



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots of news to share this week...

First of all, I am very sorry that we had to cancel Sports Day this week due to the terrible rain on Tuesday. Such a shame as whilst I am sitting writing this, the sun is shining! We will be running Sports Day on Friday 5th July instead - so fingers crossed that 'Summer sticks around!' All the Nursery children are invited to the morning session as before. There will be no afternoon session that day. Sports Day starts at 9.30am for Nursery, Reception, KS1 and at 1.30pm for KS2. Please remember to send children in Nursery and Reception class into school in their PE kit.



This week we have welcomed new parents of children joining our Reception and Nursery classes in to school. It was lovely to see so many parents there. A huge thank you to all staff who were involved. You, as always, are fab!

I was also very proud to receive a lovely email this week from Mr Huxford, a visiting teacher from King Henry VII School. He met with Miss Antcliffe and was very impressed with the conversations he had and also with the quality of writing that he saw. He also said "(I would like to) congratulate you on the appearance and 'feel' of the school." What a lovely compliment!

We have also been lucky enough to send a group of children to the Albany Theatre to take part in an Oracy Festival with ten other schools from Coventry. The performers proudly shared their learning so far with Governors on Wednesday and did a lovely job.

Thank you also to the PTFA who are busily painting the shed and clearing up the outside area for Nursery. They make a brilliant contribution to school and I am really enjoying working with them.



Next week, on Tuesday 2nd we are holding this term's 'Come and Share' event which I hope you will be able to come and join in with. The session starts at 2.15pm and all children will need to stay in school until 3.15pm.

On Wednesday 3rd July we have transition day. This is where children in Year 6 go to their new secondary school for the day and where all children then move to their new classes with their new teachers. New classes will be shared with children on Wednesday morning and a letter sent home with all children on that day.

Finally, can I reiterate that 'My door is always open'. I value your contribution as parents and carers. If you would like to come and talk to me about anything that is going well, any concerns or just 'have an informal conversation' with me, then please, please do!

Have a lovely weekend,
Michelle Harris

PS Whitfest is coming and we can't wait - the afternoon of the 12th July is a date for your diaries!

Class attendance for last week..

Class	%
Nursery	85.5
Reception	95.0
R/1K	91.7
1/2A	93.8

Class	%
2M	97.9
3/4H	90.8
3/4S	95.7
5/6TA	93.6

Class	%
5/6C	97.7
5/6JA	96.8
Whole School	94.0





News from around the School



EYFS

This week in Nursery we have continued with our 'Mr Men and Little Miss' stories. The children have shown a huge interest in the different characters. Our favourite story is 'Mr Greedy'.



We have even made our very own 'Mr Men and Little Miss' out of mod rock.

In the creative area the children have been getting messy colour mixing with paints. They have made some lovely colours and painted beautiful pictures.



In Reception the children have been helping Mrs Grimly sort her washing out, they matched socks with capital and lower case letters.

The children have been weather reporters telling their friends about the different weather they can see outside.

YEARS 1 / 2

This week KS1 enjoyed a visit from the RLNI! They confidently sang a song for our visitors which they had been learning for the occasion and showed good understanding of how to stay safe around water.



A particular highlight was meeting the RLNI's mascot, 'Stormy Stan' (who seemed a little bit familiar!)



Next Thursday (4th July) is our Key Stage 1 family Assembly. You should now have received your invite. We hope to see as many parents and carers there as possible. The children are so excited to share their learning with you!

YEAR 5 / 6

Last Friday, Year 6 were visited by some actors from the Belgrade Theatre who performed a workshop called 'Big School'. They allowed the children to interact with them as they took on the roles of children transitioning into secondary school and explored the possible scenarios they might encounter. We were very impressed with their maturity; the advice they gave to the characters and the questions that they asked and we're looking forward to hearing all about their experience at 'Big School'. As a reminder, they are to wear their Whittle Academy uniforms on their transition day to secondary schools next Wednesday 3rd July - please come and see us if you have any questions.

New Secondary School



Year 5 had an busy week preparing for their Oracy performance at the Albany Theatre - watch this space for an update in next week's newsletter.

Wraparound — before and after school sessions

Please remember that all outstanding balances at Wraparound need to be cleared this week. From 1st July Wraparound **must** be paid for in advance if you wish to use the service.



Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



KS1 - Bella

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Bobby



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

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Pranesh has worked fantastically with the circuit equipment and shared his ideas clearly.
R/1K	Arin is a loving character and his cheeky personality never fails to make whoever he is with smile.
1/2A	Courtney has been trying hard in all lessons and the amount she is producing has really increased.
2M	For Samuel's improved attitude and enthusiasm towards his writing.
3/4H	For being such a valued member of our class. Sally is always so helpful to everyone.
5/6C	Jakub never fails to impress with his resilience in each lesson.
5/6TA	Iloria, you have matured and improved your attitude towards learning.

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