 children went to the Alan Higgs centre to take part in a 'Magnificent Seven' sporting event. The children had a great time skipping and throwing. Mrs Souster commented about the children's impressive behaviour and sporting prowess. Thank you to Mr Ashbridge for organising yet another super event, and to Mrs Souster and Ryan for enabling this to happen. Well done Year 3 and 4!



### Lunchtime at Whittle



Over the past few weeks, we have had the pleasure of joining the children for a cooked lunch each week. It's great to sit and have a chat with the children over lunch - you do find out some interesting information! Our kitchen staff work hard every day to provide a lovely lunch for the children. We spoke in this week's assembly about the importance of good manners at lunchtime, including the correct use of cutlery. Please reinforce this important life skill at home too! Thank you!

### Drinks with packed lunches

Our Dining Room Assistants have noticed that, recently, many of our children who bring packed lunches are coming to school without a drink. Please could you make sure that your children are provided with a drink, as well as food, in their packed lunch. Many thanks.

### Family Learning sessions

We were delighted to receive such positive feedback about the Family Learning sessions that took place this term. We would like to encourage other parents, with children in Reception or Nursery, to join the next series of sessions that will take place in the Summer term. These next sessions will focus on phonics and early reading. The course is completely free and great fun by all accounts! Please fill in the tear off slip on the letter sent by the office yesterday as we anticipate this course will be very popular and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



Have a lovely weekend!  
Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton



**School Meals** - Don't forget new menus will be served after the Easter Break - copies are available from the school foyer next week. Prices will also increase to £2.20 per day (£11 per week). Please let the office know if your child no longer wants school meals. Thank you.



## BOOK SWAP



Don't forget our book swap is still happening!

Bring your books in and swap them with those in the foyer.



## Class attendance for last week .....

Class	%
Nursery	86.9
Reception	94.2
R/1K	96.2
1/2A	94.6
2M	92.1
3/4H	94.1
3/4S	94.3
5/6TA	95.4
5/6C	98.1
5/6JA	97.6
Whole School	94.4



# News from around the School



## EYFS

In Nursery we have read the book 'The Parrot Tico Tango' and made some of our very own parrots. We have also made some snakes using string and pasta.

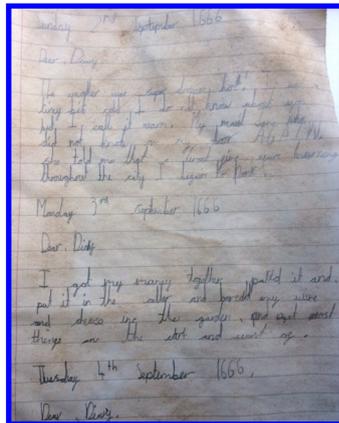


On Monday, Reception came in to find the poor vegetables had been captured by the evil peas, just like in the story Supertato. We rescued the veggies and then wrote our own stories and designed a front cover to make our very own books. We have also been comparing and ordering the length of different vegetables and weighing them to see which ones are the heaviest and lightest. It has been great fun!



Finally a big thank you to Nursery for looking after the chickens but now it is Reception's turn! We have enjoyed going out and feeding them and collecting the eggs which we will be doing for the next 2 weeks. If you are lucky, a fresh egg may be sent home with your child.

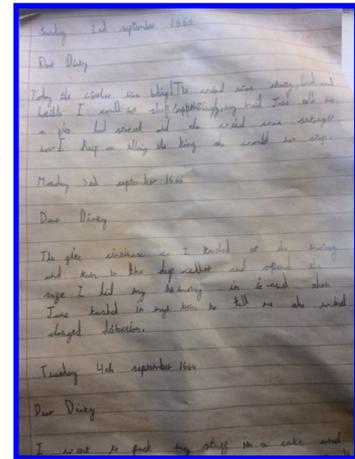
**YEARS 1 / 2** This week in Key Stage 1 we have really enjoyed learning more about the life of Samuel Pepys! We discovered that he lived during The Great Fire of London in 1666 and kept a diary of what happened to him! This has helped us discover more facts about the fire. We have even created our own old fashioned diary entries. We used tea bag staining to make them look realistic!



Thank you to all the adults who came along to join in with our 'Come & Share' Afternoon on Friday!

**Reminder:** If your child has not already done so, please could you ensure that they return their yellow POverProject homework books and any models to school by Monday 8th April at the very latest.

**Snacks and Drinks:** We have noticed that there are some children in KS1 who are bringing in cereal/snack bars or other food into school. To ensure that we are promoting a healthy diet, children are given a free piece of fruit each day at morning playtime and should not be bringing



any additional food into school. We also encourage children to only bring water to school in their water bottles. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

**YEARS 3 / 4** This week we have been busy learning how to write a newspaper article. It has involved us getting our heads around writing in third person and getting used to writing in the past tense. We discovered it is not as easy as it looks. Theme learning has continued with us using our research from Roman Shield designs as well as other designs from past and present to inspire a shield design of our very own. We are looking forward to getting these made next week. If you have any large pieces of card, embellishments or anything that your child could use in the creation of their design, please feel free to send these in for them to use. Year 3 and 4 would also like to thank the children who represented our school this week at the 'Magnificent 7' athletics. It is always fantastic to hear of their achievements when they return and to be commended by other schools about their super behaviour out of school. Well done all!

## YEARS 5 / 6

Newsletter contribution for this week as written by Katie in 6TA.

This week Years 5/6 have been learning some very interesting things. For example, in Science they've been learning how the blood travels around your body. Why don't you ask your child to tell you how it works?

Year 5 have been trying some very tricky maths including

Pythagorus' theorem... trust us, it's hard!

Once again, it's been a great week at Whittle!



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