



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. I hope that you all had a lovely half term holiday.

This week we have introduced our new assembly theme for the second half of the summer term - enthusiasm and engagement. We have generated some Whittle Words that describe the kinds of behaviours or characteristics that we think are important, such as care, resilience, bravery etc.

Enthusiasm and engagement are two of our 'Whittle Words'. So far, we have talked about what engagement in learning looks like. We know that when we are really engaged we are curious and ask questions, active in lessons and taking part, responding to one another and showing our enthusiasm. It would be great if you could talk to your child about these words at home and I will be looking out for these learning behaviours as I walk around school.

Thank you to the parents that came to the Sex, Relationships Education Workshop on Tuesday after school and thank you to Miss Antcliffe for organising such an informative session. These lessons will be starting next week. Letters explaining the content of the lessons were sent home this week.

A little reminder...

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please make sure that you send them with a drink and also the cutlery that they need. If you pack a yoghurt, for example, please send them with a spoon. The dinner ladies have also noticed lots of chocolate creeping in, so can we be mindful of this - not only because we encourage a balanced, healthy diet but also because it can get messy when it is warmer!

I am looking forward to continuing to get to know you and the children this half term and would like to remind you that you are always welcome to pop into school and say hello!

Have a lovely, hopefully sunny weekend.

Michelle Harris



PTFA EVENT

The PTFA are hosting a Father's Day Gift Shop on Friday 14th June.



The gift shop will run the same way as the previous gift shops held earlier this year. Each gift will cost £2 and the children may purchase up to 2 gifts.

If you would like your child to take part please send the money into school next week, in a named envelope and hand to your child's class teacher.



Class attendance for last week..

Class	%
Nursery	83.9
Reception	91.3
R/1K	81.3
1/2A	91.6
2M	90.5
3/4H	96.5
3/4S	95.0
5/6TA	89.2
5/6C	90.0
5/6JA	96.0
Whole School	90.7

Next Week.....

Deadline for summer trip payments is **Monday 10th June**. Please make sure you have sent in the consent slip as well as making the payment. Thank you.

The photographer is in school next **Tuesday** to take all class photos.

Early Bird - Once again we are encouraging everyone to be in school and arrive on time throughout next week - prizes to be given on Friday afternoon.



News from around the School



EYFS

What a lovely first week back we have had.



In Nursery the children have had an amazing time learning about going on holiday. The role play area is a huge hit. The children have been taking turns to be pilots. The children have also been practising their balancing skills on the trim trail and enjoying the sunshine.



In Reception the children have been looking at the Summer Season. In big write they have been writing letters to Zog to tell him about summer. In maths the children are learning about one more and one less.

YEARS 1 / 2

We have enjoyed welcoming all the children back to school this week and it has been lovely to hear about what they have been getting up to over the half term holiday.



We have been continuing with our exciting Summer Term topic, 'Ahoy There!' and are very much looking forward to our swash-buckling trip to Beaumanor Hall on **Wednesday 19th June**.

As we have tried to keep the cost of the trip and other upcoming summer term events as low as possible, we have organised for the children to carry out some fundraising activities. Key Stage 1 will be holding a 'Cake Sale' on **Thursday 13th June**. a separate letter regarding this was sent home earlier in the week.

As the weather warms up, it is more important than ever that children have the correct PE kit in school at all times and their own, reusable water bottle so that we can make sure they are exercising safely and keeping hydrated. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. We hope you have a wonderful weekend!



YEARS 3 / 4

The children have begun their last term as year 3's or year 4's. This is the term when we see all the hard work we have done throughout the year coming together and our work is certainly showing greater maturity. In English we have been writing an extra chapter of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Why don't you ask us about our plans?

Our theme learning has been about five different genres of music that originated in the USA. Be prepared to be asked to listen to Motown, Jazz, Blues, Rock 'n' Roll and Country. Did you know that Taylor Swift began her singing life with country music? If not...the children were amazed about this fact as to them she is a pop artist.

Just a few parent reminders: Please ensure your child comes to school with a bottle, so that they can have a drink of water during the school day.

PE kits need to be in school on a Tuesday and a Friday. Also, the trip needs to be paid for by Monday 10th June. Thank you.

YEAR 5 / 6

Welcome back from the 5/6 Team, we have heard from the children how much they enjoyed their breaks and we are looking forward to our last term together.

This week, the children have demonstrated fantastic team work when making their floating gardens during our theme session. Firstly we researched the problems faced in Bangladesh during the monsoon season and came up with a design to help them grow their crops. There were a few wash outs but a huge well done to all for their resilience.

Check our facebook/twitter feed to see the pictures.



KS1 - Jack

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Jake



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

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	<i>Jehan is simply fantastic. She comes to school every day ready to learn and to do her best.</i>
R/1K	<i>We're very lucky to have Lilah and it feels like Lilah has always been a Whittle student.</i>
1/2A	<i>Robert is such a kind, thoughtful and helpful person. He has helped our new children settle in.</i>
2M	<i>From the moment she arrived at Whittle, Drishti has been a real asset to our class.</i>
3/4H	<i>Rohan really seems to care about his learning and wants to engage better in every subject.</i>
5/6C	<i>Nahlene <u>always</u> demonstrates <u>resilience</u> and <u>self-motivation</u>.</i>
5/6JA	<i>In the War Against Fractions, I have seen Mayson focus and win more and more of the battles!</i>
5/6TA	<i>John, you are a prime example of a perfect pupil and a fantastic role model to others.</i>

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