

# Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had in school!

Firstly can we pass on our huge congratulations to Mrs Hussain who had a baby girl at the weekend. They are all well and very happy.



This week I have very much enjoyed visiting classrooms and watching the children engage in their learning. It was lovely to see our younger children start their Read, Write Inc groups and for children across school to start their new theme curriculum topics with 'WOW' days! I can't wait to hear more from the children about their learning and for them to show me their books.



This week our assembly was all about resilience and we talked about 'sticking at' the new learning we find tricky to strive to achieve our very best. The children also very much enjoyed a visit from Mr Darling this week too. We learnt a new song and discussed the importance of working together to achieve success.

We also have some new additions of a very different type - four new chickens to join 'Brownie'. Please do go and say 'hello'. Thank you to Miss Antcliffe's family for donating them to school.

Today I have very much enjoyed some presentations from our Year 6 children who wish to take on the role of Head boy and Head girl. They were all excellent! We will be allocating Leadership responsibilities to a number of children and these will be presented in Merit Assembly next week.



Next week we are also looking forward to welcoming you to school for our Curriculum Evening. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom, talk to their teacher and find out more about what your child is learning. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet with me. I am really looking forward to sharing with you some of our priorities for this year.

Finally can I remind all parents and carers about parking. When you are dropping your children off to school, please can you avoid parking on double yellow lines outside the school gates. We want to make sure that all children can walk to and from school to home safely. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend everybody, Michelle Harris

We would love for you to join us for an



afternoon of tea, coffee and cake to help us raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

On **Friday 27th September**, we will be hosting a refreshments session in our school dining hall at **2:30pm**.

*Any donations of cakes on the day would be hugely appreciated and we encourage you to get baking!*

During the afternoon there will be some competitions with prizes to be won as well as the opportunity for you to socialise with our school community.

At the end of the day, your children will be able to join you, as we will be selling cakes to them so don't forget to bring your spare change.



## Class attendance for last week...

| Class        | %     |
|--------------|-------|
| Nursery      | 90.4  |
| Reception    | 94.0  |
| LA           | 98.5  |
| LS           | 100.0 |
| HP           | 95.0  |
| AC           | 97.0  |
| DM           | 100.0 |
| JA           | 92.3  |
| TA           | 95.7  |
| Whole School | 96.0  |

Well done to 2 classes for achieving 100%. Don't forget LS & DM you can come to school in non uniform on Friday 27th

## Upcoming dates for your diary.....

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 24.09.19 | Early Reading Course starts (Reception Parents)                                |
| 25.09.19 | Meet the teacher - see separate letter for timings                             |
| 27.09.19 | 9am Deadline for Parent Governor nominations                                   |
| 27.09.19 | Macmillan coffee afternoon (2.30- 3.30pm)                                      |
| 02.10.19 | Y3 & Y4 to visit Birmingham Museum   |
| 10.10.19 | 9am - Y3 & Y4 Family Assembly  |
| 10.10.19 | Children in year 6 off to Dol y Moch (to be in school between 1.15 and 1.45pm) |

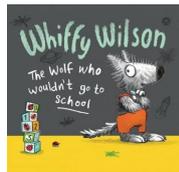


# News from around the School



## EYFS

This week, Reception have read the book 'Whiffy Wilson', the wolf who wouldn't go to School.



This has helped the children to explore the rules of the classroom even more while enjoying lots of activities, just like Wilson did during his first weeks at school.



They have tried dot to dot, counting ladybird spots, and have loved exploring the role play area which we have made into a school.



In Nursery this week we have been learning our new classroom golden rules and practising these!



We have loved going on to the big playground where we have met our new chickens and practised our balancing using the trim-trail.



All in all, a super week in EYFS!

## KS1

KS1 have been busy getting stuck into their lessons this week!

We have enjoyed reading about 'Dogger' and 'Traction Man' in English, as well as counting in ones, fives and tens in our Maths lessons.



The children have also been practising their Speed Sounds during Read, Write Inc. Take a look at [phonicsplay.co.uk](http://phonicsplay.co.uk) for more information about the sounds and for some free games to play at home.

Over the next few weeks, children will be exploring what life was like in Victorian schools, whilst being historians, geographers and even artists!



Please remember to send your child into school with their reading wallet and to hear them read regularly at home. Thank you for all of your support so far.

## LOWER KS2

This week we have enjoyed being back on our 'proper' full timetable. The children have thrown themselves into their Maths, English, Theme, RE, PSHE and Science lessons with lots of energy and enthusiasm.



In our English lessons our learning has been based around some exciting new books.

**Year 3 have been reading 'Claude in the City'** by local author, Alex T Smith and have written some super character descriptions.



**Year 4 have been reading 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe'** by C.S Lewis and describing the setting that they think would be behind the wardrobe door!

Thank you to all of you who have been reading at home with your children over the past week. It has been great to give out so many dojo points and see the children getting excited about their new reading books. Please see the separate letter that we sent out last week about our reading routines and expectations.



## UPPER KS2



Years 5&6 had a fantastic time on Monday when they were transported back in time to September 1st 1939—the outbreak of WW2. The children's thoughts on the feelings of families, evacuees and soldiers were insightful and we hope that their empathy gives them a better understanding of how significant this period of time was to our lives. Thank you to all those who dressed up—your costumes were amazing!

We will upload pictures of the day to Twitter/Facebook as soon as we have all the completed permission forms for the children. **Please return these to the office as soon as possible.**



KS1 - Scarlett

## Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Maria



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

### MERITS FROM TODAY

|     |   |
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| REC | Olivia has come into school every day with a smile on her face and knows exactly what to do.          |
| LA  | Arin has made a brilliant start to the new year. He is joining in with all aspects of classroom life. |
| LS  | Jehan joins in enthusiastically with lessons, she is a kind and considerate friend to everyone.       |
| HP  | Marvel has been amazing. She is a kind and caring girl who has impressed me every, single day.        |
| DM  | Adam has listened carefully, followed instructions and tried his very best in all of his learning     |
| AC  | Tisharna always come into school with a smile on her face and is always ready to do her best.         |
| JA  | Emma has settled well, is throwing herself into everything we are doing.                              |
| TA  | Christian, you are simply wonderful. I have noticed how positive your attitude is towards your work.  |

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