

Whittle Weekly

Issue 11
29th November 2019

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started really well with some of our Year 5 and 6 achieving the highest score in their heat and getting through to the Sports Hall Athletics final. I'm not sure who was more excited—the children or Mr Ashbridge! Well done all.

This was followed by some of our Year 6 children going to a Maths competition at Caludon Castle with Miss Morgan. They really enjoyed it and they represented Whittle really well.

We were so pleased to welcome so many of you to Parent's Evening last night—the atmosphere was very positive and we hope that you feel well informed about how your child is getting on at school.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming you to our Nursery and Reception Nativity performance. The children have been learning all the songs and their parts this week. They are sounding brilliant!

Just a reminder: Please can you ensure that you keep your children with you at drop off time in the mornings. Until the staff open the classroom doors and let the children into school they are still in your care.

Thank you to all of you who have paid for the Belgrade Panto by the deadline of the 15th November. Tickets have now been allocated and unfortunately no further payments or requests can be taken. We are very much looking forward to an exciting day out.

Finally, I just want to personally thank you for your ongoing support and feedback. I am very pleased that so many of you are talking and sharing your ideas with me about how we can continue to grow and develop Whittle. Have a Happy Weekend!

Michelle Harris

Upcoming dates for your diary.....

| | |
|----------|---|
| 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 |
| 11.12.19 | KS1 Christmas Performance's @ 1.45pm & 6.00pm |

Reminder:

The Sun newspaper have started a books for schools campaign.

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.



Class attendance for last week...

| Class | % |
|--------------|------|
| Nursery | 85.8 |
| Reception | 97.8 |
| LA | 98.6 |
| LS | 90.7 |
| HP | 95.2 |
| AC | 99.2 |
| DM | 98.8 |
| JA | 94.7 |
| TA | 93.5 |
| Whole School | 95.3 |

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



News from around the School



EYFS

Christmas has landed in Early Years! We have started making some very special Christmas items to decorate our classroom and more special items to send home so watch this space!

We have also been busy practising our Nativity and we are very excited to perform it to you all. A separate letter has been sent out explaining the timings for the performances and don't forget to join the PTFA for mince pies and hot drinks!

Thank you for all of the costumes that have been sent in already. If you still need to send you child's costume to school can you please put it in a named carrier bag and send it in as soon as possible.

Reception have still been doing our Read, Write, Inc lessons, ask us about the new sounds we have been learning this week.

KS1

KS1 have been getting ready for our Christmas production! Our play is called 'Christmas with the Aliens' and the children are very excited about performing to their parents and carers.

We are very impressed that lots of the children have already been learning their lines. The songs are also sounding brilliant!

The performance will be on **Wednesday 11th December**. More information about the performance was sent home yesterday



LOWER KS2

We've been having great fun in our Science lessons this week in Years 3 and 4! Our current topic is called 'Amazing Bodies' and the children have really enjoyed learning about healthy eating, our skeleton, muscles and joints!

Ask your child about what they have learnt about the skeletons of humans and animals....



Our PSHE lessons this half term have been focused on celebrating our differences. This week we looked at how to manage arguments that can sometimes arise with our friends or family members. The children really impressed us with their sensible role play skills and thoughtful ideas on how to manage and resolve conflict.

UPPER KS2



Hola! Throughout the term, Phase 5/6 have been learning about the culture of Spain and some basic phrases in Spanish with Mrs Cocksworth. They've learnt how to greet each other, how to say the months of the year and the days of the week as well as how to name members of their family. This week we've been using the iPads to practise these phrases on fun games and we've been really impressed with how well they've retained their newly found language skills.

REMINDER

Power Projects are due on Friday 6th December. We will acknowledge your child's efforts with dojo points and look forward to sharing them in class.



KS1 - William

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Emma



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

MERITS FROM TODAY

| | |
|-----|---|
| REC | Aiden has been awarded our merit this week because of how well he is doing with his learning. |
| LA | Travis has made a good start to his learning journey at Whittle Academy. |
| LS | In the recent assessments, Kenzo's Maths was fantastic, clearly showing how well he is listening. |
| HP | Eden has such a positive attitude towards learning and this is shining through in his work. |
| DM | Her calm, positive and gentle nature makes Eden a superb role model for others. |
| AC | Jenna can be a quiet member of our class, however she certainly does not go unnoticed. |
| JA | Apsa you are a sweet, well-mannered girl who has made positive contributions to our class. |
| TA | Faith has shown an exemplary commitment to her reading lately, it is a pleasure to hear her read. |

To contact us.....

Tel: 02476 610167

Email: admin@whittleacademy.org



To follow our latest exploits.....

Website: www.whittleacademy.org

Twitter: @whittleacademy

