

Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a jam packed week it has been for the children at Whittle with Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need today. Thank you children for fully engaging in these activities and especially to Miss Antcliffe who has pulled many of these activities together, supported by our Whittle School Council.

It was lovely to welcome some of our Year 5 and 6 children and their parents and families to our Peace Evening on Monday. We took time to remember those who have fought and died in wars and also celebrated Coventry as a City of Peace and Reconciliation by writing our own Peace messages. They are on display outside the Year 6 classrooms at the moment. Thank you too for such positive feedback.

Can I also thank so many of you for coming to our Family Assembly this week. It was great to see so many of you there to watch the amazing Coventry Blitz themed assembly and join in with 'We'll Meet Again' so enthusiastically. Thank you to the children and staff who worked so hard to pull the performance together. Children very much enjoyed their WW11 lunch too, so thankyou Becky for organising!

Next week we will be starting rehearsals for Young Voices. A separate letter will be going out about this. We have 4 places left for Key Stage Two children, so this is your last chance if you want to take part! Please come and speak to me on Monday if you would like to join us! It really will be an amazing opportunity.

Finally, please look out for the Parent's Evening letters and Upcoming Christmas Dates that will be coming out to you next week.

Have a lovely weekend - I hope this rain stops!
Michelle Harris

Upcoming dates for your diary.....

18.11.19-22.11.19	Road Safety Week
28.11.19	Autumn Term Parents evening -Letters will be coming out on Monday. Be sure to return your slips!
6.12.19	Power Project hand in day
6.12.19	Gold Merit Award Assembly
	Christmas dates for your diary will be coming out soon !

Parent and Carer Online Toolkit

Childnet have updated their parent and carer toolkit aimed at helping you to have conversations about online safety with your children. Their booklet 'Let's talk about life online' says:

1. "You can always come to me if you need help."
2. "What would you do if this happened...?"
3. "Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online."
4. "Keep your personal information safe, and other people's too."
5. "Be respectful to others online."
6. "Think before you post."
7. "Remember to ask if it's okay."
8. "Remember not everything is true online."
9. "The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like."
10. "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to."

The Parent and Carer Toolkit can be found here: <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>



Class attendance for last week...

Class	%
Nursery	87.7
Reception	91.8
LA	95.0
LS	94.5
HP	93.8
AC	95.3
DM	97.0
JA	94.4
TA	96.1
Whole School	94.3

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



News from around the School



EYFS

On Monday, the children learnt all about Remembrance day and why we celebrate it, all of the children were very good during the two minute silence.

In Nursery we have been sharing the story of the Gingerbread Man. We made a trap to capture him, we painted our own designs and we baked our very own gingerbread men.

Reception have been looking at the story Pumpkin Soup. We have learnt all about the characters and used actions and a story map to retell the story. We are looking forward to making some soup of our own. Continuing our Autumn theme we have been ordering numbered leaves and using different shaped leaves to make different animals.

Today we have all had great fun doing lots of Children in Need activities including counting Pudsey's spots and designing a new bandana for him. We have also taken part in a Joe Wicks exercise class. What a busy week!

KS1

What an exciting week we have had in KS1!

The children have started to learn the songs for our Christmas Production—'Christmas with the Aliens'. Some of our favourites so far are 'Let the Universe Know His Name' and 'Well I Never'. Ask your child to give you a preview of their singing if you want to be amazed!

KS1 have been lucky enough to welcome Mrs Reed to our team this week. Mrs Reed will be joining us in the afternoons as a teaching assistant. She will work across Class LA, Class LS and Class HP. Over the past few days, she has met lots of the children and is excited to start working with them.

We are continuing to have our PE sessions on a Monday and Friday for the rest of this half term. The children are looking forward to performing their wonderful dances in our play.

LOWER KS2

We have had a very creative week this week in Years 3 & 4! On Monday we began learning about Ancient Egyptian burial masks! The children looked carefully at the features of famous masks belonging to the pharaohs and then used this to design their own!



Next week we will be turning our designs into reality and will begin making our own masks! We will be using the paper mache technique to build up the base of our masks. **If you have any old news papers at home that we can use then please send them in with the children on Monday 18th November.** Thank you! 😊



Spellings: We are really pleased with the progress that the children are making with their spellings so far this half term. We have seen lots of children's scores improving each week so thank you for the support you are giving them at home with this.

UPPER KS2

On Monday we held our first Peace Evening for our Year 5 and 6 children and were delighted to welcome so many family members in to our school. Thank you for joining us!

The evening started with hunting for facts about Coventry and the links our city has to peace and Reconciliation before holding a minutes silence. We then created some art work linked to Armistice day which is proudly on display.



We'd also like to say thank you to those who joined us for our family assembly this week. The children worked hard to learn the songs and their lines and we are proud of what they achieved.



KS1 -

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 -



Awarded by the dinner ladies to children who have shown

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MERITS FROM TODAY

REC
LA
LS
HP
DM
AC
TA

No Merits this week.

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