

# Whittle Weekly

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

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

As always we have lots to share with you...

Young Voices started on Wednesday and the children are very excited to be taking part. There are tickets available to go and see them if you are interested.

Homework Clubs also got into full flow this week. This is an opportunity for the children attending to complete their homework, read with an adult, play maths games or complete their POWER projects.

This week the leaders in school took part in a visioning day. It was a brilliant day where we started to develop further our unique vision for Whittle. We can't wait to develop this work further as the year progresses.

For many of the children it has been assessment week this week. I am really pleased with the way they have approached their tests so positively. So thank you for your great effort children. Your hard work will help us to shape your learning to help you make even more progress.

Finally, can I remind you that it is Parent's Evening next week. The letters have come out to you already, so please make sure that you book an appointment. You will have an opportunity to find out more about how your child is getting on in school and especially how well they are doing in Maths, Reading and Writing. I will be available throughout the evening, should you want to come and talk to me. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available too.

Huge congratulations to Olivia who raised £148 for the Homeless and used it to buy lots of food supplies to give to charity! Well done!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Michelle Harris

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

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| 28.11.19 | Autumn Term Parents evening                                 |
| 5.12.19  | Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance @9.30am and 2.00pm |
| 6.12.19  | Power Project hand in day                                   |
| 6.12.19  | Gold Merit Award Assembly                                   |
| 10.12.19 | Belgrade Panto Visit for children in Yr 1 to Yr 6           |
| 10.12.19 | PTFA Afternoon tea with Santa (Nursery & Reception) 2pm     |

The Sun newspaper have started a books for schools campaign. We have registered as a school. If we collect enough vouchers, we will be able to get £600 worth of books. The vouchers are available in The Sun and associate papers.

If you have any, please send them into us. Miss Kockelbergh will be doing a count for us.

Reading is so important to us. It is the foundation of all learning. Please try and encourage your child to read as often as possible at home. I love nothing more than a good read before bed.

Remember that we have our book swap available to you in the entrance to school if you want to use it!



## Class attendance for last week...

| Class        | %    |
|--------------|------|
| Nursery      | 84.2 |
| Reception    | 93.0 |
| LA           | 95.6 |
| LS           | 93.9 |
| HP           | 93.5 |
| AC           | 95.3 |
| DM           | 95.3 |
| JA           | 90.3 |
| TA           | 95.5 |
| Whole School | 93.3 |

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



# News from around the School



## EYFS

Nursery have continued to look at the story of the Gingerbread Man and have made some very colourful Gingerbread Men of their own using collage materials. They have also been counting the different amounts of buttons on Gingerbread Men in the classroom.

Reception are still enjoying the story of Pumpkin Soup and this week they have worked hard to write lists of ingredients to make their own soup with a focus of writing their letters on the line. They have also made some soup in class looking at how the ingredients change when they are heated up and of course, they all got to taste the yummy soup!

It has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence and show off their creative side as we have started practising for our Christmas Nativity.

We have been working hard on using our loud, clear voices and we have already seen some lovely singing and dancing. It looks set to be a fantastic show!

## KS1

The children in KS1 have demonstrated really mature learning behaviours during our assessment week this week. They have all shown amazing resilience and we are all so proud of them. During English lessons this week the Year 1's wrote some lovely sentences describing the troll in *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and they have started writing some questions to ask the troll.

The Year 2's have displayed their wolf WANTED poster around school.

The children are continuing to learn the songs for the school Christmas performance and we will be handing out their parts soon.

We would like to remind parents that the children should only be bringing water into school in their bottles and not juice or milk. We would also like to remind you that KS1 are provided with a daily free fruit snack before playtime so there is no need for children to be bringing any money into school.

Thank you

## LOWER KS2

This week we have been getting creative in Years 3 and 4! In our theme lessons we have been learning about Ancient Egyptian burial masks and then designing our own. This week we began to make our masks and used paper mache to build up a base. Following that, the children drew their designs on to their base masks and finished them using paint. We have been really impressed with the children's collaboration and communication skills and the masks are looking great!



**Reminder:** We have noticed that some children have been bringing pencil cases into school recently. Please can we ask for children to keep these at home to avoid any loss or damage. Thank you.

## UPPER KS2

This week Years 5 and 6 have worked hard during their assessments and we've been impressed with their positive and resilient attitudes towards them. Well done!



They've also enjoyed collaborating together to design and create some incredible Anderson shelters—thank you for sending in all of your recycling to help us! Next Thursday is parents evening. If you haven't already please see one of the 5/6 team to make an appointment. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Have a lovely weekend.



KS1 - Marvel

## Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Adam



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

### MERITS FROM TODAY

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| REC | Lucas is trying so hard with his writing and works incredibly hard to improve writing his name.   |
| LA  | Toby is always ready to learn and he is becoming really resilient with his work.                  |
| LS  | Nadezhda has grown in confidence and the difference is really being reflected in her work.        |
| HP  | Gurwan has been an absolute superstar since he joined Whittle Academy.                            |
| DM  | Sera works incredibly hard every lesson and produces work to be very proud of.                    |
| AC  | Zaine is now believing in himself, trying his very best and is making fantastic progress.         |
| JA  | In the last few weeks Freddy has shone in his English and has been really trying hard.            |
| TA  | Lenny, during your time in Yr6 so far you have proven that you are a reliable member of our team. |

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