

# Whittle Weekly

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

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

This week we have a lot to share.

Yesterday was a very busy day with some children going on a Girls Football Trip and other children in Year 5 being lucky enough to visit the new swimming pool in town—WAVE. This was a great opportunity for them to have a go on the new slides! Thank you to all staff involved with organising these trips and leading them—they really do enrich children's experiences.

Today, we have watched Year 3 and 4's fantastic assembly pulling together what they have found out about Egyptians so far and also including a little on Harvest. It was great to see the children all dressed up, ready to share their learning. Thank you too for the Harvest donations and to the mass of parents who came.

We have also waved goodbye to our 'Dol-y-mochers' this afternoon as they embark on their adventure to Wales to take part in lots of outdoor activities. Let's keep our fingers crossed for better weather than we have seen here this week! I look forward to seeing the photos and hearing all about their trip.

To the Year 6 children staying here, we are also excited to hear about the trip they will be going on tomorrow to Ryton Pools.

The School Council have also been very busy distributing the games that they went to buy last week for 'Wet Play.' They had a budget to spend and managed to get a lot for their money. Thank you School Council for all your hard work and to Miss Antcliffe for taking a lead on this.

We were also pleased to welcome two Governors over the last week. Thank you to our New Head Boy and Head Girl who showed Mrs Kent around—they had lots to tell her!

Finally, we are tracking pupil attendance very carefully and are going to be rewarding the best attendance next week in assembly. Well done to all of you who have managed to come to school every day this half term!

Finally, all that is left for me to do is to wish you a happy weekend.

*Michelle Harris*

Look at what we bought with the funds from the Flapjack sale! The flapjacks are selling like "hotcakes" and the feedback has been extremely positive. Remember your 20p for a delicious, healthier break time snack!



### Important Reminder for all Year 6 Children.

The closing date for Secondary School applications is 31.10.19 Please apply online or call into the office for an application form.



## Class attendance for last week...

Class	%
Nursery	91.7
Reception	90.0
LA	94.7
LS	95.2
HP	90.4
<b>AC</b>	<b>97.2</b>
DM	96.9
JA	91.7
TA	88.7
Whole School	92.9

Well done to class **AC** for achieving the highest attendance last week.

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

17.10.19	Y1 & Y2 to visit St John's Museum , Warwick
21st - 25th October	Half Term
28.10.19	School closed - Teacher Training
30.10.19	Year 5&6 trip to Coventry Cathedral
31.10.19	Secondary School Application Deadline
01.11.19	PTFA Bonfire Spectacular Extravaganza



# News from around the School



## EYFS

In Early Years we have had another fantastic week learning all about dinosaurs. Nursery have been learning to talk in full sentences by describing what dinosaurs look like. They have been exploring dinosaurs in the archaeology tray and have had lots of fun creating stories in the dinosaur small world area.

Reception have been reading lots of dinosaur stories and learning the names of some of them. We have been dusting off some dinosaur bones and seeing if we could match the skeleton to the dinosaur. We have been very creative and made our own dinosaur skeletons using pasta and playdoh. We have been doing some wonderful letter writing practising the sounds we have been learning in our Read, Write, Inc lessons.



## KS1

Key Stage One have had a brilliant week. In Year 1, children have continued their super sentences about Dogger. They have begun to create their own stories about a lost toy.

Year 2 have worked extra hard during Maths lessons this week, learning how to add 2-digit numbers using the column method!

Across all of the classes, children have been impressing us with their improvement in confidence and skills during PE lessons. Children are working on passing and handling a ball, throwing and catching, as well as learning to throw with accuracy. The highlight of our week was leaning about healthy and unhealthy foods in our Theme lessons. We made our own sandwiches—it was great fun!



## LOWER KS2

This week Year 3 and Year 4 have been tackling **addition** in Maths! We have been thinking about the vocabulary we know for addition and have begun to build upon our understanding of methods that we learnt last year. If you would like to support your children at home with this, please see the pages in the termly homework packs that focus on addition... or ask them to become the teacher and teach you their methods!

After conversations that we had with some parents at our 'Meet the Teacher' Curriculum Evening earlier this term, it has been suggested that we provide a pack of resources to support you in helping your child with their learning at home across core subjects. We thought this was a great idea! Thank you for your continued support and look out for this pack being shared with you soon.

Last (but not least!) we would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** for coming along to support the children at our Family Assembly on Thursday. It was fantastic to see so many of you there and the children really enjoyed celebrating their learning with you all! 😊

## UPPER KS2

Years 5 and 6 have had an action packed week!

On Wednesday our Year 5s were given the fantastic opportunity to test out the new facilities of the waterpark due to open in the city centre—'The Wave'. A huge thank you to Mr Ashbridge, Mrs Smith and Mrs Ashton for taking them and to CV life for inviting us.

*As part of the KS2 curriculum, it is an expectation that children can swim a minimum of 25m unaided. We have access to some free swimming lessons so if your child is unable to swim and you would like them to learn, please come and speak to us. This will be on a first come, first served basis.*

Our Year 6 children are currently in Dol Y Moch... Watch this space for updates next week!

For the Year 6 children who haven't gone on the residential, today they have visited Ryton Pools with Mrs Smith and Miss Ketley to experience education outdoors. Updates to follow!

## School Council's Shopping Trip to B&M

Each School councilor chose some fab new equipment for their 'wet play' boxes.



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