



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend. This week has been a very settled week at Whittle. During our assembly last week we talked about important 'Whittle Words' - words to describe us, such as: kind, polite, determined and resilient to name just a few. As I have been walking around school this week and visiting classrooms, it has been great to see lots of the children showing these behaviours. I really am impressed by the good manners I am hearing. This week as some of you know, I was lucky enough to do my first Merit Assembly at Whittle and what a pleasure it was. It is lovely to celebrate the achievements of the children and see how proud they are of the progress they are making. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us - it is great to welcome you into school.



It has also been great to see the start of the Summer Term Sports Clubs. Children have enjoyed coming to Multi-Sports, Flag-football, Netball, Cricket and Football. Let's hope the rain holds off next week and they can get outside!

Next week is Year 6 SATs test week. I know that the staff have been working very hard, as I am sure you have at home, to make sure they feel ready. I know that the children have been working extremely hard on the lead up and that they will do their very best to demonstrate all that they have learned. We ask that over the weekend they have a chance to relax and get plenty of rest. They have been using mindfulness techniques in school which they can perhaps tell you about. Please be assured that they will sit the tests under the usual testing conditions they have practised. Any individual needs will be accommodated for in line with what is normal classroom practice for them.



Children in Year 2 will also be starting their end of Key Stage assessments and this will take place in a more informal way over the next two weeks. Again, the staff in Year 2 have done a great job to make sure that the children are well prepared.

Please do remember that next week there will be a breakfast club for children in Years 2 and 6 - I am very much looking forward to joining them for some breakfast!

Congratulations to classes 2M and 5/6TA who are our first classes this term to achieve 100% attendance and therefore they will be able to come to school in their own clothes next Friday 17th May.

I hope you have a great weekend - fingers crossed for some sunshine!



Mrs Harris



Letters Home.

Finally, I am very keen to make sure that you are receiving any letters or communication about what is going on in school. If you have signed up to the email system, you should be able to access key information that way. If for whatever reason, you are not able to do so, please do come in and speak to us and we will try to help.

As a reminder, paper copies of the weekly newsletters are always available from the main school foyer. Thankyou.

Class attendance for last week..

Class	%
Nursery	80.5
Reception	92.7
R/1K	96.4
1/2A	95.8
2M	100
3/4H	97.1
3/4S	94.6
5/6TA	100
5/6C	96.2
5/6JA	96.0
Whole School	95.0



News from around the School



EYFS Early Years have been busy looking after the chicks this week, they have grown so big and the children had the opportunity to hold and stroke them.

Nursery learnt all about the chicks and where they come from. They continued with the farm topic this week. During carpet times the class discussed where fruit, vegetables and meat come from. Nursery have also been getting super messy in the messy tray they have had different types of textures to play in during this week such as corn flour, shaving foam and flour.

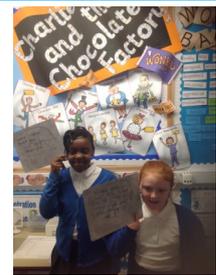
Reception had a visit from the 'Little Red Hen' who delivered bread to the classroom. They then used this bread to make toast with jam in their halving Numeracy lesson. The children have also enjoyed painting lovely pictures of the chicks.

Just a gentle reminder to the Nursery parents please do not park in the car park during dropping or picking up times. This is for the safety of your children. Thank you.

YEARS 3 / 4

Hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend.

During our very short week at school we have launched our new theme by looking at the different continents of the World. We have continued reading the amazing 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We have now meet all the characters during our reading and the children are loving the text.



Also, the fire brigade have visited and spoken to us about fire safety and awareness of protection at home. If your child asks about smoke alarms at home, you can contact your local fire service who will install them for free, if you don't have one. Be safe!

YEARS 5 / 6

Year 5 launched into our new theme topic 'Wild Waters'. They received a video announcement from a mystery scientist who set them the task of becoming river experts. They had to use their detective skills to research the rivers around the world and investigate how to purify water.

Year 6 have been showing their resilience and reflecting on their learning to best prepare for their SATs tests next week - we are so proud of their efforts so far!



Our breakfast club for Year 6 will begin at 8:00am in 5/6TA classroom next Monday and will run every morning till Thursday. Please encourage them to get lots of rest and relaxation this weekend.

YEARS 1 / 2

We launched our new Science Unit 'Shaping Up' this week.

The children started learning about materials and their properties and how their shape can



be changed by applying different forces on them.

After the successful launch of our 'Ahoy There' theme the children have designed and created their new theme book cover. During our first theme lesson we found out about the famous pirate Blackbeard.

We know many children like to read independently, however, please can you ensure that you acknowledge the children's efforts by signing their reading diaries. It is important for their diaries to be signed because they can then receive a reward in class.



KS1 - Emily

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - John



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

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Elise "...it has been wonderful to watch Elise grow in confidence and excel in all areas..."
R/1K	Georgie-Leigh "...is the perfect role model, I am very lucky to have her in my class..."
1/2A	Tisharna "...has made a great start to the new term. She always tries her best..."
2M	Aidin "...for his fantastic resilience to all his learning this term..."
3/4H	Freddy "...for his determination and effort to improve his handwriting..."
3/4S	Mana "...for beginning to show what an all-round superstar she is in class..."
5/6C	Aryan "...for an improved attitude towards his work..."
5/6JA	Oliver "...throughout the year Oliver has given me glimpses of the ability he has as a writer..."
5/6TA	Joshua J "...I am so proud to be your teacher. You always give 100%..."

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